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(MT - 603) : Groups and Rings

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*Time : 3 Hours]*

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*Instructions to the candidates:*

- 1) *Attempt any five questions.*
- 2) *Figures to the right indicate full marks.*

**Q1)** a) If  $G$  be a finite group and  $a, b \in G$ , then prove the order  $(ab) = \text{order } (ba)$ . [5]

b) Define a subgroup. Let  $H$  be finite subset of a group  $G$ . Then prove that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $H$  is closed under the operation of  $G$ . [5]

c) Prove that any cyclic group is isomorphic to either  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Also find all the generators of  $\mathbb{Z}_{25}$ . [6]

**Q2)** a) Prove that  $(\mathbb{Z}[x], +)$  and  $(\mathbb{Q}^+, \cdot)$  are isomorphic. [5]

b) Give an example of an infinite group whose every element is of finite order. Justify the answer. [5]

c) Prove that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic. Moreover prove that, if  $|\langle a \rangle| = n$ , then the order of any subgroup of  $\langle a \rangle$  is a divisor of  $n$ ; and, for each positive divisor  $k$  of  $n$ , the group  $\langle a \rangle$  has exactly one subgroup of order  $k$ . [6]

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**Q3)** a) Define Centralizer of an element of a group  $G$ . prove that for each  $a$  in group  $G$ , the centralizer of  $a$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . [5]

b) Prove that if  $G$  is a group, then set of automorphisms of  $G$ ,  $Aut(G)$  is a group. [5]

c) Find  $Aut(\mathbb{Z}_4)$ , the group of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$ . [6]

**Q4)** a) Find the inverse and the order of each of the following permutations in  $S_{12}$  [5]

i)  $(5\ 3\ 4\ 7)(2\ 1\ 6)$

ii)  $(9\ 2\ 10\ 4)(7\ 1\ 5)(3\ 8\ 12)$ .

b) Prove that set of even permutations  $A_n$  forms a subgroup of  $S_n$ . Also prove that for  $n > 1$ ,  $A_n$  has order  $n!/2$ . [5]

c) Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $p$  be a prime. If  $p^k$  divides  $|G|$ , then prove that  $G$  has at least one subgroup of order  $p^k$ . [6]

**Q5)** a) State and prove the first isomorphism theorem. [5]

b) Give an example of a non abelian group whose all proper subgroups are abelian. [5]

c) If  $\tau = (1\ 5\ 4)(2\ 7)$ ,  $\rho = (1\ 2\ 8\ 7\ 5\ 6)(3\ 4) \in S_8$ . Then find  $\tau^{-1}\rho\tau$  and  $\rho^{-1}\tau\rho$ . [6]

**Q6)** a) Prove that every group is isomorphic to a subgroup of  $S_n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . [5]

b) Determine all the homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ . [5]

c) Find all the non isomorphic abelian groups of order 2016. [6]

**Q7)** a) Determine all the groups of order 15. [5]

b) Let  $H$  be an index 2 subgroup of group  $G$ . Prove that  $a^2 \in H, \forall a \in G$ . [5]

c) Let  $G$  be a finite group of permutations of a set  $S$ . Then prove that for any  $i$  from  $S$ ,  $|orb_G(i)| = |stab_G(i)|$ . [6]

**Q8)** a) If  $G$  is a finite abelian group, then what is the product of all the elements in  $G$ ? Justify your answer. [5]

b) Define homomorphism and kernel of a homomorphism. Prove that every normal subgroup of a group  $G$  is the kernel of a homomorphism of  $G$ . [5]

c) Prove that the groups of order 20 and 27 are not simple. [6]

