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**FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—U.G.) DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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Mathematics

MTS 5B 05—ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

(2020 Syllabus)

Time : Two Hours and a Half

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Section A***Answer any number of questions.**Each question carries 2 marks.**Ceiling is 25.*

1. Define Euler's totient function  $\phi$  hence find  $\phi(10)$ .
2. Check whether the relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  defined by  $a \sim b$  if  $a \leq b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  is an equivalence relation.
3. Write the permutation :

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 5 & 2 & 7 & 6 & 3 & 8 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

in  $S_8$  as disjoint product of cycles and as a product of transpositions.

4. Show that in a group  $G$  and  $a, b \in G$ , each of the equations  $ax = b$  and  $xa = b$  has a unique solution.
5. Write the addition table for  $Z_8$ .
6. Let  $G$  be a group and  $a \in G$ . Then show that  $\langle a \rangle$  is a sub-group of  $G$ .
7. Show that any group of prime order is cyclic.
8. Let  $\phi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be an isomorphism of groups. If  $a$  has order  $n$  in  $G_1$ , then show that  $\phi(a)$  also has order  $n$  in  $G_2$ .

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9. Show that the set of all even permutations of  $S_n$  is a sub-group of  $S_n$ .
10. Give the sub-group diagram of  $Z_{60}$ .
11. Find the order of the permutation  $(1, 2, 3) (2, 4, 3, 5) (1, 3, 2)$  in  $S_5$ .
12. Let  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a group isomorphism. Show that  $(\phi(a))^{-1} = \phi(a^{-1})$  for all  $a \in G_1$ .
13. Show that sub-groups of index two are normal.
14. Let  $G$  be a group. Prove that  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is a group under composition of functions.
15. Define units in a ring. What are the units in  $Z$ ?

### Section B

*Answer any number of questions.*

*Each question carries 5 marks.*

*Ceiling is 35.*

16. Let  $S = \mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$ . Define  $*$  on  $S$  by  $a * b = a + b + ab$ . Show that  $(S, *)$  is a group.
17. Prove that every permutation in  $S_n$  can be written as a product of disjoint cycles.
18. Let  $G$  be a group, and let  $H$  and  $K$  be sub-groups of  $G$ . If  $h^{-1}kh \in K$  for all  $h \in H$  and  $k \in K$ , then  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
19. Let  $G$  be an infinite cyclic group. Show that  $G \cong \mathbb{Z}$ .
20. Let  $G$  be a group, and let  $a, b \in G$  be elements such that  $ab = ba$ . If the orders of  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, then  $o(ab) = o(a) o(b)$ .
21. Show that any finite integral domain is a field.
22. Let  $\phi: G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a group homomorphism. If  $H_1$  is a sub-group of  $G_1$ , then show that  $\phi(H_1)$  is a sub-group of  $G_2$ .
23. State and prove First Isomorphism Theorem.

**Section C**

*Answer any **two** questions.*

*Each question carries 10 marks.*

*Maximum 20 marks.*

24. Let  $S$  be any set and  $\sigma, \tau$  are disjoint cycles in  $\text{Sym}(S)$ . Show that  $\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma$ .
25. Show that every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations.
26. Let  $H$  be a sub-group of the finite group  $G$ . Show that the order of  $H$  is a divisor of order of  $G$ .
27. State and prove Second Isomorphism Theorem.