

**D.K.M. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), VELLORE-1**  
**SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**  
**APRIL – 2019**  
**ALGEBRA – II**

**15CPMA2A**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 75**

**SECTION – A (5 x 6 = 30)**

**Answer ALL the questions.**

1. (a) If  $L$  is a finite extension of  $K$  and if  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , then prove that  $L$  is a finite extension of  $F$  moreover  $[L : F] = [L : K][K : F]$ .  
(Or)  
(b) If  $a, b$  in  $K$  are algebraic over  $F$  then prove that  $a \pm b$ ,  $ab$  and  $a/b$  (if  $b \neq 0$ ) are all algebraic over  $F$ . In other words, the elements in  $K$  which are algebraic over  $F$  form a subfield of  $K$ .
2. (a) Prove that a polynomial of degree  $n$  over a field can atmost  $n$  roots in any extension field.  
(Or)  
(b) If  $p(x)$  is irreducible in  $F[x]$  and if  $v$  is a root of  $p(x)$ , then prove that  $F(v)$  is isomorphic to  $F'(w)$  where  $w$  is a root of  $p'(t)$  moreover, this isomorphism  $\sigma$  can so be chosen that  
(i)  $v\sigma = w$ .  
(ii)  $\alpha\sigma = \alpha'$  for every  $\alpha \in F$ .
3. (a) Prove that the fixed field of  $G$  is a subfield of  $K$ .  
(Or)  
(b) If  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , then prove that  $G(K, F)$  is a finite group and its order,  $O(G(K, F))$  satisfies  $O(G(K, F)) \leq [K : F]$ .
4. (a) Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group enjoying the property that the relation  $x^n = e$  is satisfied by atmost  $n$  elements of  $G$ , for every integer  $n$ , then prove that  $G$  is a cyclic group.  
(Or)  
(b) If  $F$  is a finite field and  $\alpha \neq 0$ ,  $\beta \neq 0$  are two elements of  $F$  then prove that we can find elements  $a$  and  $b$  in  $F$  such that  $1 + \alpha a^2 + \beta b^2 = 0$ .
5. (a) Let  $C$  be the field of complex numbers and suppose that the division ring  $D$  is algebraic over  $C$  then prove that  $D = C$ .  
(Or)  
(b) If  $p(x) \in F[x]$  is solvable by radicals over  $F$ , then prove that the Galois group over  $F$  of  $p(x)$  is a solvable group.

**SECTION – B ( 3 x 15 = 45 )**

**Answer any THREE of the following questions.**

6. *Prove that the number  $e$  is transcendental.*
7. *If  $F$  is of characteristic 0 and if  $a, b$  are algebraic over  $F$ , then prove that there exists an element  $c \in F(a, b)$  such that  $F(a, b) = F(c)$ .*
8. *Let  $K$  be the splitting field of  $f(x)$  in  $F[x]$  and let  $p(x)$  be an irreducible factor of  $f(x)$  in  $F[x]$ . If the roots of  $p(x)$  are  $\alpha, \dots, \alpha_r$  then prove that for each  $i$  there exists an automorphism  $\sigma_i$  in  $G(K, F)$  such that  $\sigma_i(\alpha_1) = \alpha_i$ .*
9. *Let  $D$  be a division ring of characteristic  $p > 0$  with center  $Z$  and let  $p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)\}$  be the subfield of  $Z$  isomorphic to  $J_p$ . Suppose that  $a \in D$ ,  $a \notin Z$  is such that  $a^{p^n} = a$  for some  $n \geq 1$  then prove that there exists an  $x \in D$  such that
  - (1)  $xax^{-1} \neq a$ .
  - (2)  $xax^{-1} \in p(a)$  the field obtained by adjoining  $a$  to  $p$ .*
10. *Prove that every positive integer can be expressed as the sum of squares of four integers.*

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