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MATHEMATICS

(Core)

Paper : C-6

(Group Theory—I)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. (a) Write the order of the group P_n . 1
- (b) Write the identity element of the group Z of all integers under the operation defined by $a \cdot b = a + b - 1, a, b \in Z$. 1

- (c) If G is a group, then prove that
 $O(x) = O(x^{-1}), x \in G$ 2

- (d) Define dihedral group. 2

- (e) Let G be a group and $a, b \in G$. Then prove that the equation $ax = b$ has a unique solution in G . 4

Or

If G is a group, then prove that—

- (i) identity element of G is unique;
- (ii) inverse of every element of G is unique;
- (iii) $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x, x \in G$.

- (f) Show that the four permutations
 $I, (ab), (cd), (ab)(cd)$
on four symbols a, b, c and d form a finite Abelian group under the operation multiplication of permutations. 5

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2. (a) Write the class equation of the group G . 1
- (b) Give an example to show that the union of two subgroups of a group G is not necessarily a subgroup of G . 2
- (c) If H and K are two subgroups of a group G , then prove that HK is a subgroup of G iff $HK = KH$. 4

Or

Show that a non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G iff $HH^{-1} \subseteq H$.

- (d) Prove that the centre Z of a group G is a normal subgroup of G . 4
- (e) Let G be a finite group and Z be the centre of G , then prove that the class equation of G can be written as

$$O(G) = O(Z) + \sum_{a \in Z} \frac{O(G)}{O[N(a)]}$$

where the summation runs over one element a in each conjugate class containing more than one element. 4

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3. (a) Write the number of generators in a cyclic group of order 15. 1
- (b) What do you mean by index of a set S in a group G ? 1
- (c) Examine whether the following permutation is even or odd : 2

$$f = (1\ 3\ 2\ 5\ 6\ 7)$$

- (d) Find the order of
- $$f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$
- 2

- (e) Prove that any two right cosets are either identical or disjoint. 4
- (f) Prove that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic. 5

Or

Prove that every group of prime order is cyclic.

- (g) State and prove Lagrange's theorem. 5

4. (a) State True or False : 1
 Any group of prime order is simple.
- (b) Define external direct product of groups. 2
- (c) Show that every subgroup of an Abelian group is normal. 3
- (d) Prove that every quotient group of a cyclic group is cyclic. 4
- (e) If G_1 and G_2 are groups, then prove that $G_1 \times \{e_2\}$ and $\{e_1\} \times G_2$ of $G_1 \times G_2$ are normal subgroup of $G_1 \times G_2$ isomorphic to G_1 and G_2 respectively. 5

Or

Let G be a finite Abelian group such that its order $O(G)$ is divisible by a prime p , then prove that G has at least one element of order p .

5. (a) Let f be a homomorphism from a group G into a group G . Then prove that—
- (i) $f(e) = e$, where e, e are identities of G and G respectively; 2
- (ii) $f(a^n) = [f(a)]^n$, $a \in G$. 2
- (b) Let $(Z, +)$ and $(E, +)$ be the group of integers and the group of even integers respectively. Then show that the mapping $f : Z \rightarrow E$ defined by
- $$f(x) = 2x, \quad x \in Z$$
- is an isomorphism. 3
- (c) Prove that every finite group G is isomorphic to a permutation group. 5
- (d) If $f : G \rightarrow G$ is an onto homomorphism with kernel K , then prove that
- $$G \cong G/K \quad 5$$

(7)

Or

Let H be a normal subgroup of a group G and K be a subgroup of G . Then prove that

$$\frac{HK}{H} \cong \frac{K}{H \cap K}$$
