

**B.A./B.Sc. 4th Semester (General) Examination, 2019****Subject : Mathematics**

**Paper : BMG4CC1D and Math-GE4**  
**(Algebra)**

**Time: 3 Hours****Full Marks: 60***The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as practicable.**[Symbols and notation have their usual meaning.]*

**1. Answer any ten questions:**  $2 \times 10 = 20$

- (a) Does the set of rational numbers form a group with respect to usual multiplication? Justify your answer.
- (b) Consider the group  $(G, *)$ . If for all  $a, b, c \in G$ ,  $a * c = b * c$ , prove that  $a = b$ .
- (c) Show that a group  $G$  is abelian if  $(ab)^2 = a^2 b^2 \forall a, b \in G$ .
- (d) If  $(G, *)$  be a group such that  $a = a^{-1} \forall a \in G$ , then show that  $(G, *)$  is an abelian group.
- (e) Define cyclic group and give an example of a cyclic group.
- (f) Show that the set  $E$  of all even integers is a subgroup of the additive group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  of integers.
- (g) Show that in any ring  $R$ ,  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \forall a \in R$ .
- (h) Define integral domain. Give an example of a finite integral domain.
- (i) Show the ring of integers  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is not a field.
- (j) Prove that any field is an integral domain.
- (k) Prove that the group  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is not cyclic.
- (l) Prove that union of two subgroups of a group  $G$  may not be subgroup of  $G$ .
- (m) Prove that every cyclic group is abelian.
- (n) Prove that  $A_3$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_3$  with usual meaning.
- (o)  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an ideal of  $(9\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ —Justify. (Symbols have usual meanings).

2. Answer any four questions: 5×4=20

- (a) Show that the intersection of two subgroups of a group  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Is the union of two subgroups of a group  $G$  a subgroup of  $G$ ? 3+2=5

- (b) State and prove Lagrange's theorem for finite group. 1+4=5

- (c) Let  $M$  be the ring of all  $2\times 2$  matrices over integers and  $L = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ b & 0 \end{pmatrix}; a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .

Show that  $L$  is a left ideal of  $M$  but not a right ideal of  $M$ . 3+2=5

- (d) Show that ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of integers modulo  $n$  is a field iff  $n$  is a prime. 2+3=5

- (e) (i) Prove that intersection of two normal subgroups of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

- (ii) Let  $G$  be a group such that every cyclic subgroup of  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that every subgroup of  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ . 3+2=5

- (f) Prove that  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  is a ring with usual meaning. 5

- (g) (i) Define ideal of a ring.

- (ii) Prove that the set  $I$  of all integers is a subring of the ring  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rationals but  $I$  is not an ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . 1+4=5

3. Answer any two questions: 2×10=20

- (a) (i) Consider  $GL(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}, ad - bc \neq 0 \right\}$ .  
 Define  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} * \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} ax + bz & ay + bt \\ cx + dz & cy + dt \end{bmatrix}$  for all  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} x & y \\ z & t \end{bmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

Prove that  $(GL(2, \mathbb{R}), *)$  is a non-abelian group.

- (ii) Consider  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$  as in (i) and  $SL(2, \mathbb{R}) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in GL(2, \mathbb{R}) : ad - bc = 1 \right\}$ .

Prove that  $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$  is a subgroup of  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ . Is it a normal subgroup of  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ ? 5+5=10

- (b) (i) Prove that the roots of the equation  $x^6 - 1 = 0$  form a subgroup of the multiplicative group of non-zero complex numbers. Is the subgroup cyclic?

- (ii) Prove that union of two subgroups of a group  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if any one of them is contained in other. (4+1)+(4+1)=10

- (c) (i) Show that the set of all non-zero elements of a field forms a commutative group under multiplication.

- (ii) Show that the set  $R = \{a + b\omega : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$  forms a field with respect to usual addition and multiplication of complex numbers, where  $\omega$  is a cube root of unity and  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of all real numbers. 5+5=10

(d) (i) Let  $G$  be a group. Then prove that (I)  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a \forall a \in G$  and (II)  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}, \forall a, b \in G$ .

(ii) Let  $G$  be the set of all matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a, b, c$  are real numbers such that  $ac \neq 0$ . Prove that  $G$  forms a subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ . 5+5=10

1. Answer any four questions from the following:

(a) Does the set of real numbers form a group under multiplication? Justify your answer.

(b) Consider the group  $(G, *)$ . If for all  $a, b, c \in G$ ,  $a * c = b * c$ , prove that  $a = b$ .  
[Hint: Show that  $a$  gives  $G$  and  $b$  give  $G$   $(-a)^* = a^*b^* \forall a, b \in G$ .]

(c) If  $\alpha$  is a prime number, then  $\alpha^k \mid \forall a \in G$ , then show that  $(G, *)$  is an abelian group.  
[Hint: Consider  $\alpha^k \mid a$  and give an example of a cyclic group.]

(d) Show that the set of all even integers is a subgroup of the additive group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  of integers.

(e) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  under  $\oplus$  and  $\otimes$  is a field.

(f) Define integral domain. Give an example of a finite integral domain.

(g) Show that the ring of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not a field.

(h) Prove that every field is a local domain.

(i) Prove that the group  $(G, *)$  is not cyclic.

(j) Prove that union of two subgroups of a group  $G$  may not be subgroup of  $G$ .

(k) Prove that every cyclic group is abelian.

(l) Prove that  $A_3$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_3$  (use usual meaning).

(m)  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an ideal of  $(\mathbb{Z}[x], +, \cdot)$  — Justify. (Answers have been recorded.)