

2018

MATHEMATICS

[Honours]

PAPER – I

Full Marks : 90

Time : 4 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

GROUP – A

(*Classical Algebra*)

[Marks : 30]

1. Answer any *one* question : 15 × 1

(a) (i) Show that the equation $x^4 - 14x^2 + 24x + k = 0$ has

(I) four real and unequal roots if $-11 < k < -8$.

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(II) two distinct real roots if $-8 < k < 117$

(III) no real root if $k > 117$.

Discuss the cases when $k = 117$, $k = -8$
and $k = -11$. 5

(ii) If a, b, c be positive real numbers such that the sum of any two is greater than the third, prove that

$$abc \geq (a+b-c)(b+c-a)(c+a-b) \quad 4$$

(iii) State and prove De Moivre's theorem. 6

(b) (i) If $(1+x)^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots$,
then show that

$$a_0 - a_2 + a_4 - \dots = 2^{n/2} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{and } a_1 - a_3 + a_5 - \dots = 2^{n/2} \sin \frac{n\pi}{4}. \quad 5$$

(ii) If a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n and b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n are any real numbers, then prove that

$$(a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_n^2)(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + \dots + b_n^2) \geq (a_1b_1 + a_2b_2 + \dots + a_nb_n)^2 \quad 6$$

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(iii) Find the relation among p, q, r, s so that the product of two roots of the equation $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$ is unity. 4

2. Answer any *one* question : 8 × 1

(a) (i) If α, β, γ be the roots of the equation $x^3 + qx + r = 0$ ($r \neq 0$), find the equation whose roots are

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta}, \frac{\beta}{\alpha}, \frac{\beta}{\gamma}, \frac{\gamma}{\beta}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha}, \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}. \quad 4$$

(ii) Find the roots of the equation $z^n = (z + 1)^n$ and show that the points which represent them in the Argand diagram are collinear. 4

(b) (i) Let a, b, c be three positive numbers in harmonic progression. Prove that

$$\frac{a+b}{2a-b} + \frac{c+b}{2c-b} > 4. \quad 3$$

(ii) If $1, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$ are the roots of the equation $x^n - 1 = 0$, then show that

$$(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)(1-\gamma)\dots = n. \quad 3$$

(iii) Find the values of $(1 + i)^{1/5}$. 2

3. Answer any *one* question : 4 × 1

(a) Solve the equation by Cardan's method

$$x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0. \quad 4$$

(b) Find the general values and the principal value of $i^{(x+y)}$ where x, y are real. Show that the principal value is purely real or purely imaginary according as x is an even or an odd integer. 4

4. Answer any *one* question : 3 × 1

(a) If α be a multiple root of order 3 of the equation $x^4 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$, then show that

$$\alpha = -\frac{8d}{3c}. \quad 3$$

(b) If $a \cdot \exp(i\theta) + b \cdot \exp(3i\theta) = c$ where a, b, c are all real, prove that either $a + b = c$, or $b(b - a) = c^2$. 3

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GROUP – B

(*Abstract Algebra*)

[Marks : 35]

5. Answer any *three* questions : 8 × 3

(a) (i) Correct or justify the statement :
Every relation is a mapping but every
mapping is not a relation. 4

(ii) Use mathematical induction to establish

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (i+1)2^i = n \cdot 2^{n+1}. \quad 4$$

(b) (i) Let

$$G = \left\{ \left(\begin{array}{cc} a & b \\ a & b \end{array} \right) \mid a, b \in R \right. \\ \left. a + b \neq 0 \right\},$$

then show that

- (1) G is a semigroup under matrix multiplication.
- (2) G has left identity.
- (3) Each element of G has a *right inverse*. 4

