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First Semester

Mathematics — Core

ALGEBRA — I

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.:

1. A homomorphism  $\phi$  from  $G$  into  $\overline{G}$  is said to be an isomorphism if  $\phi$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) one to one (b) onto  
(c) not one to one (d) bijective
2. Every subgroup of an abelian group is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) right coset (b) left coset  
(c) normal (d) not normal

3. In a group  $b^5 = e$  and  $aba^{-1} = a^2$  for some  $a, b \in G$ . The order of  $a$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 5 (b) 10  
(c) 0 (d) divisor of 10
4. Let  $G$  be a group and  $\phi$  an automorphism of  $G$ . If  $a \in G$  is of order  $o(a) > 0$ , then  $o(\phi(a)) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 0 (b) 1  
(c)  $o(a)$  (d)  $\infty$
5. If  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  then  $\alpha\beta =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
(a)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  (b)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$   
(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  (d)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
6. If  $o(G) = p^2$  where  $p$  is a prime number then  $G$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) normal (b) left coset  
(c) right coset (d) abelian
7. The value of  $9c_2$  is \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) 18 (b) 8  
(c) 32 (d) 36

8. The number of p-sylow subgroups in  $G$ , for a given prime is of the form \_\_\_\_\_

- (a)  $1+kp$  (b)  $1-kp$   
(c)  $kp$  (d)  $\frac{1+k}{p}$

9. If  $\phi \neq 1 \in \hat{G}$  where  $G$  is an abelian group then  $\sum_{g \in G} \phi(g) =$  \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) 1 (b) 2  
(c)  $\infty$  (d) 0

10. The number of non-isomorphic abelian groups of order  $p^n$ ,  $p$  an prime, equals the number of partitions of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a)  $\frac{n}{2}$  (b)  $n!$   
(c)  $n$  (d)  $n-1$

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) If  $G$  is a finite group and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then prove that  $o(G/N) = o(G)/o(N)$ .

Or

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(b) If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $G$  into  $\bar{G}$ , then prove that :

- (i)  $\phi(e) = \bar{e}$ , the unit element of  $\bar{G}$ .  
(ii)  $\phi(x^{-1}) = \phi(x)^{-1}$  for all  $x \in G$

12. (a) Show that  $\mathcal{I}(G) \approx G/Z$ , where  $\mathcal{I}(G)$  is the group of inner automorphisms of  $G$ , and  $Z$  is the center of  $G$ .

Or

(b) If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  show that for every  $g \in G$ ,  $gHg^{-1}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

13. (a) Prove that  $N(a)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

Or

(b) If  $o(G) = p^n$  where  $p$  is a prime number, then prove that  $Z(G) \neq \{e\}$ .

14. (a) Prove that  $n(k) = 1 + p + \dots + p^{k-1}$ .

Or

(b) If  $p^m \mid o(G)$ ,  $p^{m+1} \nmid o(G)$ , then prove that  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $p^m$ .

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15. (a) Let  $G$  be a group and suppose that  $G$  is the integral direct product of  $N_1, \dots, N_n$ . Let  $T = N_1 \times N_2 \times \dots \times N_n$ . Then prove that  $G$  and  $T$  are isomorphic.

Or

- (b) If  $G$  and  $G'$  are isomorphic abelian groups, then prove that for every integer  $s$ ,  $G(s)$ , and  $G'(s)$  are isomorphic.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) State and prove Sylow's theorem for Abelian groups.

Or

- (b) Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $\bar{G}$  with kernel  $K$ , and let  $\bar{N}$  be a normal subgroup of  $\bar{G}$ ,  $N = \{x \in G \mid \phi(x) \in \bar{N}\}$ . Then prove that  $G/N \approx \bar{G}/\bar{N}$ . Equivalently,  $G/N \approx (G/K)/(N/K)$ .

17. (a) If  $G$  is a group, then prove that  $\mathcal{A}(G)$ , the set of automorphisms of  $G$ , is also a group.

Or

- (b) Let  $G$  be a finite group,  $T$  an automorphism of  $G$  with the property that  $xt = x$  iff  $x = e$ . Suppose further that  $T^2 = 1$  prove that  $G$  must be abelian.

18. (a) State and prove Cauchy theorem.

Or

- (b) Prove :  $o(G) = \sum \frac{o(G)}{o(N(a))}$  where this sum runs over one element  $a$  in each conjugate class.

19. (a) State and prove Sylow theorem.

Or

- (b) Prove that  $S_{p^k}$  has a  $p$ -sylow subgroup.

20. (a) Let  $G$  be an abelian group of order  $p^n$ ,  $p$  a prime. Suppose that  $G = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_k$ , where each  $A_i = \langle a_i \rangle$  is cyclic of order  $p^{n_i}$ , and  $n_1 \geq n_2 \geq \dots \geq n_k > 0$ . If  $m$  is an integer such that  $n_i > m \geq n_{i+1}$  then prove that  $G(p^m) = B_1 \times \dots \times B_i \times A_{i+1} \times \dots \times A_k$  where  $B_i$  is cyclic of order  $p^m$ , generated by  $a_i^{p^{n_i-m}}$ , for  $i \leq t$ . The order of  $G(p^m)$  is  $p^u$ , where  $u = mt + \sum_{i=t+1}^k n_i$ .

Or

- (b) Show that the two abelian groups of order  $p^n$  are isomorphic iff they have the same invariants.