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 Department of Mathematics, School of Physical Sciences  
 Mid Semester Examination, Even Semester 2017-18

Class : Int.M.Sc.Mathematics  
 Course: Ring Theory and Linear Algebra I  
 Time Allowed : 2 Hours

Semester : IV  
 Course Code: MAC-253  
 Max Marks : 30

**Note:** Attempt all **Six** questions in Section A. Each question carries **1** marks.  
 Attempt any **Four** questions in Section B. Each question carries **3** marks.  
 Attempt any **Three** questions in Section C. Each question carries **4** marks.

**Section: A**

(Very Short Answer Type Questions)

Attempt all Six questions.

[6×1 = 6 Marks]

1. The ring  $Z_6$  is:  
 (a) a field (b) an integral domain (c) a division ring (d) not an integral domain.
2. The set  $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in Z \right\}$  is a ring  
 (a) with unity (b) without unity (c) commutative (d) commutative with unity.
3. The characteristic of an integral domain is/are  
 (a) zero (b) an integer (c) zero or prime (d) always zero.
4. Number of zero divisors in  $Z_6$  are  
 (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 1.
5. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $a \in R$  is a nilpotent element of  $R$ , then which one is true  
 (a)  $ab$  is nilpotent for each  $b \in R$   
 (b)  $ab$  is not nilpotent for each  $b \in R$   
 (c)  $a + b$  is nilpotent for each  $b \in R$   
 (d)  $a + b$  is nilpotent for some  $b \in R$
6. Which of the following is true  
 (a)  $Z$  and  $Z_2$  both are fields  
 (b)  $Z$  and  $Z_2$  both are integral domain but not field  
 (c)  $Z$  and  $Z_2$  both are integral domain but  $Z_2$  is field only  
 (d)  $Z$  and  $Z_2$  both are integral domain but  $Z_2$  is not field.

**Section B**

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Attempt any Four questions.

[4×3 = 12 Marks]

7. Prove or disprove that subring of a non-commutative ring is non-commutative.
8. Prove that the characteristic of any integral domain  $R$  is either zero or prime.

9. Let  $R$  be the ring of  $3 \times 3$  matrices over reals. show that the set  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} x & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & x & x \end{pmatrix} : x \in R \right\}$  is a subring of  $R$  and has unity different from the unity of  $R$ .
10. Show that the ring  $Z_p$  of integers modulo  $p$  is a field iff  $p$  is prime.
11. Is union of two ideal of a ring  $R$  again an ideal ? If no give an example.

### Section C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Attempt any Three questions.

[3×4 = 12 Marks]

12. Show that the set  $Q = \{a_0 + a_1i + a_2j + a_3k | a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3 \in R\}$ , where  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = ijk = -1$ ,  $ij = -ji = k$ ,  $jk = -kj = i$ ,  $ki = -ik = j$  is a division ring which is not a field.
13. Define an ideal of a ring  $R$  and show that the intersection of any two ideal is again an ideal of  $R$ .
14. Show that the center of a division ring is a field.
15. If in a ring  $R$  with unity satisfying  $(xy)^2 = x^2y^2 \forall x, y \in R$ , prove that  $R$  is commutative.