

MA3203: Algebra II (Spring 2019)  
Mid Semester, Duration: 90 minutes

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Answer all the questions. The maximum possible points is 20.

No marks will be given without justification!

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- 1 (a). Show that there is no non-trivial ring homomorphism from  $\mathbb{C}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . [3]  
(b). Let  $I, J$  be two co-maximal ideals of a commutative ring  $R$  and  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Is it true that  $I^m$  and  $J^n$  are also co-maximal? [2.5]
- 2 (a). Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $I, J \subset R$  be two ideals such that  $I + J = R$ . Prove that  $IJ = I \cap J$ . [3]  
(b). Is the converse true? (i.e.,  $IJ = I \cap J \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} I + J = R$ ) [2.5]
- 3 (a). Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with 1 and  $\mathcal{M} = (a)$  be a maximal ideal of  $R$ . Show that  $a$  is irreducible. [3]  
(b). Is the converse true? (i.e.,  $a$  is irreducible  $\stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow}$   $(a)$  is maximal) [2.5]
- 4 (a). Let  $R$  be a UFD. Show that every non-zero prime ideal of  $R$  contains a prime element. [3]  
(b). Let  $R$  be a ring such that  $R[X]$  is a PID. Is  $R[X]$  a Euclidean domain? [2.5]
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You can use the following result without a proof.

If  $K$  is a field then  $K[X]$  is a Euclidean domain.

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