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Question Bank of Group Theory [MAT4103]

1. Define Group. Give one example of a group.
2. Prove the uniqueness of identity element. Also shown that every element in a Group has a unique inverse.
3. Find the inverse of element $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ in $GL(2, Z_{11})$.
4. For any element a and b of a group G , show that $(a^{-1}ba)^n = a^{-1}b^n a$, for any integer n .
5. Prove that group G is abelian if and only if $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ for all a, b in G .
6. Prove that if $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ in a group, then $ab = ba$.
7. Let G be a finite group and H be a subset of G . Show that H is a subgroup of G if H is closed under the operations on G .
8. Let G be a group and let a be any element of G , then show that $\langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G .
9. Define centre of a Group.
10. Show that centre of a Group G is a subgroup of G .
11. Define centralizer of an element in a group.
12. Prove that in any group, an element and its inverse have the same order.
13. How many subgroups of order 4 does D_4 have?
14. In the group Z_{12} , find $|a|$, $|b|$, and $|a + b|$ for each case.
 - a. $a = 6, b = 2$
 - b. $a = 3, b = 8$
 - c. $a = 5, b = 4$
15. Show that if a is an element of a group G , then $|a| \neq |G|$.
16. Show that $U(14) = \langle 3 \rangle = \langle 5 \rangle$.
17. Let G be a group, and let a be an element of G . Prove that $C(a) = C(a^{-1})$.
18. Suppose a group contains elements a and b such that $|a| = 4$, $|b| = 2$, and $a^3b = ba$. Find $|ab|$.
19. Let a be a group element of order n , and suppose that d is a positive divisor of n . Prove that $|a^d| = n/d$.
20. Consider the elements $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ from $SL(2, R)$. Find $|A|$, $|B|$, and $|AB|$.
21. Prove that a group of even order must have an element of order 2.
22. Prove that, every permutation of a finite set can be written as a product of disjoint cycles.
23. Define the terms: a) Symmetric group b) Alternating Group.
24. Prove that, two disjoint cycles commute in permutation group.
25. Prove that, the order of a permutation of a finite set written in disjoint cycle form is the least common multiple of the lengths of the cycles.
26. Prove that every permutation in S_n , $n > 1$, is a product of 2-cycles.
27. Prove that the set of even permutation in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n .
28. Prove that, for $n > 1$ A_n has order $n!/2$.

Determine whether the following permutations are even or odd.

 - a) $(1\ 3\ 5)$
 - b) $(1\ 2)(1\ 3\ 4)(1\ 5\ 2)$
29. Prove that A_n is a subgroup of S_n .
30. Show that A_8 contains an element of order 15.
31. Let $\beta \in S_7$ and suppose $\beta^4 = (2\ 1\ 4\ 3\ 5\ 6\ 7)$. Find β .
32. In S_3 , find elements α and β so that $|\alpha| = 2$, $|\beta| = 2$ and $|\alpha\beta| = 3$.
33. Let G be the set of all permutations of the positive integers. Let H be the subset of elements of G that can be expressed as a product of a finite number of cycles. Prove that H is a subgroup of G .

