

**Algebra: Internal Exam-1** (Total Marks - 16)

*PART A*

1. Define free abelian group. Give an example which is not a free abelian group. (2 marks)
2. Define irreducible polynomial. (1 mark)

*PART B*

1. How many polynomials are there of degree greater than or equal to 3 in  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$ ? (Include 0). (1 mark)
2. Let  $p$  be a prime. Show that the polynomial  $x^p + a \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$  is not irreducible for any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . (2 marks)
3. Consider the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 1$ . Show that  $f$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{13}]$  where  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{13}] = \{a + b\sqrt{13} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . (2 marks)
4. Prove that  $x^2 + x + 1$  is irreducible over  $F$ , the field of integers mod 2. (1 mark)
5. For which positive integers  $n$  does  $x^2 + x + 1$  divide  $x^4 + 3x^3 + x^2 + 7x + 5$  in  $[\mathbb{Z}/(n)][x]$ ?. (3 marks)

*PART C*

1. Show that the an integral domain can be embedded in a field. (2 marks)
2. Let  $G \neq \{0\}$  be a free abelian group with a finite basis. Prove that all basis have same number of elements. (2 marks)