

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025  
(Fifth Semester)

Branch – MATHEMATICS WITH COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

- 1 If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a/b$  and  $b/a$ , then
  - (i)  $a = nb$
  - (ii)  $b = ma$
  - (iii)  $a \neq b$
  - (iv)  $a = \pm b$
- 2 If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  into  $\bar{G}$ , then  $\phi(x^{-1})$ 
  - (i)  $[\phi(x)]^{-1}$
  - (ii)  $\phi(x)$
  - (iii)  $\phi(e)$
  - (iv) 1
- 3 the order of disjoint cycles  $(1\ 2\ 3)(1\ 6\ 5\ 4\ 3)$ 
  - (i) 2
  - (ii) 4
  - (iii) 3
  - (iv) 6
- 4 If  $R$  is a commutative ring with unit element, then  $R$  is a
  - (i) field
  - (ii) Euclidean domain
  - (iii) integral domain
  - (iv) none of these
- 5 If  $R$  is an integral domain then  $R[x]$  is       
  - (i) integral domain
  - (ii) field
  - (iii) ring
  - (iv) Euclidean domain

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a If  $a$  is relatively prime to  $b$  but  $a/b \in \mathbb{C}$ , then prove that  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ .  
OR  
b If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers, not both 0, then prove that (i)  $(a, b)$  exists, (ii)  $(a, b) = m_0a + n_0b$  for some  $m_0, n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 7 a Prove that any subgroup of a cyclic group is itself a cyclic group.  
OR  
b If  $G$  is a finite group and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $o(G/N) = o(G)/o(N)$ .
- 8 a If  $G$  is a group, then  $A(G)$ , the set of automorphisms of  $G$ , is also a group.  
OR  
b Prove that any group of order  $p^2$  is Abelian.

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- 9 a If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R$ , then prove that (i)  $\phi(0) = 0$  (ii)  $\phi(-a) = -\phi(a)$  for every  $a \in R$ .

OR

- b If  $U$  is an ideal of the ring  $R$  then prove that  $R/U$  is a ring.

- 10 a If  $R$  be a Euclidean ring, Suppose that  $a, b, c \in R$ ,  $a \mid b$  but  $(a, b) = 1$  then prove that  $a \mid c$ .

OR

- b If  $R$  is a commutative ring with unit element whose only ideals are  $\{0\}$  and  $R$  itself, then prove that  $R$  is a field.

### SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a Let  $\sigma : S \rightarrow T$  and  $\tau : T \rightarrow U$ . Prove that  $\sigma \circ \tau$  is 1-1 if each of  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  is 1-1.

OR

- b Let  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } ad - bc \neq 0, a, b, c, d \in R \right\}$  Prove that  $G$  forms a group under matrix multiplication.

- 12 a Prove that  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $HK = KH$ .

OR

- b State and prove Cauchy's theorem for Abelian groups.

- 13 a State and prove Cayley's theorem.

OR

- b Prove that every permutation is a product of its cycle.

- 14 a Prove that a finite integral domain is a field.

OR

- b Prove that any homomorphism of a field is either an isomorphism or it takes each element into '0'.

- 15 a If  $R$  is a commutative ring with unit element and  $M$  is a ideal, then prove that  $R/M$  is a field if and only if  $M$  is a maximal ideal.

OR

- b Prove that every integral domain can be imbedded in a field.

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