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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. If G has no nontrivial subgroups, show that G must be _____ of prime order.
(a) Uncountable (b) Finite
(c) Infinite (d) None of these
2. Every subgroup of an abelian group is _____.
(a) right coset (b) last coset
(c) normal (d) not normal

8. If $p^m \mid o(G)$, $p^{m+1} \nmid o(G)$ then G has a subgroup of order _____.
(a) p^2 (b) p^{m-1}
(c) p^m (d) p^{m+1}
9. If $\phi \neq 1 \in G$ where G is an abelian group then $\sum_{g \in G} \phi(g) =$ _____.
(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) ∞ (d) 0
10. If $g_1 \neq g_2$ are in G , G a finite abelian group, then there is a $\phi \in G$ with $\phi(g_1)$ _____ $\phi(g_2)$.
(a) = (b) \neq
(c) $>$ (d) $<$

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) Show that N is a normal subgroup of G iff $gNg^{-1} = N$ for every $g \in G$.
Or
(b) Suppose G is a group. N a normal subgroup of G ; define the mapping ϕ from G to G/N by $\phi(x) = Nx$ for all $x \in G$. Then prove that ϕ is a homomorphism of G onto G/N .

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3. Let G be a group and ϕ 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) ∞
4. The number of automorphisms of a cyclic group of order n is _____.
(a) $\phi(n)$ (b) n
(c) n^2 (d) 1
5. Every permutation is a product of _____ cycles.
(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 4
6. If $o(G) = p^2$ where p is a prime numbers then G is _____.
(a) normal (b) left coset
(c) right coset (d) abelian
7. 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) $\frac{1+k}{p}$

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12. (a) Show that $J(G) \approx G/Z$. where $J(G)$ is the group of inner automorphisms of G , and Z is the center of G .
Or
(b) If G is a finite group. and $H \neq G$ is a subgroup of G such that $o(G \setminus i(H))!$ then Prove that H must contain a nontrivial normal subgroup of G . in particular, G cannot be simple.
13. (a) If $o(G) = p^2$ where p is a prime number, then prove that G is abelian.

Or

- (b) Show that Every permutation is the product of its cycles.
14. (a) If $p^m \mid o(G)$, $p^{m+1} \nmid o(G)$ then show that G has a subgroup of order p^m .

Or

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

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15. (a) If G and G' are isomorphic abelian groups, then prove that for every integers, $G(s)$, and $G'(s)$ are isomorphic.

Or

- (b) Suppose that G is the integral direct product of N_1, \dots, N_n . Then Prove that for $i \neq j$, $N_i \cap N_j = \{e\}$, and if $a \in N_i, b \in N_j$ then $ab = ba$.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Show that if ϕ is a homomorphism of G into G with kernel K , then K is a normal subgroup of G .

Or

- (b) State and prove Cauchy's theorem for Abelian Groups.

17. (a) State and prove Cayley's theorem.

Or

- (b) Show that if G is a group, then Prove that $\mathcal{A}(G)$ the set of automorphisms of G , is also a group.

18. (a) Prove that conjugacy is an equivalence relation on G .

Or

- (b) Show that the number of conjugate classes in S_n is $p(n)$, the number of partitions of n .

19. (a) State and prove Third part of Sylow's Theorem.

Or

- (b) Let G be a finite group and suppose that G is a subgroup of the finite group M . Suppose further that M has a p -syllow subgroup Q . Then Prove that G has a p -syllow subgroup P . In fact, $P = G \cap xQx^{-1}$ for some $x \in M$.

20. (a) Prove that every finite abelian group is the direct product of cyclic groups.

Or

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