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**V Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, November 2022  
(2019 Admission Onwards)  
CORE COURSE IN MATHEMATICS  
5B07MAT : Abstract Algebra**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 48

**PART – A**Answer **any 4** questions. They carry **1** mark **each**.

1. Find the order of the cyclic subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  generated by 3.
2. What is the order of the cycle (1, 4, 5, 7) in  $S_8$ ?
3. Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism of  $G$  onto  $G'$ . If  $G$  is abelian, prove that  $G'$  is abelian.
4. Let  $p$  be a prime. Show that  $(a + b)^p = a^p + b^p$  for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ .
5. Solve the equation  $3x = 2$  in the field  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .

**PART – B**Answer **any 8** questions from among the questions **6** to **16**. These questions carry **2** marks **each**.

6. Prove that in a group  $G$ , the identity element and inverse of each element are unique.
7. Let  $H$  and  $K$  be subgroups of a group  $G$ . Prove that  $H \cap K$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
8. State and prove division algorithm for  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
9. Let  $G$  be a group and suppose  $a \in G$  generates a cyclic subgroup of order 2 and is the unique such element. Show that  $ax = xa$  for all  $x \in G$ .



10. Let  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  be permutations in  $S_6$ . Find  $\tau\sigma$  and  $|\langle\sigma\rangle|$ .
11. Express the permutation  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 8 & 2 & 5 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $S_8$  as a product of disjoint cycles and then as a product of transpositions.
12. Find all orbits of the permutation  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .
13. Find the index of  $\langle 3 \rangle$  in the group of  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ .
14. Prove that every group of prime order is cyclic.
15. Prove that a group homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  is a one to one map if and only if  $\ker(\phi) = \{e\}$ .
16. Let  $R$  be a ring with additive identity  $0$ . Then for any  $a, b \in R$  prove that
- $a0 = 0a = 0$
  - $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$ .

### PART - C

Answer **any 4** questions from among the questions **17 to 23**. These questions carry **4 marks each**.

17. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $g$  be one fixed element of  $G$ . Show that the map  $I_g$  such that  $I_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$  for  $x \in G$  is an isomorphism of  $G$  with itself.
18. Draw subgroup diagram for Klein 4-group  $V$ .
19. Let  $G$  be a finite cyclic group of order  $n$  with generator  $a$ . Prove that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n)$ .
20. Let  $n \geq 2$ . Prove that the collection of all even permutations of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  forms a subgroup of order  $\frac{n!}{2}$  of the symmetric group  $S_n$ .
21. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  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  $Hg$ .



22. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that left coset multiplication is well defined by the equation  $(aH)(bH) = (ab)H$  if and only if  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
23. Let  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow S_8$  be homomorphism such that  $\phi(1) = (1, 4, 2, 6)(2, 5, 7)$ . Find  $\ker(\phi)$  and  $\phi(20)$ .

PART – D

Answer **any 2** questions from among the questions **24 to 27**. These questions carry **6 marks each**.

24. a) Let  $G$  be a cyclic group with  $n$  elements and generated by  $a$ . Let  $b \in G$  and  $b = a^s$ . Prove that
- i)  $b$  generates a cyclic subgroup of  $H$  of  $G$  containing  $n/d$  elements, where  $d$  is the gcd of  $n$  and  $s$ .
  - ii)  $\langle a^s \rangle = \langle a^t \rangle$  if and only if  $\gcd(s, n) = \gcd(t, n)$ .
- b) Let  $p$  and  $q$  be prime numbers. Find the number of generators of the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_{pq}$ .
25. a) Prove that every coset (left or right) of a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  has the same number of elements as  $H$ .
- b) State and prove Lagrange's theorem.
26. Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism and let  $H = \ker(\phi)$ . Let  $a \in G$ . Prove that the set  $\phi^{-1}[\{\phi(a)\}] = \{x \in G : \phi(x) = \phi(a)\}$  is the left coset  $aH$  of  $H$  and is also the right coset  $Ha$  of  $H$ .
27. a) Prove that every field  $F$  is an integral domain.
- b) Prove that every finite integral domain is a field.
- c) Give an example of an integral domain which is not a field.