

**B.SC. FIRST SEMESTER (HONOURS) EXAMINATIONS, 2022**

**Subject: Mathematics**

**Course ID: 12112**

**Course Code: SH/MTH/102/C-2**

**Course Title: Algebra**

**Full Marks: 40**

**Time: 2 Hours**

**The figures in the margin indicate full marks**

**Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.**

**1. Answer any five questions:**

**2 × 5 = 10**

(a) Let the roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$  be  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ . Find the equation whose roots are

$$\alpha - \frac{\beta\gamma}{\alpha}, \beta - \frac{\gamma\alpha}{\beta} \text{ and } \gamma - \frac{\alpha\beta}{\gamma}.$$

(b) If  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  forms a basis of a subspace, then show that  $\{\alpha + \beta + \gamma, \beta + \gamma, \gamma\}$  also forms a basis of that subspace.

(c) Determine the eigen values of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} a & h & g \\ 0 & b & 0 \\ 0 & c & c \end{pmatrix}$ .

(d) Let a function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 1 & \text{for } x > 3 \\ 2x^2 & \text{for } -2 < x \leq 3 \\ 3x^2 - 7 & \text{for } x \leq -2. \end{cases}$

Find  $f^{-1}(5)$ .

(e) If  $f, g, h$  are three functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $f(z) = n^2$ ,  $g(n) = n + 1$  and  $h(n) = n - 1$ . Find  $g \circ f \circ h$ ,  $f \circ g \circ h$  and  $h \circ f \circ g$ .

(f) Solve the equation  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 36 = 0$ , given that one of its roots is double of another.

(g) Find the smallest positive residue in  $2^{41} \pmod{23}$ .

(h) If  $a, b, c$  are any three integers such that  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$  and  $\gcd(b, c) = 1$ , then show that  $\gcd(ab, c) = 1$ .

**2. Answer any four questions:**

**5 × 4 = 20**

(a) Find all the values of  $(i)^{1/2} + (-i)^{1/2}$ .

(b) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 - x^2 + ax + b = 0$  and  $\beta, \gamma, \delta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 - 4x^2 + mx + n = 0$ , and also  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are in A.P., then show that

$$b = m + n - 3.$$

(c) If  $a, b, c$  are three positive real numbers such that  $abc = 1$ , then prove that

$$\frac{1+ab}{1+a} + \frac{1+bc}{1+b} + \frac{1+ca}{1+c} \geq 3$$

(d) Prove that the product of any three consecutive integers is divisible by 6.

(e) Prove by using Mathematical Induction that  $3^{2n} - 8n - 1$  is divisible by 64.

(f) Find all real values of  $z$  for which the rank of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1+z & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2+z & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3+z & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4+z \end{pmatrix}$

is less than 4.

**3. Answer any one question:**

**10 x 1 = 10**

- (a) (i) Find the general solutions of  $\sin z = 2i$ .  
(ii) Find the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  which transforms the basis vectors  $(1,2)$  and  $(0,1)$  to  $(3, -1, 5)$  and  $(2, 1, -1)$ .  
(iii) Obtain the characteristic equation of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and verify that } A \text{ satisfies this equation. Hence find } A^{-1}.$$

**(3+2)+5**

(b)(i) Express  $(1 + i)^{-i}$  in the form of  $A + iB$ .

- (ii) For which values of ' $k$ ' the following system of equations have a solution?

$$x + y + z = 1, x + 2y + 4z = k, x + 4y + 10z = k^2$$

and solve them completely for each value of ' $k$ '.

**5+5**

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