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Mathematics**

**Name of the Paper** : Group Theory - I

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**Maximum Marks : 75**

**Instructions for Candidates :**

- Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
- Attempt any **two** parts from each question.
- All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) Let  $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0 \right\}$ . Show that  $G$  is

a group under matrix multiplication.

- Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subset of  $G$ . Prove that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if  $a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H$ . Hence prove that  $H = \{A \in G : \det A \text{ is a power of } 3\}$  is a subgroup of  $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ .

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(c) (i) Suppose  $G$  is a group that has exactly eight elements of order 3. How many subgroups of order 3 does  $G$  have?

(ii) If  $|a| = n$  and  $k$  divides  $n$ , prove that  $|a^{n/k}| = k$ .

$$6 \times 2 = 12$$

2. (a) Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ . Prove that  $G = \langle a^k \rangle$  if and only if  $\gcd(k, n) = 1$ . List all the generators of  $Z_{20}$ .

(b) (i) If a cyclic group has an element of infinite order, how many elements of finite order does it have.

(ii) List all the elements of order 6 and 8 in  $Z_{30}$ .

(c) Suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  are group elements that commute and have orders  $m$  and  $n$ . If  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{e\}$ , Prove that the group contains an element whose order is the least common multiple of  $m$  and  $n$ . Show that this need not be true if  $a$  and  $b$  do not commute.

$$6.5 \times 2 = 13$$

3. (a) Let  $G$  be a group. Is  $H = \{x^2 : x \in G\}$  a subgroup of  $G$ ? Justify.

(b) Prove that any two left cosets of a subgroup  $H$  in a group  $G$  are either equal or disjoint.

(c) Show that  $(Q, +)$  has no proper subgroup of finite index.

$$6 \times 2 = 12$$



4. (a) Prove that every subgroup of index 2 is normal. Show that  $A_5$  is normal subgroup of  $S_5$ .
- (b) Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that the set of all left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  forms a group under the operation  $aH.bH = abH$  where  $a, b \in G$ .
- (c) If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  with  $|H| = 2$ , prove that  $H \subseteq Z(G)$ . Hence or otherwise show that  $A_5$  cannot have a normal subgroup of order 2. 6.5 × 2 = 13

5. (a) Let  $C$  be the set of complex numbers and

$$M = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Prove that  $C$  and  $M$  are isomorphic under addition and  $C^* = C \setminus \{0\}$  and  $M^* = M \setminus \{0\}$  are isomorphic under multiplication.

- (b) Prove that a finite cyclic group of order  $n$  is isomorphic to the group  $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  under addition modulo  $n$ .
- (c) (i) Suppose that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism from a group  $G$  onto a group  $G^*$ . Prove that  $G$  is cyclic if and only if  $G^*$  is cyclic.



(ii) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the group of integers under addition is not isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the group of rationals under addition.  $6 \times 2 = 12$

6. (a) Let  $\phi$  be a group homomorphism from a group  $G$  to a group  $G^*$  then prove that :

(i)  $|\phi(x)|$  divides  $|x|$ , for all  $x$  in  $G$ .

(ii)  $\phi$  is one-one if and only if  $|\phi(x)| = |x|$ , for all  $x$  in  $G$ .

(b) State and prove the Third Isomorphism Theorem.

(c) (i) Let  $G$  be a group. Prove that the mapping  $\phi(g) = g^{-1}$ , for all  $g \in G$ , is an isomorphism on  $G$  if and only if  $G$  is Abelian.

(ii) Determine all homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  to itself.

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