



## UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

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### SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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#### SMA 405: ALGEBRA II

**DATE: APRIL 3, 2018**

**TIME: 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

**Answer Question ONE and ANY other two Questions**

#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a)

- i) Derive a group table/ Cayley table in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  (2 marks)
  - ii) Name three families of group and identify among them the finitely generated group among them. (4 marks)
- b) Show that an integral domain  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not a field (4 marks)
- c) Show that a group of order 200 has a normal Sylow 5 subgroup. (5 marks)
- d) Define Euclidean in integral domain and state its properties (5 marks)
- e) Define Field extension and list four examples of a ring (5 marks)
- f) Show that  $f(q) = q^4 + 2q^2 + 1$  has no root in  $\mathbb{R}$  but has two distinct roots in  $X$ . (5 marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a)

- i) Define multiplicity an of roots in polynomial (2 marks)
- ii) Find all of the zeros and multiplicity of

$$f(x) = 4x^8 - 64x^7 + 445x^6 - 1757x^5 + 4310x^4 - 6728x^3 + 6528x^2 - 3600x + 864,$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (8 marks)

- b)
- i) Define reducibility and irreducibility of a polynomial (2 marks)
  - ii) Determine whether the functions  $f(y) = y^6 - 27y^4 + 243y^2 + 729$  and  $g(x) = y^3 + 6$  are reducible or not.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  (8 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a)
- i) Define a field (2 marks)
  - ii) Proof that If  $R$  is a field and  $xy = 0$  in  $P$  for some  $x, y$  with  $x \neq 0$ ; then  $R$  is an integral domain (3 marks)
  - iii) Let  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  be defined as  $z = a + bi$  where  $\{a, b\} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $z \neq 0$ . Use  $Z$  to check whether  $\mathbb{C}$  is field or not? (5 marks)
- b) State and Proof 1<sup>st</sup> Sylow Theorem (10 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a)
- i) Define a ring and state its axioms (3 marks)
  - ii) Let Region  $R$  be a set of  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$  and let  $R(p)$  denotes polynomials in  $p$  whose coefficients in set of real numbers. If  $f(p) = 2p^3 + p^2 - 5$ ,  $g(p) = p^2 - 4p + 7$  and  $h(p) = 2p$ , Use  $f, g$  and  $h$  to verify axioms in a(i) (7 marks)
- b) State and Proof 2<sup>nd</sup> Sylow Theorem (10 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) State and Proof 3<sup>rd</sup> Sylow Theorem (10 marks)
- b)
- i) Define internal and external direct product of groups (4 marks)
  - ii) Give two examples of internal and external direct product of groups (6 marks)

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