

## FIFTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024

(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

MATHEMATICS

GMAT5B05T: ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

Time: 2 ½ Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks.

(Ceiling 25 marks)

1. Make addition and multiplication tables of  $\mathbf{Z}_4$
2. Let  $S$  be the set of all ordered pairs  $(m, n)$  of positive integers. For  $(a_1, a_2) \in S$  and  $(b_1, b_2) \in S$ , define  $(a_1, a_2) \sim (b_1, b_2)$  if  $a_1 + b_2 = a_2 + b_1$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.
3. Let  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Verify that  $(\sigma\tau)^{-1} = \tau^{-1}\sigma^{-1}$ .
4. Write  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 6 & 2 & 5 & 9 & 3 & 10 & 8 & 4 & 7 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  as a product of disjoint cycles.
5. Let  $\sigma = (2 \ 5 \ 6 \ 8 \ 12 \ 4 \ 7 \ 9 \ 3 \ 11)$  be a cycle in  $S_{12}$ . Is  $\sigma$  an even transposition? Why or why not?
6. Define  $*$  on  $\mathbf{Z}$  by  $a*b = \max\{a, b\}$ . Determine whether or not  $*$  gives a group structure on  $\mathbf{Z}$ . If it is not a group, say which axiom fail to hold.
7. Prove that  $S_3$  is not a cyclic group.
8. Give an example for a group of order 6 which is not cyclic.
9. Give the subgroup diagram of  $\mathbb{Z}_{28}$ .
10. Let  $\langle \mathbb{R}^\times, \cdot \rangle$  be set of nonzero real numbers under multiplication and  $\langle \mathbb{R}^+, \cdot \rangle$  be set of positive real numbers under multiplication. Define  $\phi : \mathbb{R}^\times \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  by  $\phi(x) = |x|$ . Prove that  $\phi$  is a homomorphism.
11. Let  $G = \mathbf{Z}_3 \times \mathbf{Z}_6$  and let  $H = \langle (1, 2) \rangle$ . List all cosets of  $H$ .
12. Is the group  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  simple? Why or why not?
13. Find the multiplicative inverse of  $(1 - \sqrt{2})$  in the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ .
14. Find  $Aut(\mathbf{Z})$ .
15. Is  $A = \{m + n\sqrt{2} \mid m, n \in \mathbf{Z} \text{ and } m \text{ is odd}\}$  subring of the field  $\mathbf{R}$  of real numbers? Why or why not?

**SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries five marks  
(Ceiling 35 marks)**

16. Let  $S$  be any set and let  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  be disjoint cycles in  $\text{Sym}(S)$ . Prove that  $\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma$ .
17. Let  $G$  be a group, and suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  are any elements of  $G$ . Prove that  $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$  if and only if  $ab = ba$ .
18. Show that  $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \mid ad \neq 0 \right\}$  is a subgroup of  $GL_2(\mathbb{R})$ .
19. Find the cyclic subgroup generated by  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  in  $GL_2(\mathbb{Z}_3)$ .
20. Let  $G$  be a cyclic group and let  $H$  be a nonempty subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that  $H$  is cyclic.
21. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be groups and let  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be an onto homomorphism. Prove that there exists an isomorphism  $\bar{\phi}: G_1/\ker(\phi) \rightarrow G_2$ .
22. Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field,  $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$  be a nonzero polynomial, and let  $c \in \mathbb{F}$ . Prove that there exists a polynomial  $q(x) \in \mathbb{F}[x]$  such that  $f(x) = q(x)(x - c) + f(c)$ .
23. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring and let  $R^\times$  be the set of all units of  $R$ . Prove that  $R^\times$  is an abelian group under the multiplication of  $R$ .

**SECTION C: Answer any two questions. Each carries ten marks.**

24. (i) Find the multiplicative inverse of  $[91]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{2565}$ .  
(ii) Let  $G$  be a group. Let  $a$  be an element of  $G$  with  $o(a) = m$  and let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $a^k = e$  if and only if  $m|k$ .  
(iii) Find all normal subgroups of  $S_3$ .
25. (i) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . For  $a, b \in G$  define  $a \sim b$  if  $ab^{-1} \in H$ . Prove that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.  
(ii) Let  $G$  be a finite group and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that the order of  $H$  is a divisor of the order of  $G$ .  
(iii) Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_{21}^\times$ . If  $H = \{[1], [8]\}$  and  $K = \{[1], [4], [10], [13], [16], [19]\}$ , then find  $HK$  and  $KH$ . Is  $HK = KH$ ?
26. (i) Define permutation group.  
(ii) Prove that every group is isomorphic to a permutation group.
27. (i) Compute the factor group  $\frac{(\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_4)}{\langle (2, 2) \rangle}$ .  
(ii) Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that  $abH$  is the set theoretic product  $(aH)(bH)$ , for all  $a, b \in G$ .  
(iii) Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a field and let  $R$  be a subring of  $\mathbb{F}$ . Prove that  $R$  is an integral domain.

**(2 × 10 = 20 Marks)**