

**1 Easy**

(a)  $\varphi: L \rightarrow L$  is a homomorphism of fields, a bijection, and  $\varphi(a) = a$  for all  $a \in K$ . **3**

(b)(i) The *Galois group*  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$  is the set of  $K$ -automorphisms of  $L$  with composition as the group operation. **2**

(ii) A field extension  $L/K$  is *Galois* if  $[L : K] = |\text{Gal}(L/K)|$ . **2**

(c)(i) There is only one element, the identity.

For  $\varphi$  any automorphism,  $\varphi(\sqrt[3]{2})$  must again be a cube root of unity. But  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$  and so  $\varphi(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \sqrt[3]{2}$ . **3**

(c)(ii) There are two elements, the identity and the map

$$\varphi(a + b\omega) = a + b\omega^2.$$

This is (a restriction of) complex conjugation so is a field automorphism.

These are the only possibilities because any  $\varphi$  must leave each rational fixed and the only possibilities for  $\varphi(\omega)$  are  $\omega$  and the other nonrational cube root,  $\omega^2$ . **3**

(d)  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \omega)$ . **3**

(e)(i) Try  $\gamma = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}$ . Clearly  $\mathbb{Q}(\gamma) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{7})$ . Now

$$\gamma^3 = 3\sqrt{3} + 3 \times 3\sqrt{7} + 3 \times 7\sqrt{3} + 7\sqrt{7} = 24\sqrt{3} + 16\sqrt{7} = 16\gamma + 8\sqrt{3}$$

so

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{1}{8}(\gamma^3 - 16\gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}(\gamma).$$

Similarly  $24\sqrt{3} + 16\sqrt{7} = 24\gamma - 8\sqrt{7}$  so

$$\sqrt{7} = -\frac{1}{8}(\gamma^3 - 24\gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}(\gamma).$$

So  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{7}) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}(\gamma)$ . **4**

(e)(ii)  $x^4 - 20x^2 + 16$ . **3**

(f)  $G$  is *soluble* if there is a finite chain

$$G = G_0 \geq G_1 \geq \cdots \geq G_n = \{1\}$$

such that each  $G_{i+1}$  is normal in  $G_i$  **1** and each quotient is abelian. **1**

**2(a) Bookwork. Easy**

$$\lambda_n(x) = \prod_{\text{primitive } n\text{th roots of unity}} (x - \zeta). \quad \boxed{3}$$

**(b) Unseen.** Let  $\zeta$  be any primitive 15th root of unity. Then  $\zeta^5$  will be a cube root of unity. But it will not be 1 since, if it were,  $\zeta$  would not be primitive as a 15th root.

So  $\zeta^5$  must be a primitive cube root of unity and therefore satisfies  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ . That is,  $\zeta^{10} + \zeta^5 + 1 = 0$ .  $\boxed{3}$

**(c) Unseen. Easy.  $\boxed{3}$**

**(d) Unseen.** The integers  $1 \leq k \leq 15$  which are coprime to 15 are 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14. There are eight such integers, so  $\lambda_{15}(x)$  has degree eight. By (a),  $\lambda_{15}(x)$  divides  $x^{10} + x^5 + 1$ . The factor  $x^2 + x + 1$  in (b) is  $\lambda_3(x)$ . So the remaining factor must be the product of  $(x - \zeta)$  for all primitive 15th roots of unity  $\zeta$ .  $\boxed{3}$

**3. Bookwork.**

(a) TPE: Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a field extension. Then  $L = K(\gamma)$  for some element  $\gamma \in L$ . 2

(b) APR: Let  $K \subseteq L$  be a field extension, and let  $\alpha \in L$  be algebraic over  $K$  1 with minimal polynomial  $f(x) \in K[x]$  over  $K$  1. If  $\theta \in \text{Gal}(L/K)$ , then  $\theta(\alpha)$  is also a root of  $f(x)$ . 2