34. Show that if H is a subgroup of S_n , then either every member of H is an even permutation or exactly half of them are even.
35. Find order of the permutations. a) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 23 & 45 & 6 \\ 2 & 15 & 46 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ b) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 23 & 45 & 67 \\ 7 & 61 & 23 & 45 \end{bmatrix}$
36. Prove that S_n is non-Abelian for all $n \geq 3$.
37. Let α and β belongs to S_n . Prove that $\beta\alpha\beta^{-1}$ and α are both even or odd.
38. Prove that, the order of an element of a direct product of a finite number of finite groups is a least common multiple of the orders of the components of the elements.
39. Let G and H be finite cyclic groups. Then prove that $G \oplus H$ is cyclic if and only if $|G|$ and $|H|$ are relatively prime.
40. Determine all elements of order 5 in $\mathbb{Z}_{25} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_5$.
41. Determine the number of cyclic subgroup of order 10 in $\mathbb{Z}_{100} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{25}$.
42. Prove that $G_1 \oplus G_2$ is isomorphic to $G_2 \oplus G_1$.
43. Is $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ a cyclic group? Justify.
44. Define the term : a) Normal Subgroup. b) Factor Group.
45. Let G be a group and let $Z(G)$ be the center of G . If $G/Z(G)$ is cyclic then prove that G is Abelian.
46. For any group G , Prove that $G/Z(G)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Inn}(G)$.
47. Let G be a finite Abelian group and let p be a prime that divides the order of G . Then prove that G has an element of order p .
48. Prove that A_n is a normal subgroup of S_n .
49. Prove that every factor group of cyclic group is cyclic. Is converse true? Justify.
50. Prove that $SL(2, \mathbb{R})$ is a normal subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$
51. Find order of $5 + \langle 6 \rangle$ in the factor group $\mathbb{Z}_{18} / \langle 6 \rangle$.
52. If N and M are normal subgroups of G , prove that NM is also a normal subgroup of G .
53. Determine all Automorphism of D_n .
54. Show that intersection of two normal subgroups is again a normal subgroup.
55. Let ϕ be a homomorphism from a group G to a group \bar{G} and let H be a subgroup of G . Then prove that a) $\phi(H)$ is a subgroup of \bar{G}
b) If H is abelian then $\phi(H)$ is abelian.
56. State and prove all three Sylow's theorems.
57. Determine all groups of order 99.
58. Find all abelian groups of order 360 upto isomorphism.
59. Let G be a finite Abelian group of order p^m where p is a prime that does not divide m . Then prove that $G = H \times K$, where $H = \{x \in G / x^{p^m} = e\}$ and $K = \{x \in G / x^m = e\}$. Moreover $|H| = p^n$.
60. Let G be an abelian group of prime order and let a be an element of maximal order in G . then prove that G can be written as $\langle a \rangle \times K$.
61. Let $G = \{1, 7, 17, 23, 49, 55, 65, 71\}$ under multiplication modulo 96.
62. Express G as an external and internal direct product of cyclic group.
63. Define the terms : Cyclic Group
64. Let G be a group and let a be an element of order n in G . If $a^k = e$ then prove that n divides k .
65. Let $G = \langle a \rangle$ be a cyclic group of order n . Then, prove that $G = \langle a^k \rangle$ if and only if $\gcd(k, n) = 1$.
66. State and prove Fundamental Theorem of Cyclic Groups..
67. Find all generators of a) \mathbb{Z}_8 b) \mathbb{Z}_{20} .
68. Let G be a group and let $a \in G$. Prove that $\langle a^{-1} \rangle = \langle a \rangle$.
69. Give an example of a noncyclic group, all of whose proper subgroups are cyclic.
70. If $|a| = n$. Show that $\langle a^k \rangle = \langle a^{\gcd(n, k)} \rangle$ and that $|a^k| = n / \gcd(n, k)$.
71. Suppose a and b belong to a group, a has odd order, and $aba^{-1} = b^{-1}$. Show that $b^2 = e$.
72. Determine the subgroup lattice diagram for the following groups.
a) \mathbb{Z}_8 b) \mathbb{Z}_{20} c) $U(12)$
73. List all elements of \mathbb{Z}_{40} that have order 10.
74. Find Automorphisms of \mathbb{Z} , where \mathbb{Z} is set of integers.

75. Show that $U(8)$ is not isomorphic to $U(12)$.
76. State and prove Cayley's theorem.
77. Is $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ isomorphic to (\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot) , where \mathbb{Q} is set of rational numbers and \mathbb{Q}^* is set of all nonzero rational numbers.
78. Suppose ϕ is an isomorphism from a group G onto a group \bar{G} . Then prove that, ϕ carries identity of G to the identity of \bar{G} .
79. Suppose ϕ is an isomorphism from a group G onto a group \bar{G} . Then prove that, G is abelian if and only if \bar{G} is abelian.
80. Suppose ϕ is an isomorphism from a group G onto a group \bar{G} . Then prove that, G is cyclic if and only if \bar{G} is cyclic.
81. Define Automorphism and inner automorphism of group.
82. Prove that \mathbb{Q} under addition is not isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^+ under multiplication.
83. Determine inner automorphisms of D_4 .
84. For every positive integer n , $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_n)$ is isomorphic to $U(n)$.
85. Find two groups G and H such that $G \not\cong H$ but $\text{Aut}(G) \cong \text{Aut}(H)$.
86. State and prove Lagrange's theorem.
87. Is converse of Lagrange's theorem true?
88. Prove that a group of prime order is cyclic.
89. Define stabilizer of a point.
90. State and prove orbit – stabilizer theorem.
91. Find all left cosets of $\{1, 11\}$ in $U(30)$.
92. Suppose H and K are subgroups of a group G . If $|H| = 12$ and $|K| = 35$ then find $|H \cap K|$.
93. Let $|a| = 30$. How many left cosets of $\langle a^4 \rangle$ in $\langle a \rangle$ are there? List them.
94. Let $G = \{(1), (132)(465)(78), (132)(465), (123)(456), (123)(456)(78), (78)\}$, then find orbit of a point 4, also find stabilizer of point 7.
95. Let G be a group of order 60. What are the possible orders for the subgroups of G .
96. Let ϕ be a group homomorphism from G to \bar{G} . Then prove that $\text{Ker}\phi$ is a normal subgroup of G .
97. Suppose ϕ is a homomorphism from a group G to a group \bar{G} . Then prove that, ϕ carries identity of G to the identity of \bar{G} .
98. Suppose ϕ is a homomorphism from a group G to a group \bar{G} . Then prove that, for g is an element of G with $|g| = n$, then $|\phi(g)|$ divides n .
99. State and prove first isomorphism theorem.
100. How many homomorphisms are there \mathbb{Z}_{20} onto \mathbb{Z}_8 .
101. Determine all homomorphisms from \mathbb{Z}_n to itself.
102. Find homomorphism ϕ from $U(30)$ to $U(30)$ with kernel $\{1, 11\}$ and $\phi(7) = 7$.
103. Find homomorphism ϕ from $U(40)$ to $U(40)$ with kernel $\{1, 9, 17, 33\}$ and $\phi(11) = 1$.