FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025

(CBCSS)

Mathematics

MTH 1C 01—ALGEBRA—I

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

Section A (Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer all questions.

Each question carries a weightage 1.

- 1. Find the order of (2,3) in the group $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_{15}$.
- 2. Give two non-isomorphic groups of order 18.
- $3. \quad \text{Let X be a G-set, } Y \subseteq X \text{ and } G_Y = \left\{g \in G \ \middle| \ gy = y, \ \forall y \in Y\right\}. \quad \text{Prove that } G_Y \text{ is a subgroup of } G.$
- 4. Use the First Isomorphism Theorem to prove that $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/\{0\} \times \mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}$.
- 5. Define composition series. Give example.
- 6. Find the number of Sylow 5-Subgroups of a group of order 20.
- 7. Give a presentation of S_3 involving two generators.
- 8. Find the product of 1 + 2i + 3j and 1 2i 2k in the ring of quaternions.

 $(8 \times 1 = 8 \text{ weightage})$

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Section B (Paragraph Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions from each module. Each question carries a weightage 2.

MODULE I

- 9. Prove that a factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- 10. Let M be a normal subgroup of a group G. Prove that if G_M is simple, then M is a maximal normal subgroup of G.
- 11. If m is a square free, integer, then prove that every abelian group of order m is cyclic.

MODULE II

- 12. If G has a composition series and N is a proper normal subgroup of G, then prove that there exists a composition series containing N.
- 13. Prove that no group of order 30 is simple.
- 14. If G is a group of order p^n and X is a finite G -set. Then show that $|X| \equiv |X_G| \pmod{p}$.

Module III

- 15. Show that $(x, y : y^2 | x = y, yx^2y = x)$ is a presentation of the trivial group of one element.
- 16. Prove that the polynomial $x^2 2$ has no zeroes in the set of rational numbers.
- 17. Prove that $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_{10}$.

 $(6 \times 2 = 12 \text{ weightage})$

Section C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries a weightage 5.

- 18. a) State the Fundamental Theorem of Finitely Generated Abelian Groups.
 - b) Let X be a G -set and $x \in X$. Prove that $|Gx| = (G, G_x)$, where Gx is the orbit and G_x is the isotropy subgroup of x.
- 19. State and prove the Third Sylow Theorem. Verify the Third Sylow Theorem for S₃.

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20. Let H be a subgroup of a group G and N be a normal subgroup of G . Prove that $\stackrel{HN}{N} \cong \stackrel{H}{/}_{H \, \cap \, N}$.

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- 21. a) State Division algorithm for F[x], where F is a field.
 - b) Show that the polynomial $x^4 2x^2 + 8x + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} .

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$