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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. All questions are compulsory.
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5. Use of non-programmable scientific calculator is permitted.
6. All symbols have usual meaning as per prescribed textbook.

1. (a) If $M : L$ and $L : K$ are extensions. Then show that

$$[M : K] = [M : L] [L : K]$$

- (b) If $f \in K[x]$, then there exists a splitting field extension $L : K$ for f , with $[L : K] \leq n!$

- (c) If $L : K$ is an extension of field K then $[L : K] < \infty$ if and only if there exist finitely

many algebraic elements $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n$ in L such that

$$L = K(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \alpha_3, \dots, \alpha_n).$$

2. (a) If $L : K$ is an extension of field K and $\alpha \in L$, then α is algebraic over K if and only if $[K(\alpha) : K] < \infty$. Further deduce that $[K(\alpha) : K] = \deg(m_\alpha)$ for minimal polynomial m_α .

- (b) If $f \in K[x]$ is irreducible of degree n , show that there is a simple extension

$$K(\alpha) : K \text{ such that } [K(\alpha) : K] = n \text{ and } f(\alpha) = 0.$$

- (c) (i) Let $f = x^2 + 2x + 3$ be in $Z[x]$, find its splitting field in $\mathbb{C}(x)$. What if $f \in Z_7[x]$?

- (ii) Can we construct a regular seven-sided polygon with ruler and compasses? Justify.

3. (a) Show that a finite extension $L : K$ is normal if and only if $L : K$ is a splitting field for some $g \in K[x]$.

- (b) Define $L : K$ as a separable extension. Show that if $L : K$ is separable and M is an intermediate field ($L : M : K$), then $L : M$ is separable and $M : K$ is separable.

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- (c) Show that if $L:K$ is an extension and A is a subset of $\text{Aut}(L)$, then
- (i) $\gamma\phi(A) \supseteq A$
 - (ii) $\phi\gamma(K) \supseteq K$
 - (iii) $\phi\gamma\phi(A) = \phi(A)$
 - (iv) $\gamma\phi\gamma(K) = \gamma(K)$.
4. (a) Suppose $L:K$ is finite. If $L:K$ is a Galois extension, show that $|\gamma(K)| = [L:K]$ and $K = \phi\gamma(K)$. Otherwise, $|\gamma(K)| < [L:K]$ and K is a proper subfield of $\phi\gamma(K)$. State any theorems you use clearly.
- (b) Find the Galois group of $x^4 - 2$ over the field $\mathbb{Z}_7$.
- (c) Suppose $L:K$ is finite. Let $G = \Gamma(L:K)$ and let $K_0 = \phi(G)$. If $L:M:K$, let $\gamma(M) = \Gamma(L:M)$. Show that ϕ is one-to-one from the set of subgroups of G onto fields M , intermediate between L and K , and γ is its inverse map. State any theorems you use clearly.
5. (a) Define the discriminant of a polynomial. Prove that the discriminant is zero if and only if the polynomial has a repeated root. Compute the discriminant of the polynomial $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$.
- (b) Suppose $L:K$ is a splitting field extension for $x^m - 1$ over K . Define m -th-cyclotomic polynomial Φ_m . Prove that $x^m - 1 = \prod_{d|m} \Phi_d$.
- (c) Show that the mapping $\Phi(a) = a^p$ is an automorphism of a finite field F of order p^n (p , a prime) and generates $\Gamma(F, \mathbb{Z}_p)$.
6. (a) Show that an algebraic extension $L:K$ is simple if there are only finitely many intermediate fields.
- (b) Show that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$: $\mathbb{Q}$ is a simple extension.
- (c) Find the Galois groups of $x^5 + 1$ over $\mathbb{Q}$.