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Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

[GROUP THEORY-I]

(Theory)

Group - A

1. Answer any **four** of the following questions :

12×4=48

(i) (a) Let G be the set consisting of the six functions f_1, f_2, \dots, f_6 defined on

$$R \setminus \{0,1\} \quad \text{by} \quad f_1(x) = x, \quad f_2(x) = 1-x, \quad f_3(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad f_4(x) = \frac{1}{1-x},$$

$$f_5(x) = \frac{x-1}{x}, \quad f_6(x) = \frac{x}{x-1} \quad \text{and let } \circ \text{ be the composition of functions. Then}$$

show thag (G, \circ) is a non-abelian group.

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- (b) Let G be a group and $a \in G$ is of order n . Then $(a^p) = \frac{n}{\gcd(n,p)}$. Hence determine $O(a^3)$ and $O(a^8)$, when $O(a) = 12$. 5
- (ii) (a) Let T be the group of 2×2 invertible matrices over R under usual matrix multiplication. Let G be the subgroup of T generated by the matrices $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.
Prove that $G \cong D_4$ (i.e., G is a dihedral group of degree 4.) 7
- (b) Let $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} \mid a \in Q^* \right\}$, where $Q^* = Q - \{0\}$. Then prove that G is an abelian group with respect to multiplication of matrices. 5
- (iii) (a) Define center of a group. Find center of S_3 . 6
- (b) Let H be a subgroup of a group G and $N(H) = \{a \in G \mid aHa^{-1} = H\}$. Prove that $N(H)$ is a subgroup of G which contains H . 6
- (iv) (a) Find the order of $(1, 2, 3, 4)(5, 6, 7)$ in S_7 . 2
- (b) Find all elements of order 8 in $(Z_{24}, +)$. 3
- (c) Let $(G, *)$ be a group and H be a non-empty finite subset of G . Then show that $(H, *)$ is a subgroup of $(G, *)$ if and only if $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a * b \in H$. 5
- (d) Prove that every transposition is its own inverse. 2
- (v) (a) Let H and K be subgroups of a group G . Then show that HK is a subgroup of G if and only if $HK = KH$. 4
- (b) Let $(G, *)$ be a group and $(H, *)$ is a subgroup of $(G, *)$. Let $a, b \in G$ and a relation ρ is defined on G by “ $a \rho b$ iff $x * y^{-1} \in H$ ”. Prove that ρ is an equivalence relation. 4

- (c) Show that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic. 4
- (vi) (a) Suppose G_1 and G_2 are two groups. Then show that the subsets $G_1 \times \{e\}$ and $\{e\} \times G_2$ of $G_1 \times G_2$ are normal subgroups of $G_1 \times G_2$. 6
- (b) Let G and G' be two groups and $\theta: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism of G onto G' . Prove that
- (i) If G is abelian, then G' is abelian.
- (ii) If G is cyclic, then G' is cyclic.
- (iii) If H is a normal subgroup of G , then $\theta(H)$ is also a normal subgroup of G' . 6
- (vii) (a) If H and K both are normal subgroups of a group G such that $H \subseteq K$, then prove that $G/K \cong (G/H)/(K/H)$. 6
- (b) Prove that any infinite cyclic group is isomorphic to the additive group Z of all integers. 6
- (viii) (a) Prove that there are only two (up to isomorphism) groups of order 6. 4
- (b) Let G be a finite cyclic group of order m . Then for every positive divisor d of m , there exists a unique subgroup of G of order d . 4
- (c) Show that every proper subgroup of S_3 is cyclic. 4

Group - B

2. Answer any **six** of the following questions : 2×6=12

- (i) If in a group G , $a^5 = e, aba^{-1} = b^2$ for $a, b \in G$, then show that $O(b) = 31$.
- (ii) If G be a group of order 8 and G' be a group of order 3. Prove that there does not exist a homomorphism from G onto G' .
- (iii) Show that $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is not finitely generated.
- (iv) Let G be an abelian group and n be a fixed positive integer. Let $H = \{a^n \mid a \in G\}$. Prove that H is a subgroup of G .

- (v) Find order of $((1\ 2), 4)$ in $S_3 \times Z_6$.
- (vi) Give an example of a noncommutative group in which every subgroup is normal.
- (vii) Prove that a non-commutative group of order 10 must have a subgroup of order 5.
- (viii) Let G be a group and $a, b \in G$. Prove that $O(ab) = O(ba)$.
- (ix) Prove that the sub set $H = \{e, (1, 2), (3, 4), (1, 2)(3, 4)\}$ of S_4 forms a non-cyclic subgroup of S_4 . Is the group S_4 cyclic?
- (x) Let G be a group and $a \in G$. Prove that $N(a) = G$ iff $a \in Z(G)$.
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