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**B.A./B.Sc. (General) 5<sup>th</sup> Semester**

**(1129)**

**MATHEMATICS**

**Paper : II (Modern Algebra)**

**Time Allowed : Three Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 30**

**Note :—** Question paper will consist of **EIGHT** questions. Candidate will attempt **FIVE** questions in all, selecting at least **TWO** questions from each Unit. All questions carry equal marks.

**UNIT—I**

1. (a) Show that the set of all positive rational numbers under the composition defined by  $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$  forms an infinite abelian group.

(b) If  $G$  is a finite group of order  $n$  then prove that for any  $a \in G$ ,  $\exists$  some positive integer  $r$ ,  $1 \leq r \leq n$ , such that  $a^r = e$ . 3,3

2. (a) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $a \in G$  be order  $m$ . Then prove that  $O(a^k) = \frac{m}{(m, k)}$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

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- (b) Prove that if  $G$  be a finite group and  $a \in G$ . Then  $O(a)/O(G)$  i.e., the order of an element of a group is a divisor of the order of the group. 3,3
3. State and prove Cayley's Theorem. 6
4. (a) Prove that a group of order  $n$  is cyclic iff it has an element of order  $n$ .
- (b) Prove that group of prime order must have a non-trivial centre. 3,3

### UNIT—II

5. (a) Show that the set of rational numbers  $Q$  is a ring under the compositions  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  defined as  $a \oplus b = a + b - 1$  and  $a \odot b = a + b - ab$ ,  $\forall a, b \in Q$ .
- (b) Let  $R$  be a ring such that  $x^3 = x \forall x \in R$ . Prove that  $R$  is a commutative ring. 3,3
6. (a) Show that if  $1 - ab$  is invertible in a ring  $R$  with unity 1 then so is  $1 - ba$  and that  $(1 - ba)^{-1} = 1 + b(1 - ab)^{-1}a$ .
- (b) Let  $I = (a)$ ,  $J = (b)$  be two ideals of the ring  $Z$  of integers, where  $a, b$  are positive integers. Determine (i)  $I + J$ , (ii)  $I \cap J$ , (iii)  $IJ$ . 3,3
7. An ideal  $M$  of a commutative ring with unity is a maximal ideal iff  $R/M$  is a field. 6
8. (a) What are the units of the polynomial ring  $Z_7[x]$  ?
- (b) Show that ideal  $\langle x \rangle$  of  $Z[x]$  is prime ideal. 3,3

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