

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025
(First Semester)

Branch - MATHEMATICS

ALGEBRA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

$(10 \times 1 = 10)$

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
|------------|--------------|--|---------|-----|
| 1 | 1 | If $o(G) = p^2$ where p is a prime number, then G is _____. a) Cyclic b) Abelian c) Normal d) Simple | K1 | CO1 |
| | 2 | How many 3 - sylow sub groups can there be in G if $o(G) = 72$. a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4 | K2 | CO1 |
| 2 | 3 | If $p(x)$ is irreducible over F if and only if the ideal $A = (p(x))$ in $F[x]$, then A is said to be _____. a) Prime Ideal b) Left Ideal c) Right Ideal d) Maximal Ideal | K1 | CO2 |
| | 4 | When we say that a polynomial is said to be integer monic? a) its highest coefficient is 1 and are integers b) its highest coefficient is 2 and are integers c) its highest coefficient is 1 and are rationals d) its highest coefficient is 2 and are rationals | K2 | CO2 |
| 3 | 5 | Describe the condition that every element in W satisfies a polynomial of degree atmost mn over F , since $[W:F]$ is _____. a) $< mn$ b) $\leq mn$ c) $\geq mn$ d) $> mn$ | K1 | CO3 |
| | 6 | Give the maximum possible splitting field of $x^3 - 2$ over field of rational numbers. a) 3 b) 6 c) 9 d) 2 | K2 | CO3 |
| 4 | 7 | State that any finite extension field of characteristic 0 is _____. a) Algebraic extension b) Simple extension c) Separable d) Perfect | K1 | CO4 |
| | 8 | If G is a group of automorphisms of K , if $a \in K$ such that $\sigma(a) = a$ for all $\sigma \in G$, then it is said to be _____ of G . a) Finite field b) Splitting field c) Extension field d) Fixed field | K2 | CO4 |
| 5 | 9 | Write the condition that the element $0 \neq v \in V$ is called a characteristic vector of T belonging to the characteristic root of $\lambda \in F$. a) $vT = I$ b) $vT = \lambda v$ c) $vT = \lambda$ d) $vT = v$ | K1 | CO5 |
| | 10 | Interpret the rank of given real quadratic form is $x_1^2 + 2x_1x_2 + x_2^2$. a) 1 b) 2 c) 0 d) 3 | K2 | CO5 |

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

 $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
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| 1 | 11.a. | Show that if p is a prime number and $p \nmid o(G)$, then G has an element of order p . (OR) | K2 | CO1 |
| | 11.b. | Show that every finite Abelian group is the direct product of cyclic groups. | | |
| 2 | 12.a. | State and prove the Division Algorithm of polynomials. (OR) | K3 | CO2 |
| | 12.b. | State and prove the Eisenstein Criterion. | | |
| 3 | 13.a. | (i) Explain algebraic of degree n over F (ii) Verify that if L is an algebraic extension of K and if K is an algebraic extension of F , then L is an algebraic extension of F . (OR) | K5 | CO3 |
| | 13.b. | Verify that a polynomial of degree n over a field can have at most n roots in any extension field. | | |
| 4 | 14.a. | Evaluate the following for any $f(x), g(x) \in F[x]$ and any $\alpha \in F$, 1. $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$. 2. $(\alpha f(x))' = \alpha f'(x)$. 3. $(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$ (OR) | K5 | CO4 |
| | 14.b. | Evaluate the given polynomial $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible over rational numbers and also find that the automorphism σ of above polynomial. | | |
| 5 | 15.a. | Prove that if $\lambda \in F$ is a characteristic root of $T \in A(V)$, then λ is a root of the minimal polynomial of T . In particular, T only has a finite number of characteristic roots in F . (OR) | K3 | CO5 |
| | 15.b. | Prove that if $T \in A(V)$ has all its characteristic roots in F , then there is a basis of V in which the matrix of T is triangular. | | |

SECTION - C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

 $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
|------------|--------------|--|---------|-----|
| 1 | 16 | Show that the number of p -sylow subgroups in G , for a given prime, is of the form $1 + kp$. | K2 | CO1 |
| 2 | 17 | Explore that if R is a unique factorization domain and if $p(x)$ is a primitive polynomial in $R[x]$, then it can be factored in a unique ways as the product of irreducible elements in $R[x]$. | K4 | CO2 |
| 3 | 18 | Examine that if $p(x)$ is irreducible in $F[x]$ and if v is a root of $p(x)$, then $F[v]$ is isomorphic to $F'(w)$ where w is a root of $p'(t)$; moreover, this isomorphism σ can be chosen that 1. $v\sigma = w$, 2. $\alpha\sigma = \alpha'$ for every $\alpha \in F$. | K4 | CO3 |
| 4 | 19 | Evaluate that let K be the splitting field of $f(x)$ in $F[x]$ and $p(x)$ be an irreducible factor of $f(x)$ in $F[x]$. If the roots of $p(x)$ are $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_r$, then for each i there exists an automorphism σ_i in $G(K, F)$ such that $\sigma_i(\alpha_1) = \alpha_i$. | K5 | CO4 |
| 5 | 20 | Test the following : 1. If $T \in A(V)$ is such that $(vT, v) = 0$ for all $v \in V$, then $T = 0$. 2. The linear transformation T on V is unitary if and only if it takes an orthonormal basis of V into an orthonormal basis of V . | K5 | CO5 |