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FIFTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

(Supplementary – 2018 Admission)

MATHEMATICS

AMAT5B06T: ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum marks: 120

PART A: Answer all the questions. Each carries one mark

1. Give an example of a cyclic group having only one generator.
2. Compute the product  $(20)(-8)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{26}$ .
3. Give an example of group of order 4.
4. Find  $\tau\sigma$ . If  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$
5. Compute the product of the cycles  $(1,4,5)(7,8)(2,5,7)$  that are permutations of  $\{1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8\}$
6. What is the order of the cycle  $(1,4,5,7)$  in  $S_8$ .
7. Write all cosets of the subgroup  $4\mathbb{Z}$  of  $2\mathbb{Z}$ .
8. Give an example of homomorphism whose kernel contains only 2 elements.
9. How many group homomorphisms are there of  $\mathbb{Z}$  onto  $\mathbb{Z}$ ?
10. Write cyclic sub group of  $\mathbb{Z}$  generated by 3.
11. Write an integral domain which is not a field
12. Write the field of quotients of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(12 x 1 = 12 Marks)

PART B: Answer any ten questions. Each question carries 4 marks

13. Prove or disprove that  $\phi: \langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot \rangle \rightarrow \langle \mathbb{Q}, \cdot \rangle$  defined by  $\phi(x) = x^2$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$ . is an isomorphism
14. Prove or disprove all  $n \times n$  diagonal matrices under matrix multiplication is a group.
15. Show that every group  $G$  with identity  $e$  and such that  $x * x = e$  for all  $x \in G$  is abelian.
16. Define generator of a group and give an example.
17. Find all orders of subgroups of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .
18. Prove or disprove that the function  $f_2: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f_2(x) = x^2$  is a permutation of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
19. Find the number of elements in the set  $\{\sigma \in S_4 | \sigma(3) = 3\}$
20. Show that any permutation of a finite set of at least two elements is a product of transpositions.
21. Show that if  $H$  is a subgroup of index 2 in a finite group  $G$ , then every left coset of  $H$  is also a right coset of  $H$ .
22. Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism. Show that if  $|G|$  is finite, then  $|\phi[G]|$  is finite and is a divisor of  $|G|$
23. Show that an intersection of subrings of a ring  $R$  is again a subring of  $R$ .
24. Prove or disprove that  $n\mathbb{Z}$  has zero divisors if  $n$  is not prime.
25. If  $p$  is a prime, then show that  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , has no divisors of 0.
26. Show that any two fields of quotients of an integral domain  $D$  are isomorphic.

(10 x 4 = 40 Marks)

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**PART C: Answer any six questions. Each carries 7 marks**

27. (a) If  $m$  is a positive integer and  $n$  is any integer, then prove that there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $n = mq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < m$ .  
(b) Find the greatest common divisor of the two integers 32 and 24.
28. (a) Show that if  $G$  is a group with binary operation  $*$ , and if  $a$  and  $b$  are any elements of  $G$ , then the linear equations  $a * x = b$  and  $y * a = b$  have unique solutions  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ .  
(b) Let  $n$  be a positive integer and let  $n\mathbb{Z} = \{nm \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Show that  $(n\mathbb{Z}, +) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .
29. (a) Let  $2\mathbb{Z} = \{2n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , so that  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of all even integers, positive, negative, and zero. Prove or disprove that  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  is isomorphic to  $(2\mathbb{Z}, +)$ , where  $+$  is the usual addition.  
(b) Prove or disprove that  $\phi: (\mathbb{Q}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q}, +)$  defined by  $\phi(x) = x/2$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  is an isomorphism
30. (a) If  $R$  is a ring with additive identity  $0$ , then for any  $a, b \in R$  We have  
1.  $0a = a0 = 0$ ,  
2.  $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$ ,  
(b) Prove or disprove every field is also a ring.
31. (a) Show that every field  $F$  is an integral domain.  
(b) Let  $R$  be a ring with unity. If  $n \cdot 1 \neq 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then prove that  $R$  has characteristic  $0$ . If  $n \cdot 1 = 0$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then also prove that the smallest such integer  $n$  is the characteristic of  $R$ .
32. Let  $A$  be a nonempty set, and let  $S_A$  be the collection of all permutations of  $A$ . Then prove that  $S_A$  is a group under permutation multiplication
33. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a finite group  $G$ , Then the order of  $H$  is a divisor of the order of  $G$ . Prove or disprove the converse
34. Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism of a group  $G$  into a group  $G'$ . Show that  $\phi$  preserves the identity element, inverses, and subgroups.
35. (a) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $a \in G$ . Then show that  $H = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and is the smallest subgroup of  $G$  that contains  $a$ .  
(b) Define generator of a group and give an example.

(6 x 7 = 42 Marks)

**PART D: Answer any two questions. Each question carries 13 marks**

36. (a) Show that a subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  
1.  $H$  is closed under the binary operation of  $G$   
2. the identity element  $e$  of  $G$  is in  $H$   
3. for all  $a \in H$  it is true that  $a^{-1} \in H$  also  
(b) Show that if  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of an abelian group  $G$ , then  $\{hk \mid h \in H \text{ and } k \in K\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
37. State and prove Cayley's Theorem.
38. (a) Suppose  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of a group  $G$  such that  $K \leq H \leq G$ , and suppose  $(H : K)$  and  $(G : H)$  are both finite. Then prove that  $(G : K)$  is finite, and  $(G : K) = (G : H)(H : K)$ .  
(b) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$  such that  $g^{-1}hg \in H$  for all  $g \in G$  and all  $h \in H$ . Show that every left coset  $gH$  is the same as the right coset  $Hg$ .

(2 x 13 = 26 Marks)