

B.A/B.Sc. 3rd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2021 (CBCS)

Subject: Mathematics

Course: BMH3CC06 (Honours)

(Group Theory-I)

Time: 3 Hours

Full Marks: 60

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

[Notation and Symbols have their usual meaning]

1. Answer any six questions:

6×5 = 30

- (a) Show that if a group G has finite number of subgroups, then G is finite. [5]
- (b) Show by an example that if H is a normal subgroup of G and K is a normal subgroup of H then K may not be a normal subgroup of G . [5]
- (c) If G has only one element x of order n , then show that x is in $Z(G)$, where $Z(G)$ is the center of the group G . [5]
- (d) If x is an element of group G of finite order and k is any non zero integer then show that $o(x) = o(x^k)$ if and only if k and $o(x)$ are relatively prime where $o(x)$ denotes the order of x . [5]
- (e) Find the all 3-cycles in S_4 [5]
- (f) Let $n, m \geq 2$. Find all the homomorphism from \mathbb{Z}_n to \mathbb{Z}_m . [5]
- (g) Let G be an abelian group of odd order and $f: G \rightarrow G$ be defined by $f(x) = x^2$ for all G . Show that f is an isomorphism. [5]
- (h) Find all homomorphism from \mathbb{Q} to \mathbb{Z} . [5]

2. Answer any three questions:

10×3 = 30

- (a) (i) Let k be an integer and $f_k: \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ be the map $f(x) = x^k$ for all x in \mathbb{R}^* . Is the map f_k an isomorphism? Justify your answer. [5]
- (ii) Let G be a group and $x \neq e$ be an element in G . Then prove that there exists a unique homomorphism $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow G$ such that $f(1) = x$. and also prove that $\ker f = d\mathbb{Z}$ for some $d \neq 0$ iff $o(x) = d$. [5]
- (b) (i) Let $G := \{A \in GL(2, \mathbb{R}) : A = \begin{pmatrix} a & -b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix}\}$. Show that \mathbb{C}^* is isomorphic to the group G . [5]
- (ii) Let $G = \mathbb{R}^2$ and $H = \{(x, 0) \in G : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$. Show that $\frac{G}{H}$ is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{R}, +)$. [5]
- (c) (i) Let n be a positive integer and $N = \langle n \rangle$ be the cyclic subgroup of the additive group \mathbb{Z} of integers. Show that $o(\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{N}) = n$. [5]
- (ii) If p is the smallest prime factor of the order of finite group G , prove that any subgroup of index p is normal. [5]
- (d) (i) Let $G = S_3$ and $H = A_3$. Show that G/H is isomorphic to $\{1, -1\}$. [5]

- (ii) Let G be a group with at least two elements such that G has no subgroup other than $\{e\}$ and itself. Then prove that G is a cyclic group of prime order. [5]
- (e) (i) Let G be a finite group. Then prove that every element in G is of finite order. Is the converse true? Justify your answer. [5]
- (ii) Let G be an infinite group. Show that G has infinitely many proper subgroups. [5]