(c) By the TPE, there exists an  $\alpha \in L$  such that  $L = K(\alpha)$ . Let  $f(x)$  denote the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha$  over  $K$ . Then

- $[L : K]$  is equal to the degree of  $f$ , 1 and
- $|\text{Gal}(L/K)|$  is equal to the number of distinct roots of  $f$  in  $L$ . 1

So  $[L : K] = |\text{Gal}(L/K)|$  implies that the number of roots of  $f$  in  $L$  is equal to the degree of  $f$ ; that is,  $f$  factorises over  $L$  into distinct linear factors. Thus  $L$  is the splitting field of  $f(x)$  over  $K$ . 2

(d)  $L$  is the splitting field of some polynomial  $f(x) \in K[x]$  by (c). Since  $K \subseteq M$  we have  $f(x) \in M[x]$ . Now  $L$  splits  $f(x)$  and is generated over  $K$  by the roots, so it is also generated over  $M$  by the roots. Thus  $L$  is the splitting field for  $f(x)$  over  $M$ , and is therefore Galois. 4

(e) By the TPE there is  $\alpha \in M$  such that  $M = K(\alpha)$  and  $M$  is the splitting field for the irreducible polynomial  $m_\alpha(x)$ . 2 Now  $\varphi$  must map  $\alpha$  to another root of  $m_\alpha(x)$  by the APR but this root,  $\beta$  say, is also in  $M$ , because  $M$  splits  $m_\alpha(x)$ . It then follows that  $\varphi(M) \subseteq M$ . 2 Similarly  $\varphi^{-1}(M) \subseteq M$ , so  $\varphi(M) = M$ . 1

(f) **Bookwork, Hard** Take  $\varphi \in \text{Gal}(L/K)$  and  $\theta \in \text{Gal}(L/M)$ . Since  $M/K$  is Galois,  $\varphi(M) = M$  by (e). Thus  $\varphi(\theta(\varphi^{-1}(m))) = \varphi(\theta(m'))$  where  $m' = \varphi^{-1}(m) \in M$  and so

$$\varphi(\theta(\varphi^{-1}(m))) = \varphi(\theta(m')) = \varphi(m') = m.$$

That is,  $\varphi \circ \theta \circ \varphi^{-1}$  fixes every element of  $M$ . So  $\varphi \circ \theta \circ \varphi^{-1} \in \text{Gal}(L/M)$ , and therefore  $\text{Gal}(L/M)$  is normal in  $\text{Gal}(L/K)$ . 4

Now define a map

$$\Phi : \text{Gal}(L/K) \longrightarrow \text{Gal}(M/K) \quad \theta \mapsto \theta|_M. \quad \text{2}$$

Since  $\theta(M) = M$ , we have  $\theta|_M \in \text{Gal}(M/K)$ , as required. The map  $\Phi$  is easily seen to be a group homomorphism, and its kernel consists of all  $\theta$  such that  $\theta|_M(m) = m$  for all  $m \in M$ , so is  $\text{Gal}(L/M)$ . 3 Then the first isomorphism theorem for groups gives:

$$\frac{\text{Gal}(L/K)}{\text{Gal}(L/M)} \cong \text{Im } \Phi \subseteq \text{Gal}(M/K). \quad \text{1}$$

Now the order of the quotient group is

$$\frac{|\text{Gal}(L/K)|}{|\text{Gal}(L/M)|} = \frac{[L : K]}{[L : M]} \quad \text{1}$$

since  $L/K$  and  $L/M$  are Galois,  $\boxed{2}$  and

$$\frac{[L : K]}{[L : M]} = [M : K] = |\text{Gal}(M/K)|. \quad \boxed{2}$$

Therefore  $\text{Im } \Phi = \text{Gal}(M/K)$ .  $\boxed{1}$

**FIT:** If  $\varphi: G \rightarrow H$  is a group homomorphism then there is a unique group isomorphism  $\bar{\varphi}: G/\ker(\varphi) \rightarrow \text{Im}(\varphi)$  such that  $\varphi(g) = \bar{\varphi}(g\ker(\varphi))$  for all  $g \in G$ .  $\boxed{2}$

