

**Midsemestral examination 2009**  
**B.Math.Hons. IIIrd year**  
**Algebraic Number Theory : B.Sury**

*You may use auxiliary results, but quote them precisely. Be brief !*

**Q 1.**

Prove that an algebraic integer all of whose conjugates lie on the unit circle, must be a root of unity.

**OR**

If  $\theta$  is a non-zero algebraic integer and  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\theta)$ , show that the norm of the principal ideal  $(\theta)$  equals  $|N_{K/\mathbf{Q}}(\theta)|$ .

**Q 2.**

Show that any ideal  $I \neq 0$  in a Dedekind domain can be generated by two elements, one of which can be an arbitrary non-zero element.

**OR**

Show that a Dedekind domain which is a UFD must be a PID.

**Q 3.**

Let  $K = \mathbf{Q}(\alpha)$  where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $X^3 + X + 1$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{O}_K = \mathbf{Z}[\alpha]$ .

**Q 4.**

Prove the ‘cyclotomic reciprocity law’: a prime  $p$  splits completely in  $K := \mathbf{Q}[\zeta_n]$  (that is,  $p\mathcal{O}_K = P_1 \cdots P_{\phi(n)}$ ) if, and only if,  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

**OR**

Let  $d$  be a square-free (positive or negative) integer. Find the decomposition of the prime 2 in the ring of integers of  $\mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ .

**Q 5.**

If  $K$  is a number field and  $p$  is a prime such that  $p\mathbf{O}_K = P_1^{e_1} \cdots P_g^{e_g}$  where  $P_i$ ’s are prime ideals, prove that the norm of each  $P_i$  is of the form  $p^{f_i}$  and that we have  $\sum_{i=1}^g e_i f_i = n$ .

**Q 6.**

Let  $K$  denote the unique subfield of  $\mathbf{Q}[\zeta_{31}]$  of degree 6 over  $\mathbf{Q}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{O}_K$  cannot be of the form  $\mathbf{Z}[\alpha]$  for any  $\alpha$ .

(*Hint* : Use the relation between “decomposition of  $p$  and decomposition of  $f \pmod{p}$ ” along with the fact that if  $\mathcal{O}_K$  were of the form  $\mathbf{Z}[\alpha]$ , then the minimal polynomial must factor modulo 2 as a product of linear factors.)