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( NEP-2020 )

( 2nd Semester )

**MATHEMATICS (MAJOR/MINOR)**

**( Algebra )**

*Full Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

**( SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE )**

( Marks : 10 )

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are polynomials of degrees  $m$  and  $n$  respectively, then degree of  $f(x) + g(x)$  is

(a)  $m + n$  ( )

(b)  $m / n$  ( )

(c)  $m - n$  ( )

(d)  $m \times n$  ( )

2. The value of  $k$  for which a polynomial  $x^4 - x^3 + kx - 5$  is divisible by  $(x - 1)$  is

(a) 4 ( )

(b) 5 ( )

(c) 6 ( )

(d) 7 ( )

3. The polynomial  $x^2 - x + 1$  is

(a) reducible over  $R$  ( )

(b) irreducible over  $Q$  ( )

(c) irreducible over  $C$  ( )

(d) None of the above ( )

4. The equation

$$x^5 - 2x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

has

(a) no multiple root ( )

(b) one multiple root ( )

(c) two multiple roots ( )

(d) three multiple roots ( )

5. Every algebraic equation of odd degree has

(a) at least one real root ( )

(b) at least one complex root ( )

(c) at least one surd root ( )

(d) None of the above ( )

6. If the signs of the terms of an equation are all positive, then

- (a) it has at least one positive root ( )
- (b) it cannot have a positive root ( )
- (c) it cannot have a negative root ( )
- (d) it cannot have any real root ( )

7. The roots of the equation  $x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x - 20 = 0$ , given that two of its roots are equal in magnitude but are of opposite signs, are

- (a) 4, 5 and -5 ( )
- (b) -4, 20 and -20 ( )
- (c) 5, 4 and -4 ( )
- (d) 5, 2 and -2 ( )

8. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$ , then  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$  equals

- (a)  $p^2 - 2q$  ( )
- (b)  $p^2 + 2q$  ( )
- (c)  $p^2 - 2q$  ( )
- (d)  $p^2 + 2q$  ( )

9. If  $n = 5$  and  $\frac{1}{10}$ , then the value of  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n$  is

- (a)  $i$  ( )
- (b)  $-i$  ( )
- (c) 0 ( )
- (d) 1 ( )

10. The expansion of  $\sin n$  in powers of  $\cos$  and  $\sin$ ,  $n$  being a positive integer, is

$$(a) \quad n \cos^{n-1} \sin - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cos^{n-3} \sin^3 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{5!} \cos^{n-5} \sin^5 - \dots \quad ( \quad )$$

$$(b) \quad n \cos^{n-1} \sin - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cos^{n-3} \sin^3 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{5!} \cos^{n-5} \sin^5 - \dots \quad ( \quad )$$

$$(c) \quad n \cos^{n-1} \sin - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cos^{n-3} \sin^3 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{5!} \cos^{n-5} \sin^5 - \dots \quad ( \quad )$$

$$(d) \quad n \cos^{n-1} \sin - \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cos^{n-3} \sin^3 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(n-4)}{5!} \cos^{n-5} \sin^5 - \dots \quad ( \quad )$$

**( SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWERS )**

( Marks : 15 )

Answer five questions, taking at least one from each Unit :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. If a polynomial  $f(x)$  of degree  $n - 2$  is divided by  $(x - a)^2$ , prove that the remainder is  $(x - a)f'(a) + f(a)$ .
2. Show that  $g(x) = 3x^4 - 15x^2 + 10$  is irreducible over the field of rational numbers.

UNIT—II

3. Show that 2 is a multiple root of  $x^3 - x^2 - 16x - 20 = 0$  of multiplicity 2.
4. Solve the equation  $x^4 - 10x^3 + 29x^2 - 22x + 4 = 0$ , given that one root is  $(2 - \sqrt{3})$ .

UNIT—III

5. Prove that the equation  $x^{10} - 4x^6 - x^4 - 2x - 3 = 0$  has at least four imaginary roots.
6. If the sum of two roots of the equation  $x^3 - a_1x^2 - a_2x - a_3 = 0$  be zero, show that  $a_1a_2 - a_3 = 0$ .

UNIT—IV

7. Find the values of the expression  $(1 - i)^{1/7}$  using De Moivre's theorem.
8. Expand  $\cos 5\theta$  in powers of  $\cos \theta$ .

( SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 50 )

Answer *five* questions, taking at least *one* from each Unit : 10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. (a) State and prove the division algorithm for polynomials. 1+7=8  
 (b) Find the quotient polynomial and the remainder when  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 2x - 5$  is divided by  $(x - 2)$ . 2
2. (a) State and prove the remainder theorem. 1+2=3  
 (b) If a polynomial  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(x - \alpha)(x - \beta)$ ,  $R$ , prove that the remainder is

$$\frac{(x - \alpha)f(\beta) - (x - \beta)f(\alpha)}{(\beta - \alpha)}$$

Using this result, find the remainder when  $x^5 - 3x^4 - 4x^2 - x - 4$  is divided by  $(x - 1)(x - 2)$ . 5+2=7

UNIT—II

3. State the fundamental theorem of algebra. Using it, prove that every algebraic equation of  $n$ -th degree has  $n$  roots, real or imaginary, and no more. 1+9=10
4. (a) Show that if an equation  $f(x) = 0$ , whose coefficients are all rational quantities, has a surd root of the form  $(\sqrt{a})$ , then the conjugate surd  $(-\sqrt{a})$  is also a root of the same equation. 5
- (b) Show that if an equation  $f(x) = 0$  whose coefficients are all real quantities, has a complex number of the form  $(a + bi)$  as one of its roots, then the conjugate complex number  $(a - bi)$  is also a root of the same equation. 5

UNIT—III

5. (a) Prove that the equation  $x^3 - x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$  has one positive root lying in  $(1, 2)$  and two negative roots lying in  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(-3, -2)$ . 4
- (b) Show that if the equation  $x^3 - ax^2 + bx - c = 0$  has a pair of roots of the form  $(1 \pm i)$ , where  $a$  is real and  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , then  $(a^2 - 2b)(b^2 - 2ac) = c^2$ . 6
6. (a) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^4 - px^3 + qx^2 - rx + s = 0$ , show that  $(1 - \alpha^2)(1 - \beta^2)(1 - \gamma^2)(1 - \delta^2) = (1 - q + s)^2 - (p - r)^2$ . 5
- (b) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $2x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ , find the equation whose roots are  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}$ . 5

UNIT—IV

7. State and prove De Moivre's theorem. 1+9=10
8. (a) Solve  $x^3 - 30x + 133 = 0$  by Cardan's method. 5
- (b) Solve the cubic equation  $x^3 - 6x + 9 = 0$  by Cardan's method. 5

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