



## EXAMINATION PAPER

<b>Examination Session:</b> May	<b>Year:</b> 2019	<b>Exam Code:</b> MATH3031-WE01
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<b>Title:</b> Number Theory III
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Time Allowed:	3 hours	
Additional Material provided:	None	
Materials Permitted:	None	
Calculators Permitted:	Yes	Models Permitted: Casio fx-83 GTPLUS or Casio fx-85 GTPLUS.
Visiting Students may use dictionaries: No		

Instructions to Candidates:	Credit will be given for: the best <b>FOUR</b> answers from Section A and the best <b>THREE</b> answers from Section B. Questions in Section B carry <b>TWICE</b> as many marks as those in Section A.
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## SECTION A

1. Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/p}$  a  $p$ -th root of unity.

(a) Show that the minimal polynomial of  $\zeta$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is equal to

$$\Phi(x) = x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + 1.$$

(b) Write  $R$  for the ring of integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ . Show that for all  $j = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$  we have

$$\frac{1 - \zeta^j}{1 - \zeta} \in R^\times.$$

2. Given that the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a Euclidean Domain, find the number of solutions  $(a, b)$  with  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  of the equation

$$a^2 + b^2 = 2^3 \times 3^4 \times 37^7.$$

Carefully justify every step of your answer.

3. Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ .

(a) Let  $\mathfrak{p} \subset R$  be a non-zero prime ideal in  $R$ . Show that there exists a unique prime  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\mathfrak{p} \supseteq (p)_R$ .

(b) Find the inverse of the ideal  $I = (3, 2 - \sqrt{-5})_R$ .

(c) With notation as above, is  $I$  a prime ideal? Justify your answer.

4. (a) Find the fundamental unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{11}]$ .

(b) Let  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $d > 1$ . Prove that if  $x + y\sqrt{d} \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$  is a unit such that  $x + y\sqrt{d} > 1$ , then  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ .

(c) Give formulae for the solutions  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  to  $x^2 - 11y^2 = 5$ . (You may use that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{11}]$  is a UFD.)

5. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-23})$  and  $R = \mathcal{O}_K$ . Let  $I_1 = (2, \frac{1+\sqrt{-23}}{2})_R$  and  $I_2 = (3, \frac{1+\sqrt{-23}}{2})_R$ .

(a) Compute the norm of the ideal  $I_1$ .

(b) Show that  $[I_1] = [I_2]^{-1}$  in the class group of  $R$ .

(c) Show that  $[I_1] \neq [I_2]$  in the class group of  $R$ .

6. (a) Let  $K$  be a number field of degree  $n = [K : \mathbb{Q}]$  and  $\Delta_K$  its discriminant. Show that

$$|\Delta_K| \geq \left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^n \frac{n^{2n}}{(n!)^2}.$$

(b) Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$ , where  $d$  is a square-free integer. Show that the class number  $h_K$  is 1 when  $2 \leq d \leq 5$ .

## SECTION B

7. (a) Show that the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-2}]$  is a Euclidean Domain.
- (b) Let  $R$  be the ring of integers of a number field  $K$ . A function  $\phi : R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is called a *Dedekind-Hasse* function if for any non-zero elements  $a, b \in R$  either  $a \in (b)_R$  or there is a non-zero  $x \in (a, b)_R$  such that  $\phi(x) < \phi(b)$ .
- (i) Show that an  $R$  for which a Dedekind-Hasse function exists is a Principal Ideal Domain.
- (ii) Assume now that  $R$  is a Principal Ideal Domain and hence also a Unique Factorization Domain. Define a function  $\phi : R \setminus \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  by setting  $\phi(u) = 1$  if  $u \in R^\times$  and  $\phi(r) = 2^n$  if  $r = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n$  where  $p_i \in R$  are irreducible. Show that  $\phi$  is a Dedekind-Hasse function.
- (iii) Assume again that  $R$  is a Principal Ideal Domain. Show that the function  $\phi(r) := |N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(r)|$  (the absolute value of the norm) is a Dedekind-Hasse function.  
(Hint: Here you may want to use the fact that an  $r \in R$  is a unit if and only if  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(r) = \pm 1$ .)
8. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  for some square-free integer  $d$  with  $d \neq 0, 1$ , and write  $R$  for the ring of integers of  $K$ .
- (a) (i) Show that the norm of ideals of  $R$  is multiplicative, that is  $N(IJ) = N(I)N(J)$  for non-zero ideals  $I, J \subseteq R$ .
- (ii) Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$  be an odd prime and assume that  $d \equiv m^2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  for some integer  $m$ . Show that  $(p)_R = \mathfrak{p}\tilde{\mathfrak{p}}$  with  $\mathfrak{p} \neq \tilde{\mathfrak{p}}$ , where  $\mathfrak{p} = (p, m - \sqrt{d})_R$ .
- (b) In the notation above we take  $d = -29$ .
- (i) Find the number of ideals in  $R$  of norm equal to 33, and of norm equal to 275. Justify your answer.
- (ii) Are there any non-principal ideals of norm 33? If yes, then give such an ideal by listing a set of generators for it.
9. (a) Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\theta)$  where  $\theta \in \mathbb{C}$  is such that  $\theta^3 - \theta - 2 = 0$ . Compute the discriminant of  $\mathbb{Z}[\theta]$  and prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[\theta] = \mathcal{O}_K$ .
- (b) Let  $p$  be an odd prime,  $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/p}$  a  $p$ -th root of unity, and  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta)$ . Compute the discriminant  $\Delta_K$ .
10. Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{-17})$  and  $R = \mathcal{O}_K$ .
- (a) Decompose the ideals  $(2)_R$ ,  $(3)_R$  and  $(5)_R$  into products of prime ideals.
- (b) Find all the ideals in  $R$  of norm at most 5.
- (c) Show that the class number  $h_K$  is at most 5.
- (d) Determine the class number  $h_K$ .