

M.Sc. (Part—I) Semester—II (CBCS Scheme) Examination

202 : MATHEMATICS

(Advanced Linear Algebra and Field Theory)

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note :— Solve any **ONE** question from each unit.

UNIT—I

1. (a) Determine the characteristic roots and the corresponding characteristic vectors of the matrix :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & -6 & 2 \\ -6 & 7 & -4 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad 3+5=8$$

- (b) Define : Minimal polynomial. Prove that the minimal polynomial of a matrix is a divisor of every polynomial that annihilates this matrix. 1+7=8

2. (c) Show that the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -9 & 4 & 4 \\ -8 & 3 & 4 \\ -16 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$$

is diagonalizable. Also find the diagonal form and diagonalizing matrix P. 4+4=8

- (d) Find all possible Jordan Canonical Forms of matrices whose characteristic polynomial $p(x)$ and minimal polynomial $m(x)$ are as follows :

(i) $p(x) = (x - 2)^3(x - 5)^4$, $m(x) = (x - 2)^2(x - 5)^2$

(ii) $p(x) = (x - 3)^6$, $m(x) = (x - 3)^2$. 4+4=8

UNIT—II

3. (a) Prove that the relation of 'Congruence of matrices' is an equivalence relation in the set of all $n \times n$ matrices over a field F. 8

- (b) Prove that a real symmetric matrix is positive definite iff all its eigen values are positive. 8

4. (c) Show that the quadratic form $6x^2 + 17y^2 + 3z^2 - 20xy - 14yz + 8zx$ in three variables is positive semi-definite. 8

- (d) Prove that the number of positive terms in any two normal reductions of a real quadratic form is the same. 8

UNIT—III

5. (a) Show that :
- (i) $x^3 + 3x + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}/(7)[x]$ is irreducible over the field $\mathbb{Z}/(7)$.
 - (ii) $x^4 + 8 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}$. 4+4=8
- (b) Let $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$ be fields. If $[K : E] < \infty$ and $[E : F] < \infty$ then prove that :
- (i) $[K : F] < \infty$
 - (ii) $[K : F] = [K : E] [E : F]$. 4+4=8
6. (c) Determine all (i) quadratic (ii) cubic irreducible polynomials over $\mathbb{Z}/(2)$. 4+4=8
- (d) Let F be a field. Prove that there exists an extension $\bar{F}$ that is algebraic over F and is algebraically closed; that is, each field has an algebraic closure. 8

UNIT—IV

7. (a) Prove that the splitting field of $f(x) = x^4 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ over $\mathbb{Q}$ is $\mathbb{Q}(2^{1/4}, i)$ and its degree of extension is 8. 5+3=8
- (b) Prove that if $f(x) \in F[x]$ is irreducible over F , then all roots of $f(x)$ have the same multiplicity. 8
8. (c) Prove that the multiplicative group of non-zero elements of a finite field is cyclic. 8
- (d) Let K be a splitting field of the polynomial $f(x) \in F[x]$ over a field F . If E is another splitting field of $f(x)$ over F , then prove that there exists an isomorphism $\sigma : E \rightarrow K$ that is identity on F . 8

UNIT—V

9. (a) Prove that following are equivalent statements :
- (i) $a \in \mathbb{R}$ is constructible from $\mathbb{Q}$.
 - (ii) $(a, 0)$ is a constructible point from $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$.
 - (iii) (a, a) is a constructible point from $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$.
 - (iv) $(0, a)$ is a constructible point from $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$. 8
- (b) Prove that every polynomial $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$ factors into linear factors in $\mathbb{C}[x]$. 8
10. (c) Let F be a field, and let U be a finite subgroup of the multiplicative group $F^* = F - \{0\}$. Then prove U is cyclic. 8
- (d) Prove that the group $G(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q})$, where $\alpha^3 = 1$ and $\alpha \neq 1$, is isomorphic to the cyclic group of order 4. 8