- (ii) Prove that every field is an integral domain, but the converse is not true. 4
- (c) (i) Define cosets of a subgroup in a group. Let G be a group and H be a subgroup of G . Prove that any two left cosets of H in G are either identical or disjoint. 1 + 3
- (ii) Define normal subgroup of a group. If $Z(G)$ be the centre of the group G . Prove that $Z(G)$ is a normal subgroup of G . 1 + 3
- (d) (i) Let G be a group and the mapping $f: G \rightarrow G$ be defined by $f(a) = a^{-1}, a \in G$. Show that f is an automorphism if and only if G is abelian. 4
- (ii) Define subfield of a field. Prove that intersection of two subfield is a subfield. 4
- (e) (i) Prove that order of each subgroup of a finite group G is a divisor of the order of the group G . 4
- (ii) State well ordering principle for the set

of natural numbers. Prove that every integer $n > 1$ has a prime factor. 4

6. Answer any *two* questions : 4 × 2

(a) State and prove Lagrange's theorem on finite groups. 4

(b) If $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $b = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ are two elements of S_3 , then find the solution of the equation $ax = b$ in S_3 . 4

(c) If in a ring $(B, +, \cdot)$, $a^2 = a$ for all $a \in B$, show that $2a = a + a = 0$ for all a where B is a commutative ring. Show that in a commutative ring R , $2a = 0$ for all $a \in R$ need not hold. 2 + 2

7. Answer any *one* question : 3 × 1

(a) Define cyclic group. Prove that cyclic group is abelian. 3

(b) Let G be a group and $a \in G$. If $O(a) = 24$, find $O(a^4)$, $O(a^7)$ and $O(a^{10})$. 3

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GROUP – C

(*Linear Algebra*)

[Marks : 25]

8. Answer any *one* question : 15 × 1

(a) (i) If

$$U = L\{(1, 2, 1), (2, 1, 3)\},$$

$$W = L\{(1, 0, 0), (0, 0, 1)\}$$

show that U and W are subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .

Determine $\dim U$, $\dim W$, $\dim(U \cap W)$.

Deduce that $\dim(U + W) = 3$. 5

(ii) Show that a linearly independent set of vectors of a finite dimensional vector space V over a field F is either a basis of V or can be extended to a basis of V . 6

(iii) If a, b, c are unequal real numbers then find the rank of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & a & b \\ -a & 0 & -c \\ -b & c & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- (b) (i) A real symmetric matrix A is positive definite. Prove that $A = PP^t$ for some non-singular matrix P . Show that

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

is positive definite and find the matrix P such that $A = PP^t$.

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- (ii) Find the eigen values and the corresponding eigen vectors of the following matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & -2 & 4 \\ 3 & -3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

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- (iii) Define eigen value of a matrix. If λ be an eigen value of an orthogonal matrix, then show that $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ is also an eigen value of this matrix.

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9. Answer any *one* question : 8 × 1

(a) (i) If α and β be vectors in an inner product space, then show that

$$\| \alpha + \beta \|^2 + \| \alpha - \beta \|^2 = 2 \| \alpha \|^2 + 2 \| \beta \|^2 \quad 4$$

(ii) Determine the values of k so that the following system of equations has (1) no solution, (2) more than one solution, (3) a unique solution.

$$x + y - z = 1$$

$$2x + 3y + kz = 3$$

$$x + ky + 3z = 2 \quad 4$$

(b) (i) Reduce the following quadratic form to normal form and examine whether the quadratic form is positive definite or not.

$$6x^2 + y^2 + 18z^2 - 4yz - 12zx \quad 4$$

(ii) Use Gram-Schmidt process to obtain an orthogonal basis from the basis set $\{(1, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1), (1, 3, 4)\}$ of the

Euclidean space \mathbb{R}^3 with standard inner product. 4

10. Answer any *one* question : 2 × 1

(a) Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to compute

$$A^{-1}, \text{ where } A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 \end{pmatrix}. \quad 2$$

(b) Find a basis and the dimension of the subspace W of \mathbb{R}^3 , where

$$W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + y + z = 0\}. \quad 2$$