

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2018  
(First Semester)

Branch – MATHEMATICS

ALGEBRA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 15 = 75)

- 1 a If  $o(G)$  where  $p$  is a prime number, then prove that  $Z(G) \neq \{e\}$ . (9)
- b If  $o(G) = p^2$  where  $p$  is a prime number, then prove that  $G$  is abelian. (6)
- OR
- c Prove that  $n(k) = 1 + p + \dots + p^{k-1}$ . (5)
- d Prove that the number of  $p$ -Sylow subgroups in  $G$ , for a given prime, is of the form  $1 + kp$ . (10)
- 2 a If  $f(x), g(x)$  are non-zero elements of  $F[x]$ , then prove that  $\deg(f(x)g(x)) \leq \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$ . (10)
- b State and prove the division Algorithm. (5)
- OR
- c State and prove the Eisenstein criteria. (6)
- d If  $R$  is a unique factorization domain, then prove that so in  $R[x]$ . (9)
- 3 a The element  $a \in K$  is algebraic over  $F$  iff  $F(a)$  is a finite extension of  $F$ . (15)
- OR
- b Prove that a polynomial of degree  $n$  over a field can have at most  $n$  roots in any extension field. (15)
- 4 a For any  $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$  and any  $a \in \bar{F}$ . Then prove that  
(i)  $(f(x) + g(x)) = f(x) + g(x)$  (ii)  $(\alpha f(x)) = \alpha f(x)$   
(iii)  $(f(x)g(x)) = f(x)g(x) + g(x)f(x)$  (10)
- b Prove that any finite extension of a field of characteristic 0 is a simple extension. (5)
- OR
- c If  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , then prove that  $G(K, F)$  is a finite group and its order,  $o(G(K, F))$  satisfies  $o(G(K, F)) \leq [K : F]$ . (8)
- d Define normal extension of  $F$ . (2)
- e If  $K$  is a normal extension of  $F$  iff  $K$  is a splitting field of some polynomial over  $F$ . (5)
- 5 a For  $A, B \in F_n$  and  $\lambda \in F$ , prove that  
(i)  $\text{tr}(\lambda A) = \lambda \text{tr} A$  (ii)  $\text{tr}(A + B) = \text{tr} A + \text{tr} B$  (iii)  $\text{tr}(AB) = \text{tr}(BA)$  (8)
- b For  $A, B \in F_n$ , prove that  
(i)  $(A')' = A$  (ii)  $(A + B)' = A' + B'$  (iii)  $(AB)' = B'A'$  (7)
- OR
- c If  $(vT, vT) = (v, v)$  for all  $v \in V$ , then prove that  $T$  is unitary. (5)
- d If  $T \in A(V)$  is Hermitian, then prove that all its characteristic roots are real. (5)
- e If  $N$  is normal and  $AN = NA$ , then prove that  $AN^* = N^*A$ . (5)