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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 ϕ from G into \overline{G} is said to be an isomorphism if ϕ 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 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) ∞

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

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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 $\phi \neq 1 \in G$ where G is an abelian group then $\sum_{g \in G} \phi(g) =$ _____

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) ∞ (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 — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ 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 ϕ is a homomorphism of G into \overline{G} , then prove that :

- (i) $\phi(e) = \bar{e}$, the unit element of \overline{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 production 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 — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

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

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

Or

- (b) Let ϕ 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.

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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.

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