

Time: 3 Hours

[Total Marks: 100]

- N.B. 1) Attempt any **five** questions out of **eight**.  
2) All questions carry equal marks.

- Q. 1. (a) State the class equation for a finite group. Prove it by explaining clearly all the notation used. (10)  
(b) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $p$  be a prime dividing the order of  $G$ . Prove that any two Sylow  $p$ -subgroups of  $G$  are conjugate to each other. (10)
- Q. 2. (a) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that  $G$  is solvable if and only if both  $H$  and  $G/H$  are solvable. (10)  
(b) (i) Prove that the center of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Determine the center of the group of quaternions. (5)  
(ii) Classify (upto isomorphism) all groups of order 6 with correct justification. (5)
- Q. 3. (a) State and prove the first isomorphism theorem for modules over a commutative ring  $R$  with unity. (10)  
(b) (i) State (without proof) the Hilbert basis theorem. Define the terms: Noetherian ring, Noetherian module. (5)  
(ii) Prove that any Artinian ring has finitely many maximal ideals. (5)
- Q. 4. (a) Construct a finite field of order 9 with correct justification. (10)  
(b) (i) State (without proof) the structure theorem for modules over a principal ideal domain. Give an example of a ring which is not a principal ideal domain. (5)  
(ii) Define the terms: free module, torsion module. Give one example of each with correct justification. (5)
- Q. 5. (a) (i) Determine the degree of the field extension  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with correct justification. (5)  
(ii) State (without proof) primitive element theorem. Give an example of an extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  which is not normal with correct justification. (5)  
(b) State and prove the fundamental theorem of Galois theory. (10)
- Q. 6. (a) (i) Determine with correct justification whether the cubic equation  $X^3 - 1$  is solvable by radicals over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . (5)  
(ii) Is the polynomial  $X_1^2 + X_2^2$  symmetric in the variables  $X_1, X_2$ ? If yes, express it in terms of the elementary symmetric polynomials. (5)  
(b) Prove that an angle  $\theta$  is constructible by straightedge and compass if and only if  $\cos \theta$  is constructible by straight edge and compass. (10)

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- Q. 7. (a) (i) Prove that the map  $a + b\sqrt{3} \mapsto a - b\sqrt{3}$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ . Find the fixed field of this automorphism. (5)
- (ii) Determine the degree of the splitting field of  $X^2 + X + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  with correct justification. (5)
- (b) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity and let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Prove that  $M$  is a Noetherian  $R$ -module if and only if every submodule of  $M$  is finitely generated. (10)
- Q. 8. (a) (i) Define the term: normal extension. Let  $k$  be a field and let  $K$  be a degree two extension of  $k$ . Prove that  $K$  is a normal extension of  $k$ . (5)
- (ii) Let  $S_3$  act on itself by left-multiplication. Find the orbit of  $(1\ 2), (1\ 2\ 3)$  under this action. (5)
- (b) Let  $k$  be a field. Prove that there exists an algebraically closed field containing  $k$  as a subfield. (10)