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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2008–09 & thereafter)

**SUBJECT CODE : MT/MC/AS54**

**B. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2011**  
**BRANCH I - MATHEMATICS**  
**FIFTH SEMESTER**

**COURSE : MAJOR – CORE**  
**PAPER : ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURES**  
**TIME : 3 HOURS**

**MAX. MARKS : 100**

**ANSWER ANY SIX QUESTIONS**

1. a. State and prove Lagrange's Theorem.  
b. If  $G$  is a finite group and  $a \in G$ , then prove that  $O(a)$  divides  $O(G)$ .  
c. Prove that intersection of two normal subgroups of a group is normal. (8+4+5)
  
2. a. Prove that the subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is normal if and only if every left coset of  $N$  in  $G$  is a right coset of  $N$  in  $G$ .  
b. Prove that  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $HK=KH$ . (8+9)
  
3. a. State and prove fundamental theorem on homomorphism of groups.  
b. Define normalizer  $N(a)$  of an element  $a$  in a group  $G$ . Prove that  $N(a)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .  
c. Prove that the centre  $Z(G)$  of a group  $G$  is normal. (8+4+5)
  
4. a. If  $G$  is a group, then prove that  $A(G)$ , the set of all automorphisms of  $G$  is a group.  
b. State and prove Cayley's theorem. (8+9)

5. a. Find inverse of the permutation  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$

b. Prove that intersection of two ideals of a ring is again an ideal.

c. Prove that any field is an Integral domain.

(5+6+6)

6. a. Prove that a finite integral domain is a field.

b. If  $R$  is a commutative ring and  $a \in R$ . Then prove that  $aR = \{ar/r \in R\}$  is a two sided ideal of  $R$ .

c. If  $U$  is an ideal and  $I \in U$ , then prove that  $U=R$ .

(6+6+5)

7. a. If  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism of  $R_1$  into  $R_2$ , define kernel of  $\phi$ . Prove that  $\ker \phi$  is an ideal of  $R_1$ .

b. If  $R$  is a commutative ring with unit element and  $M$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then prove that  $M$  is maximal ideal if and only if  $\frac{R}{M}$  is a field.

(7+10)

8. a. Prove that every integral domain can be imbedded in a field.

b. State and prove Division Algorithm for polynomials.

(7+10)

