

7. a) i) Find all possible Jordan canonical forms of a real square matrix of order 3 having eigen values 5, 5, 5.
- ii) Determine all possible Jordan canonical forms for a 5×5 matrix whose minimal polynomial is $(x - 2)^2$.
- 3+2
- b) Find the Jordan canonical form of the real matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 7 & -4 \\ 0 & 9 & -5 \end{pmatrix}. \quad 5$$

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MATHEMATICS

ALGEBRA

UNIT - 2.1

Time : Two hours

Full Marks : 50

Answer *any five* questions. 10×5=50

1. a) What do you mean by field extension ? Show that every field F is either an extension of \mathbb{Q} or an extension of \mathbb{Z} for some prime p . 1+4
- b) i) Let F be a field and a, b be two elements of a field containing F . Suppose that a and b are algebraic over F of degree m and n respectively such that $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. Show that $[F(a, b) : F] = mn$.
- ii) With proper justification give an example to show that the above result in (i) need not be true if m and n are not relatively prime. 3+2
2. a) i) Find the degree of the field extension $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[8]{2})$ over \mathbb{Q} . Is it a simple extension ? Justify your answer.
- ii) Find the degree of the splitting field of $x^p - 1$ over \mathbb{Q} , where p is prime. (2+1)+2

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- b) Let K be a field and $f(x)$ be a non constant polynomial in $K[x]$. Show that there is a field extension F of K such that $f(x)$ has a root α in F . 5
3. a) i) Let $p(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial over a field F and be the formal derivative of $p(x)$. Show that $p(x)$ is separable if and only if $p'(x) \neq 0$.
- ii) Show that $x^4 + x^2 + [1]$ is separable over \mathbb{Z}_2 . 3+2
- b) Let $\text{GF}(p^n)$ be a field of order p^n . Show that the mapping $f : \text{GF}(p^n) \rightarrow \text{GF}(p^n)$ defined by $f(a) = a^p$ is an automorphism. Hence conclude that every finite field is a perfect field. 3+2
4. a) Prove that every element in a finite field can be written as the sum of two squares. 5
- b) i) Let $K \subseteq L \subseteq F$ be a chain of fields. Suppose that F/K is a normal extension, show that F/L is a normal extension. Is L/K a normal extension? Justify your answer.
- ii) Show that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ is a normal extension of \mathbb{Q} but $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ is not a normal extension of \mathbb{Q} . 3+2

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5. a) Show that
- i) the regular hexagon is constructible by straightedge and compass only.
- ii) it is impossible to trisect an angle of 60° by straightedge and compass only. 2+3
- b) i) Find the Galois group of the field extension \mathbb{C}/\mathbb{R} .
- ii) Show that the Galois group of the polynomial $f(x) = x^5 - 25x + 5$ over \mathbb{Q} is S_5 . Hence conclude that the equation $f(x) = 0$ is not solvable by radicals. 2+3
6. a) i) Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over a field F and $T : V \rightarrow V$ be a linear operator such that $T^3 = T$. Is T triangularizable? Is T diagonalizable? Justify your answer.
- ii) Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be a linear operator. Show that if T is not triangularizable over \mathbb{R} then T is diagonalizable over \mathbb{C} . 2+3

b) Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 & -2 \\ 3 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$.

Are A and B simultaneously diagonalizable over \mathbb{R} ? Justify your answer. 5

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