

# Mathematics (Hons.) Paper-I (Sc./Arts)

Answer six questions.

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1. State and prove Schroeder-Bernstein theorem.
2. (a) In a partially ordered set  $(X, \leq)$  prove that the following conditions are equivalent :  
(i) Every non-empty subset of  $X$  bounded above has a least upper bound.  
(ii) Every non-empty subset of  $X$  bounded below has a greatest lower bound.  
(b) Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 13\}$  and " $\leq$ " be a binary relation defined on  $S$  by  $x \leq y$  iff  $x$  divides  $y$ . Find maximal elements of the partially ordered set  $(S, \leq)$ .
3. (a) Prove that an infinite well ordered set has a subset with ordinal number  $\omega$ .  
(b) State and prove well-ordering theorem and assuming the truth of well-ordering theorem also prove the axiom of choice.
4. (a) Prove that the inverse element of an element in a group is unique.  
(b) Prove that the order of a cyclic group is equal to the order of its generator.
5. (a) The necessary and sufficient condition that a non-empty subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  be a subgroup is :  
$$a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$$
  
(b) Prove that if  $H$  be a subgroup of the finite group  $G$  then the order of  $G$  is a multiple of the order of  $H$ .
6. (a) Define ring without unity with examples and prove that a ring  $R$  is without divisor of zero if and only if the cancellation laws for multiplication hold in  $R$ .  
(b) Show by an example that a ring may not be necessarily a field.
7. (a) If  $A$  and  $B$  are two non singular matrices of the same order then prove that  $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$ .  
(b) Prove that any square matrix can be expressed uniquely as the sum of a symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix.

8. Reduce the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$  to its normal form and hence determine its rank.
9. Find the eigen values of the following matrix :

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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10. (a) Show tht the equation :  $\frac{A^2}{(x-a)} + \frac{B^2}{(x-b)} + \frac{C^2}{(x-c)} + \dots + \frac{L^2}{(x-l)} = x - m$  ,  
where  $a, b, c, \dots$  are numbers different from one another, can not have an imaginary root.  
(b) If the roots of the equation  $x^4 - 5x^3 + 11x^2 - 13x + 6 = 0$  be connected by the relation then find all its roots.
11. (a) Find the condition that the roots of the biquadratic  $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$  may be in geometrical progression.  
(b) Find the condition that the roots of the equation  $ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d = 0$  are in H.P.
12. (a) Solve  $x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 20 = 0$  by Cardon's method.  
(b) If two roots of Euler's cubic vanish, show that the biquadratic has a pair of equal roots given by  $\frac{-a_1 \pm \sqrt{-3H}}{a_0}$

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