

Answer the following four questions (The questions in two pages):

Question 1: (18 Marks)

- (1) Let $Z[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \in R \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$. Prove that $Z[\sqrt{2}]$ is a ring under the ordinary addition and multiplication of real numbers. (6 Marks)
- (2) Let $R = \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ and $S = \{(a, b, c) \in R \mid a + b = c\}$. Prove or disprove that S is a subring of R . (6 Marks)
- (3) Show that $2\mathbb{Z} \cup 3\mathbb{Z}$ is not a subring of $\mathbb{Z}$. (6 Marks)

Question 2: (30 Marks)

- (1) Define the following: (a) an integral domain (b) a field. (4 Marks)
- (2) Let $R = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$ under addition and multiplication modulo 10. Prove that R is a field. (6 Marks)
- (3) Give an example of (explain your answer):
 - (a) A non-commutative ring without unity. (5 Marks)
 - (b) A ring with zero divisors. (5 Marks)
 - (c) A commutative ring without zero-divisors that is not an integral domain. (5 Marks)
 - (d) A field of characteristic 3. (5 Marks)

Question 3: (25 Marks)

- (1) Define the following: (a) A prime ideal (b) A maximal ideal. (4 Marks)
- (2) Let $S = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \text{ is even}\}$. Show that S is a subring of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ but not an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$. (5 Marks)
- (3) Show that $R[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ is a field. (8 Marks)
- (4) Give an example of an ideal of a commutative ring with unity that is prime but maximal. (8 Marks)

Question 4: (32 Marks)

- (1) Define a ring homomorphism. (2 Marks)
- (2) State and prove the first isomorphism theorem for rings. (10 Marks)
- (3) Let $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$, and let ϕ be the mapping that takes $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}$ to $a-b$.
 - (i) Show that ϕ is a homomorphism. (4 Marks)
 - (ii) Determine the kernel of ϕ . (4 Marks)
 - (iii) Show that $R/\text{Ker}\phi$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}$. (4 Marks)
 - (iv) Is $\text{Ker}\phi$ a prime ideal? (4 Marks)
 - (v) Is $\text{Ker}\phi$ a maximal ideal? (4 Marks)

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My Best Wishes

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