

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2018

FOURTH SEMESTER

Branch - Mathematics

Paper I — GALOIS THEORY

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

## PART - A

Answer any FIVE of the following.

(Marks :  $5 \times 4$  marks = 20 marks)

1. If  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is a polynomial of degree 2 or 3. Then show that  $f(x)$  is reducible if and only if  $f(x)$  has a root in  $F$ .
2. If  $E$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , then show that  $E$  is an algebraic extension of  $F$ .
3. Construct the splitting fields over  $Q$  for the polynomial  $x^3 - 1$ . Also find the degrees of extension over  $Q$ .
4. Show that every finite extension of a finite field is normal.
5. Show that the group  $G(Q(\alpha)/Q)$ , where  $\alpha^5 = 1$  and  $\alpha \neq 1$ , is isomorphic to the cyclic group of order 4.
6. If  $F$  is a field of characteristics  $\neq 2$  and  $x^2 - a \in F[x]$  is an irreducible polynomial over  $F$ . Then show that its Galois group is of order 2.
7. Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial over a field  $F$  with no multiple roots. Prove that  $f(x)$  is irreducible over  $F$  if and only if the Galois group  $G$  of  $f(x)$  is isomorphic to a transitive permutation group.
8. Show that the polynomial  $x^7 - 10x^5 + 15x + 5$  is not solvable by radicals over  $Q$ .

## PART - B

Answer ONE questions from each unit.

(Marks :  $4 \times 15$  marks = 60 marks)

## UNIT - I

9. (a) Let  $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$  be fields. If  $[K : E] < \infty$  and  $[E : F] < \infty$ , then show that
  - (i)  $[K : F] < \infty$
  - (ii)  $[K : F] = [K : E][E : F]$
- (b) If  $p(x)$  is an irreducible polynomial in  $F[x]$ . Then show that there exists an extension  $E$  of  $F$  in which  $p(x)$  has a root.

Or

10. Let  $E$  be an extension field of  $F$  and let  $u \in F$  be algebraic over  $F$ . If  $p(x) \in F[x]$  is a polynomial of the least degree such that  $p(u) = 0$ . Then prove that
- $p(x)$  is irreducible over  $F$
  - If  $g(x) \in F[x]$  is such that  $g(u) = 0$ , then  $p(x) \mid g(x)$ .
  - There is exactly one monic polynomial  $p(x) \in F[x]$  of least degree such that  $p(u) = 0$ .

### UNIT - II

11. (a) If  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is irreducible over  $F$ , then show that all roots of  $f(x)$  have the same multiplicity.
- (b) Show that the prime field of a field  $F$  is either isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$  or to  $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$ ,  $p$  is prime.

Or

12. If  $E$  is a finite separable extension of a field  $F$ , then prove that  $E$  is a simple extension of  $F$ .

### UNIT - III

13. If  $E$  is a finite separable extension of a field  $F$ , then show the following are equivalent:
- $E$  is a normal extension of  $F$
  - $F$  is the fixed field of  $G(E/F)$
  - $[E : F] = |G(E/F)|$ .

Or

14. State and prove the fundamental theorem of Galois theory.

### UNIT - IV

15. (a) If  $F$  is a field and  $U$  is a finite subgroup of the multiplicative group  $F^* = F - \{0\}$ , show that  $U$  is cyclic.
- (b) Show that the Galois group of  $x^4 + x^2 + 1$  is the same as that of  $x^6 - 1$  and is of order 3.

Or

16. Prove that  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is solvable by radicals over  $F$  if and only if its splitting field  $E$  over  $F$  has a solvable Galois group  $G(E/F)$ .