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6th Semester Examination  
MATHEMATICS (Honours)

Paper : C 14-T

[Ring Theory and Linear Algebra-II]

[CBCS]

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates are required to give their answers  
in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Group - A**

Answer any *ten* questions :  $2 \times 10 = 20$

1. Let  $Z_i = \{a+ib : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  be the ring of Gaussian integers. Show that  $1+i$  is irreducible element in  $Z_i$ .
2. Show that the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + \bar{3}x + \bar{2} \in \mathbb{Z}_6[x]$  has four zeros in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .
3. Let  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  be subspaces of a finite dimensional inner product space. Prove that  $(W_1 + W_2)^\perp = W_1^\perp \cap W_2^\perp$ .
4. Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite dimensional inner

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product space  $V$ . If  $T$  has an eigenvector, then its adjoint operator  $T^*$  does have so.

5. Let  $R$  be a UFD and  $a, b, c \in R \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $abc$  and  $\gcd(a, b) \sim 1$ . Then prove that  $a|c$ .
6. State *Eisenstein's criterion* for irreducibility of a polynomial  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
7. Let  $U$  be a subset of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $F$ . Prove that the annihilator of  $U$  (denoted by  $U^0$ ) is a subspace of the dual space  $V^*$ .
8. Show that the polynomial  $f(x) = 21x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 9$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
9. For any linear transformation  $T$ , define the adjoint linear transformation  $T^*$  of  $T$ . Hence prove that
 
$$(T_1 T_2)^* = T_2^* T_1^*$$
10. Let  $P$  be the linear operator on the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $P(x, y) = (x, 0)$  for all  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ . Find the minimal polynomial for  $P$ .
11. If  $T$  is a unitary linear transformation, then show that the characteristic roots of  $T$  all have absolute value 1.
12. Consider the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^2$  over  $\mathbb{R}$  equipped with

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the standard inner product. Consider  $\alpha = (1, 2)$  and

$\beta = (-1, 1)$ . Find an element  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}^2$  for which

$\langle \alpha, \gamma \rangle = -1$  and  $\langle \beta, \gamma \rangle = 3$ .

13. Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $x, y \in V$ . If  $\langle x, v \rangle = \langle y, v \rangle$  for all  $v \in V$  then prove that  $x = y$ .
14. Let  $V$  be the vector space  $\mathbb{C}^2$  over  $\mathbb{C}$  with the standard inner product. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $V$  defined by  $T(1, 0) = (1, -2)$  and  $T(0, 1) = (i, -1)$ . Find  $T^*(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha = (x_1, x_2) \in V$ .
15. Give an example of a  $2 \times 2$  complex matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2$  is normal but  $A$  is not normal.

### Group - B

Answer any *four* questions : 5×4=20

16. (i) Let  $R$  be an integral domain and

$f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$ . Prove that

$$\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$$

(ii) Find all the associates of  $x^2 + [2]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$ .

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17. (i) Is the ring of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with their entries from  $\mathbb{Z}$  a PID? Justify your answer.

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(ii) Exhibit (with proper justification) an ideal  $I$  in the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  so that  $I$  is not a principal ideal. 3+2=5

18. Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomials over  $\mathbb{R}$  with degree less than or equal to 2. Let  $t_1, t_2, t_3$  be three distinct real numbers and  $L_1, L_2, L_3$  be three linear functionals on  $V$  defined by  $L_i(p) = p(t_i)$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Find the basis  $\mathcal{B} = \{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$  of  $V$  such that  $\{L_1, L_2, L_3\}$  becomes the dual basis of  $\mathcal{B}^*$  of  $\mathcal{B}$ .

19. Consider the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -6 & -6 \\ -1 & 4 & 2 \\ 3 & -6 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$  over the field

of real numbers. Find an invertible matrix  $P$  and a diagonal matrix  $D$  such that  $P^{-1}AP = D$ .

20. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional vector space over the field  $F$  and  $T$  be a linear operator on  $V$ . If  $T$  is diagonalizable, then prove that the minimal polynomial for  $T$  is a product of distinct linear factors.

21. Let  $V$  be a finite dimensional inner product space and  $T$  be an invertible linear operator on  $V$ . Then show that

(i)  $T^*$  is also an invertible operator on  $V$ .

(ii)  $(T^*)^{-1} = (T^{-1})^*$ . 2+3=5

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Group - C

Answer any two questions : 10×2=20

22. (i) Check whether the following statement is true or false : "Let  $R$  be an integral domain,  $a, b \in R \setminus \{0\}$  and  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Then there exist  $x, y \in R$  such that  $d = ax + by$ ." Give proper justification in support of your answer. 4

(ii) Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension  $m$  over a field  $F$  and  $W$  be a vector subspace of dimension  $k$  of  $V$  where  $1 \leq k < n$ . Then prove that the dimension of the subspace  $\{f | f \in V^*, f(w) = 0 \forall w \in W\}$  is  $n - k$ . 4

(iii) Let  $V$  be a complex or real inner product space. Then show that the induced norm  $\| \cdot \|$  satisfies the following equality :

$$\|x + y\|^2 + \|x - y\|^2 = 2(\|x\|^2 + \|y\|^2)$$

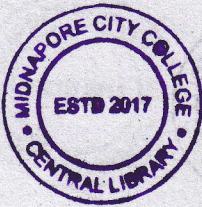
(Parallelogram Law) for all  $x, y \in V$ . 2

23. (i) Construct a field of 8 elements. 5

(ii) Let  $V$  be the vector space of all polynomial functions  $R$  to  $R$  of degree  $\leq 2$ . Let  $t_1, t_2, t_3$  be three distinct real numbers and let  $L_i: V \rightarrow F$  be

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such that  $L_i(p(x)) = p(t_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . Show that  $\{L_1, L_2, L_3\}$  is a basis of  $\widehat{V}$ . Determine a basis of  $V$  such that  $\{L_1, L_2, L_3\}$  is its dual. 5

24. (i) Prove that  $I = \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$  is a prime ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  but not a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ . 5

(ii) Let  $W$  be the plane in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  spanned by the set  $S = \{(1, 2, 2), (-1, 0, 2)\}$ . Then find an orthonormal basis  $B'$  for  $W$  applying Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process and extend  $B'$  to an orthonormal basis  $B$  of  $V$ . 3+2=5

25. (i) For any prime  $p$ , show that the  $p^{\text{th}}$  cyclotomic polynomial is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

(ii) Let  $V$  be an inner product space and  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be an orthonormal subset of  $V$ . Show that for any  $x \in V$ ,  $\|x\|^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle x, v_i \rangle|^2$ . 4+6