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First Semester

Mathematics – Core

ALGEBRA – I

(For those who joined in July 2020 only)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 1 = 10$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The kernel of a homomorphism $f : G \rightarrow G'$ is

- (a) a normal subgroup of G
- (b) $\{e\}$
- (c) a normal subgroup of G'
- (d) a subgroup of G'

2. If G is a non-abelian subgroup of order 6, then
 - (a) $G \cong S_2$
 - (b) $G \cong S_3$
 - (c) $G \cong S_6$
 - (d) None of the above
3. The smallest non-abelian group is
 - (a) S_2
 - (b) S_3
 - (c) Z
 - (d) N
4. If G is a group having 99 elements and H is a subgroup with 11 elements, then $i(H) =$
 - (a) $9!$
 - (b) 11
 - (c) 9
 - (d) $11!$
5. Which of the following is an even permutation
 - (a) $(1, 2, 3)(1, 2)$
 - (b) $(2, 3)(3, 4, 5)$
 - (c) $(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)$
 - (d) $(1, 2)(1, 3)(1, 4)(2, 5)$
6. If Z is the center of a group G then $a \in Z$ if and only if $N(a) =$
 - (a) Z
 - (b) G
 - (c) $\{a\}$
 - (d) $\{e\}$

7. Let G be group of order 72. G has _____ number of 3-Sylow subgroups
- (a) 1 (b) 4
(c) either 1 or 4 (d) 0
8. 2-Sylow subgroup of S_4 is
- (a) $\{(1, 2), (3, 4), e\}$
(b) $\{(1, 2), (4, 3), e\}$
(c) $\{(1, 2), (3, 4), (1, 2, 3, 4), e\}$
(d) $\{(1, 2), (3, 4), (1, 2), (3, 4), e\}$
9. The number of non-isomorphic abelian groups of order 2^4 is
- (a) 4 (b) 5
(c) 7 (d) 1
10. Let G be a group and let $T = G \times G; D = \{(g, g) : g \in G\}$. Then D is normal in T if and only if
- (a) T is abelian
(b) D is abelian
(c) G is abelian
(d) G is non-abelian

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

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

11. (a) If H and K are subgroups of a group G , then prove that HK is a subgroup of G if and only if $HK = KH$.

Or

- (b) Define the terms homomorphism, $\text{Ker } \phi$. Prove that if $\phi: G \rightarrow \bar{G}$ is a homomorphism, then $\phi(e) = \bar{e}; (\phi(x))^{-1} = \phi(x^{-1})$.

12. (a) Define Automorphism. If G is a group, then $A(G)$ - the set of all automorphisms of G is also a group.

Or

- (b) Define inner automorphism. Prove that $I(G) \cong \frac{G}{Z}$, where $I(G)$ is the group of inner automorphisms of G and Z is the centre of G .

13. (a) Prove that every permutation is a product of its cycles.

Or

- (b) Define normalizer of an element in a group. Prove that if G is a finite group, then the number of elements conjugate to a in G is the index of the normalizer of a in G .

14. (a) Define $n(k)$. Prove that

$$n(k) = 1 + p + p^2 + \dots + p^{(k-1)}.$$

Or

- (b) Prove that any group G of order $11^2 \times 13^2$ is abelian.

15. (a) Suppose that G is the internal direct product of N_1, N_2, \dots, N_m . Then, for $i \neq j$, $N_i \cap N_j = (e)$ and if $a \in N_i, b \in N_j$; then $ab = ba$.

Or

- (b) If G and G' are isomorphic abelian groups, then $G(s)$ and $G'(s)$ are isomorphic.

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

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

16. (a) If H and K are finite subgroups of G of orders $o(H)$ and $o(K)$ respectively, then prove that $o(HK) = \frac{o(H)o(K)}{o(H \cap K)}$

Or

- (b) State and prove Cauchy's theorem for abelian groups.

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

Or

- (b) Define a simple group. If G is a finite group and $H \neq G$ is a sub group of G such that $o(G) + i(H)!$, then prove that G can not be simple.

18. (a) Define and derive class equation of a finite group G .

Or

- (b) Let p be prime number. If $o(G) = p^n$, then prove that $Z(G) \neq \{e\}$. Deduce that if $o(G) = p^2$, then G is abelian.

19. (a) State Sylow's theorem and give the third proof.

Or

- (b) State and prove the third part of Sylow's theorem.

20. (a) Prove that two abelian groups of order p^n are isomorphic if and only if they have the same invariants.

Or

- (b) Prove that the internal direct product of groups is isomorphic to their external direct product.