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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt all questions by selecting **two** parts from each question.
3. **All** parts of a question are to be attempted together.
4. Each part carries **7.5** marks.
5. Use of Calculator not allowed.

1. (a) Define the group $GL(2, F)$, where F is any field. In $GL(2, \mathbb{Z}_{13})$, find the inverse of $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$.
(b) Prove that a group G is Abelian iff $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1} \quad \forall a, b \in G$.
(c) Define the group $U(n)$, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ Construct the Cayley table for $U(20)$. Find the inverse of each element of $U(20)$.
2. (a) Let G be an Abelian group under multiplication with identity e . Prove that the subset $H = \{x^2 \mid x \in G\}$ is a subgroup of G .
(b) Let G be a group. Define the Centralizer, $C(a)$, of an element a in G . Prove that $C(a) = C(a^{-1}) \quad \forall a \in G$.
(c) Define the order of an element in a group G . Find the order of each element in the group $U(15)$.

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3. (a) Define a cyclic group. Show that $U(14) = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle$. Is $U(14) = \langle 11 \rangle$?
- (b) Define the order of a permutation. Determine whether the following permutations are even or odd :
- (i) $(1243)(3521)$
- (ii) $(12)(134)(152)$
- (c) State & prove Lagrange's theorem for groups.

4. (a) Prove that a quotient group of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- (b) Define a normal subgroup of a group. Let

$$H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, d \in \mathbb{R}, ad \neq 0 \right\}$$

Is H a normal subgroup of the group $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$?

- (c) Show that map $\phi: \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ defined by $\phi(x) = |x|$ is a group homomorphism. Also show that $\text{Ker } \phi$ is a cyclic group.
5. (a) (i) Prove that the set $A = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ is a subring of the ring R of 2×2 matrices over $\mathbb{Z}$.
- (ii) Prove that the ring $\mathbb{Z}_p$ of integers modulo p , where p is a prime number, is an integral domain.
- (b) Prove that intersection of any collection of subrings of a ring R is a subring of R . Does the result hold for union of subrings ? Justify.
- (c) Show that the set $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ is a commutative ring with unity.
6. (a) Define an ideal of a ring. State the ideal test. Hence prove that $n\mathbb{Z}$ is an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.
- (b) Let $f: R \rightarrow S$ be a ring homomorphisms. Prove that
- (i) $f(A)$ is a subring S , where A is a subring of R
- (ii) $f(B) = \{r \in R : f(r) \in B\}$ is an ideal of R , where B is an ideal of S .
- (c) Prove that the only ideals of a field F are $\{0\}$ and F itself.