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**Prob. (1) [12 pt.]**

(a) [4 pt.] Define each of the following:

- i) Invariant subgroup,
- ii) Homomorphism,
- iii) Maximal element,
- iv) Quotient group.

(b) [4 pt.] State the difference between each of the following:

- i) Right coset and left coset,
- ii) Into mapping and onto mapping,
- iii) Proper and improper subgroups,
- iv) Homomorphism and isomorphism.

(c) [4 pt.] State that each of the following statements is true or false and correct the false statements:

- i) If  $\alpha$  is a mapping of a set  $S$  onto a set  $T$ , then  $\alpha$  has a unique inverse. ( )
- ii) A relation  $R$  on a set  $S$  is called reflexive if whenever  $aRb$  then  $bRa$ . ( )
- iii) An equivalence relation  $R$  on a set  $S$  effects a partition of  $S$ , and conversely, a partition of  $S$  defines an equivalence relation on the set  $S$ . ( )
- (iv) Homomorphic image of any cyclic group is cyclic. ( )

**Prob. (2) [12 pt.]**

(a) [3 pt.] Prove that; If  $\alpha$  is one to one mapping of a set  $S$  onto a set  $T$  then  $\alpha$  has a unique inverse and conversely.

(b) [3 pt.] Prove that  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .

(c) [3 pt.] Prove that:  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$ .

(d) [3 pt.] Prove that:

- i)  $x \rightarrow x + 2$  is a mapping of  $\mathbf{N}$  into, but not onto,  $\mathbf{N}$ .
- ii)  $x \rightarrow 3x - 2$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $\mathbf{Q}$  onto  $\mathbf{Q}$ .
- iii)  $x \rightarrow x^3 - 3x^2 - x$  is a mapping of  $\mathbf{R}$  onto  $\mathbf{R}$  but is not one-to-one.

**Prob. (3) [14 pt.]**

(a) [2 pt.] Show that " is congruent to" on the set  $T$  of all triangles in a plane is an equivalence relation.

(b) [2 pt.] Prove that if  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$ , then  $[a] = [b]$ .

(c) [3 pt.] Prove that: The identity element, if one exist, with respect to a binary operation  $\circ$  on a set  $S$  is unique.

(d) [4 pt.] Express in cyclic notation on 5 symbols:

- i) the product  $(23) \circ (13)(245)$  and  $(13)(245) \circ (23)$ ,

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ii) the inverse of (23) and (13)(245).

(e) [3 pt.] show that multiplication is a binary operation on  $S = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

Prob. (4) [14 pt.]

(a) [3 pt.] Show that  $\mathbf{g}$ , the additive group  $Z_4$ , is isomorphic to  $\mathbf{g}'$ , the multiplicative group of non-zero elements of  $Z_5$ .

(b) [3 pt.] Does the set of non-zero residue classes modulo 4 form a group with respect to addition? with respect to multiplication?

(c) [2 pt.] Prove that when  $a, b \in \mathbf{g}$ , each of the equations  $a \circ x = b$  and  $y \circ a = b$  has a unique solution.

(d) [3 pt.] Prove that a non empty subset  $\mathbf{g}'$  of a group  $\mathbf{g}$  is subgroup of  $\mathbf{g}$  if and only if, for all  $a, b \in \mathbf{g}'$  and  $a^{-1} \circ b \in \mathbf{g}'$ .

(e) [3 pt.] Prove that: In a homomorphism between two groups  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{g}'$ , their identity element correspond, and if  $x \in \mathbf{g}$  and  $x' \in \mathbf{g}'$  correspond so also do their inverses.

Prob. (5) [12 pt.]

(a) [2 pt.] Prove that: If  $\mathbf{R}$  is a ring with zero element  $\mathbf{z}$ , then for all  $a \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $a \cdot \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z} \cdot a = \mathbf{z}$ .

(b) [3 pt.] Prove that: if  $p$  is an arbitrary element of a commutative ring  $\mathbf{R}$ , then  $P = \{p \cdot r : r \in \mathbf{R}\}$  is an ideal in  $\mathbf{R}$ .

(c) [4 pt.] Prove that; the set  $M = \{(a, b, c, d) : a, b, c, d \in \mathbf{Q}\}$ , with addition and multiplication defined by

$$(a, b, c, d) + (e, f, g, h) = (a+e, b+f, c+g, d+h)$$

$$(a, b, c, d) \cdot (e, f, g, h) = (ae+bg, af+bh, ce+dg, cf+dh)$$

For all  $(a, b, c, d), (e, f, g, h) \in M$  is a ring.

(d) [3 pt.] Prove that; the set  $P = \{(a, b, -b, a) : a, b \in \mathbf{Z}\}$ , with addition and multiplication defined by

$$(a, b, -b, a) + (c, d, -d, c) = (a+c, b+d, -b-d, a+c)$$

$$(a, b, -b, a) \cdot (c, d, -d, c) = (ac-bd, ad+bc, -ad-bc, ac-bd)$$

is a commutative subring of the non-commutative ring  $M$  of **problem (5c)**.