



MBS-01

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**M. Phil. (Sem. II) (CBCS) Examination**

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**Mathematics : CMT - 20001**

*(Topology)*

Time : 3 Hours]

[Total Marks : 100

**Instructions :**

- (1) There are **five** questions in this paper.
- (2) All questions are **compulsory**.

1 Fill in the blanks: (Each question carries **two** marks) **14**

- (a) If  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous function then  $f^{-1}(\{1\})$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ set.
- (b) If  $I$  is a  $Z$  - ideal which contains a prime ideal then  $I$  is a \_\_\_\_\_ ideal.
- (c) Every \_\_\_\_\_ maximal ideal in  $C^*(\mathbb{N})$  contains the function  $j(n)$ .
- (d) In a normal space  $X$  every \_\_\_\_\_ subset is C-embedded in  $X$ .
- (e) In  $C(\mathbb{N})$  every ideal is a \_\_\_\_\_ ideal.
- (f) If  $A$  and  $B$  are completely separated in  $X$  then  $A$  and  $B$  are contained in disjoint \_\_\_\_\_ sets.
- (g) The space of natural numbers is \_\_\_\_\_ embedded in its Stone - Cech compactification.

- 2** Attempt any **three** of the following : **24**
- a) Prove that an ideal  $M$  is a maximal ideal if and only if  $Z(M)$  is a  $Z$  - ultra filter.
- b) State and prove the necessary and sufficient condition under which a subspace  $S$  of  $X$  is  $C^*$  - embedded in  $X$ .
- c) i) Give an example of an ideal in  $C(X)$  which is a  $Z$  - ideal.
- ii) Prove for any ideal  $I$ ,  $Z^{-1}(Z(I))$  is a  $Z$  - ideal.
- d) Prove that countable intersection of a zero sets is a zero set.

- 3** All are compulsory : **24**
- a) Let  $I = \{f \in C(\mathbb{R}) : Z(f) \text{ is a neighbourhood of } 0\}$ . **8**  
Show that  $I$  is a  $Z$ -ideal and it is not the intersection of maximal ideals containing it.
- b) Give an example of an ideal in  $C^*(\mathbb{N})$  which is **6**  
not the intersection of any ideal of  $C(\mathbb{N})$  with  $C^*(\mathbb{N})$ .
- c) Suppose  $I$  is a  $Z$ -ideal which contains a prime **5**  
ideal. Prove that  $I$  is a prime ideal in  $C(X)$ .
- d) Prove that in a compact space every  $z$ -filter has **5**  
a cluster point.

**OR**

- 3** All are compulsory : **24**
- a) Let  $X$  be a compact Hausdorff space. **8**
- i) Prove that the closure of an ideal  $I$  in  $C(X)$  is an ideal in  $C(X)$ .
- ii) Prove that every maximal ideal in  $C(X)$  is closed.  
[ $C(X)$ = the Banach algebra of all complex valued continuous functions on  $X$ ].

- b) Prove that two sets are completely separated in  $X$  if and only if they are contained in disjoint zero sets of  $X$ . 5
- c) Prove that every prime ideal of  $C(X)$  is contained in a unique maximal ideal of  $C(X)$ . 5
- d) Prove that  $\beta(X)$  is disconnected if and only if  $X$  is disconnected. 6
- 4** Attempt any **three** of the following : **24**
- a) Prove that a space  $X$  is compact if and only if every maximal ideal in  $C^*(X)$  is fixed.
- b) Suppose  $X$  is a dense subspace of  $T$  and  $X$  is  $C^*$ -embedded in  $T$ . Prove that
- i) If  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are disjoint zero sets in  $X$  then  $Cl_T(Z_1)$  and  $Cl_T(Z_2)$  are disjoint.
- ii) If  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are zero sets in  $X$  then  $Cl_T(Z_1 \cap Z_2) = Cl_T(Z_1) \cap Cl_T(Z_2)$ .
- c) Let  $C(X)$  be the banach algebra of all complex valued continuous functions defined on a compact hausdorff space  $X$ . Prove that there is a one-one correspondence between the non-empty closed subsets of  $X$  and closed ideals of  $C(X)$ .
- d) Prove that a subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  is  $C$ -embedded in  $\mathbb{R}$  if and only if it is a zero set of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 5** Do as directed : (Each question carries **two** marks) **14**
- a) Give reasons why  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  is not a zero set.
- b) Give a continuous function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  for which  $Z(f)$  is a countable infinite set.

- c) Suppose  $f \in C(X)$  and  $A = \{x \in X / f(x) > \frac{1}{2}\}$ . Is  $A$  zero set? Give reason.
- d) Suppose  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $I$  be the principal ideal generated by  $f(x)$ . Give a function  $g$  in  $C(X)$  such that  $g \in Z^{-1}(Z(I))$  but  $g \notin I$ .
- e) Give the definition of a compactification of a space  $X$  and give the characteristic property of the Stone - Cech compactification of  $X$ .
- f) Give an example of a free maximal ideal in  $C(\mathbb{N})$ .
- g) Give a continuous function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $f$  cannot be extended to a continuous function  $g : \beta(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
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