**Degree Theorem:** If  $K \subseteq M \subseteq L$  are field extensions, then  $[L : K] = [L : M][M : K]$ .

$\boxed{1}$

**4. Standard type.**

(a)  $\xi$  is a primitive 7th root of unity and 7 is prime, so

$$1 + \xi + \xi^2 + \xi^3 + \xi^4 + \xi^5 + \xi^6 = 0. \quad \boxed{2}$$

Next, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \beta &= \xi + \xi^6 \\ \beta^2 &= \xi^2 + 2\xi^7 + \xi^{12} \\ &= 2 + \xi^2 + \xi^5 \\ \beta^3 &= \xi^3 + 3\xi^8 + 3\xi^{13} + \xi^{18} \\ &= 3\xi + \xi^3 + \xi^4 + 3\xi^6, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\beta^3 + \beta^2 - 2\beta - 1 = 1 + \xi + \xi^2 + \xi^3 + \xi^4 + \xi^5 + \xi^6 = 0,$$

so  $x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1$  is the required cubic polynomial for  $\beta$ .  $\boxed{3}$

(b) Similarly, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^2 &= (\xi + \xi^2 + \xi^4)^2 \\ &= \xi^2 + \xi^4 + \xi^8 + 2(\xi^3 + \xi^5 + \xi^6) \\ &= \xi + \xi^2 + 2\xi^3 + \xi^4 + 2\xi^5 + 2\xi^6 \\ \gamma^2 + \gamma + 2 &= 2 + 2\xi + 2\xi^2 + 2\xi^3 + 2\xi^4 + 2\xi^5 + 2\xi^6 = 0, \end{aligned}$$

so  $x^2 + x + 2$  is the required quadratic polynomial for  $\gamma$ .  $\boxed{3}$

(c) Using the quadratic formula we deduce that

$$\gamma = (-1 \pm \sqrt{-7})/2 \quad \text{so} \quad \sqrt{-7} = \pm(1 + 2\gamma) \in \mathbb{Q}(\gamma). \quad \boxed{2}$$

(d) The elements of  $G(\mathbb{Q}(\xi)/\mathbb{Q})$  are the automorphisms  $\varphi_k$  given by  $\xi \mapsto \xi^k$ , where  $0 < k < 7$ .  $\boxed{1}$  Since 7 is prime,  $k$  and 7 are coprime for all such  $k$ . Thus, we have

$$G(\mathbb{Q}(\xi)/\mathbb{Q}) = \{\varphi_1 = \text{id}, \varphi_2, \varphi_3, \varphi_4, \varphi_5, \varphi_6\}. \quad \boxed{2}$$

(e) The powers of 3 mod 7 are 1, 3, 2, 6, 4 and 5, so the powers of  $\varphi_3$  are  $\varphi_1, \varphi_3, \varphi_2, \varphi_6, \varphi_4$  and  $\varphi_5$ . Thus, the group  $G(\mathbb{Q}(\xi)/\mathbb{Q})$  is cyclic of order 6,  $\boxed{1}$  generated by  $\theta = \varphi_3$ .  $\boxed{2}$

Any finite cyclic group has precisely one subgroup of each order dividing the group order. Thus, the subgroups are

$$\begin{aligned} C_1 &= \{1\} \\ C_2 &= \{1, \theta^3\} \\ C_3 &= \{1, \theta^2, \theta^4\} \\ C_6 &= \{1, \theta, \theta^2, \theta^3, \theta^4, \theta^5\} = G(\mathbb{Q}(\xi)/\mathbb{Q}). \quad \boxed{2} \end{aligned}$$

The lattices of subgroups and subfields are as follows:

4 for subgroups, 3 for subfields