

**Instructions:** You are encouraged to work out solutions to these problems in groups! Discuss the problems with your classmates and/or your instructor. After doing so, please write up your solutions legibly on a separate sheet (or sheets) of paper (this part should be done on your own) and write down the names of the classmates with whom you worked. Be sure to use *complete sentences*. Note: Proofs should contain *words*, not just symbols.

1. (Chapter 16, Exercise 12) Let  $f(x) = 5x^4 + 3x^3 + 1$  and  $g(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$  in  $Z_7[x]$ . Determine the quotient ( $q(x)$ ) and remainder ( $r(x)$ ) upon dividing  $f(x)$  by  $g(x)$ .

2. (Chapter 16, Exercise 40) Let  $R$  be a c-ring with unity. If  $I$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ , prove that  $I[x]$  is a prime ideal of  $R[x]$ .

Hint: This problem can be done in a number of ways (as usual). One way makes use of homomorphisms. If you choose this method, you may use without proof the fact that if  $\varphi : R \rightarrow S$  is a ring homomorphism, so is  $\Phi : R[x] \rightarrow S[x]$  given by  $\Phi(a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0) = \varphi(a_n) x^n + \varphi(a_{n-1}) x^{n-1} + \cdots + \varphi(a_1) x + \varphi(a_0)$ .

3. (Chapter 16, Exercise 42) Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 - 2 \rangle$  is ring-isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ .

Hint: You can use the fact that evaluation is a homomorphism. That is, if  $D$  and  $R$  are integral domains, and  $D$  is a subring of  $R$ , then the map  $E_c : D[x] \rightarrow R$ , for some integral domain  $R$  via  $E_c(f(x)) = E_c(a_n x^n + \cdots + a_0) = f(c) = a_n \cdot c^n + \cdots + a_0 \cdot c \in R$  (for  $c \in R$ ) is a homomorphism.

4. (a) (Chapter 17, Exercise 6) Suppose  $f(x) \in Z_p[x]$  and is irreducible over  $Z_p$ , where  $p$  is a prime. If  $\deg f(x) = n$ , prove that  $Z_p[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$  is a field with  $p^n$  elements.

(b) (Chapter 17, Exercise 8) Construct a field of order 27.

5. (Chapter 18, Exercise 2) In an integral domain, show  $a$  and  $b$  are associates if and only if  $\langle a \rangle = \langle b \rangle$ .

6. (Chapter 18, Exercise 4) In an integral domain, show that the product of an irreducible and a unit is an irreducible.