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Name of the paper : MAHT 303 -- Algebra-II

Semester : III

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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of the question paper.
2. Attempt any *two* parts from each question.
3. All questions are compulsory.

1. (a) Prove that  $Z_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$  is a group under the addition modulo  $n$ .

(b) Let  $H$  be a nonempty subset of a group  $G$ . Then prove that if  $ab^{-1} \in H$  for all  $a, b \in H$ , then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(c) Define Center  $Z(G)$  of a group  $G$ . Also, prove that  $Z(G)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(6, 6, 2+4)

2. (a) In a group  $G$ , prove the following :

- (i) the identity element of  $G$  is unique,
- (ii) the cancellation laws hold in  $G$ .

(b) Let  $a$  be an element of a group  $G$  such that  $|a|$ , the order of  $a$ , is finite. If  $a^k = e$ , then prove that  $|a|$  divides  $k$ .

(c) Define a cyclic group. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements in a group  $G$  with  $|a| = m$ ,  $|b| = n$ . If  $(m, n) = 1$ , then prove that  $\langle a \rangle \cap \langle b \rangle = \{e\}$ .

(3+3, 6, 2+4)



3. (a) Let  $\alpha = (a_1, a_2 \dots a_m)$  and  $\beta = (b_1, b_2 \dots b_k)$  be disjoint cycles. Then prove that  $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$ .

(b) Prove that the order of a permutation of a finite set written in disjoint cycles form is the LCM of the lengths of the cycles.

(c) State and prove Orbit Stabilizer Theorem.

(6, 6, 2+4)

4. (a) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements in  $G$ . Then, prove that

(i)  $|aH| = |bH|$ ,

(ii)  $aH = Ha$  if and only if  $H = aHa^{-1}$ .

(b) Prove that every subgroup of an Abelian group is normal. Is the converse true? Justify.

(c) Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  with order 2. Then prove that  $N$  is contained in the center  $Z(G)$  of  $G$ .

(6.5, 3.5+3, 6.5)

5. (a) Prove that the alternating group  $A_n$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_n$ .

(b) Let  $G$  be a finite Abelian group and let  $p$  be a prime that divides the order of  $G$ . Prove that  $G$  has an element of order  $p$ .

(c) Find the factor group  $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$ .

(6.5, 6.5, 6.5)

6. (a) Find all homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{30}$ .

(b) Let  $\theta$  be a group homomorphism from  $G$  to  $K$ . Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that

(i)  $\theta(H)$  is a subgroup of  $K$ .

(ii) If  $H$  is Abelian, then  $\theta(H)$  is also Abelian.

(c) Let  $\theta$  be a group homomorphism from  $G$  to  $K$  and let  $g \in G$ . If  $\theta(g) = g'$ , then prove that  $\theta^{-1}(g') = g \text{Ker } \theta$ .

(6.5, 6.5, 6.5)

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