

**MATH 611 ABSTRACT ALGEBRA I**  
**SAMPLE FINAL EXAM**

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Throughout,  $R$  is a commutative ring and unless otherwise stated,  $M, N$  are  $R$ -modules.

- (1) a) Describe the module structure of  $\text{Hom}_R(M, N)$ , the set of all  $R$ -linear maps from  $M$  to  $N$ .  
b) Prove that  $\text{Hom}_R(R, M)$  is isomorphic to  $M$  as  $R$ -module.
- (2) Define what it means for  $M$  to be a Noetherian module and give 2 other equivalent conditions for it.
- (3) a) Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a ring homomorphism and let  $N$  be an  $S$ -module. Describe how we think of  $N$  as an  $R$ -module.  
b) Suppose  $S$  is finitely generated as  $R$ -module and  $N$  is finitely generated as  $S$ -module. Show that  $N$  is finitely generated as  $R$ -module.  
c) If  $M$  is an  $R$ -module how do you extend scalars to get an associated  $S$ -module  $N = M_S$ ?
- (4) What does it mean for  $S$  to be an  $R$ -algebra? What is a synonym for  $\mathbb{Z}$ -algebra?
- (5) Show that  $M$  is a finitely generated  $R$ -module if and only if  $M$  is isomorphic to a quotient of  $R^n$  for some integer  $n > 0$ .
- (6) Show that if  $N, N'$  are submodules of  $M$ , then  $(N + N')/N \approx N'/(N \cap N')$ .
- (7) Suppose  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ , and let  $IM = \{\sum_{i=1}^k r_i m_i \mid r_i \in I, m_i \in M, k \geq 0\}$ . Show that  $M/IM \approx (R/I) \otimes_R M$ .
- (8) For a f.g. module  $M$ , over a PID, describe the structure of  $M/\text{Tor}(M)$ .