

B.A/B.Sc 3rd Semester (Honours) Examination, 2020 (CBCS)
Subject: Mathematics
Course: BMH3CC06 (Group Theory-1)

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:

$6 \times 5 = 30$

- (a) Prove that $\mathbb{Z}_3 \otimes \mathbb{Z}_5 \cong \mathbb{Z}_{15}$. [5]
- (b) In S_4 , find a cyclic subgroup of order 4 and a noncyclic subgroup of order 4. [5]
- (c) (i) Let H be a subgroup of the group G of index 2. Prove that H is normal in G . [3]
- (ii) Prove that \mathbb{Z} under addition is not isomorphic to \mathbb{Q} under addition. [2]
- (d) Show that A_5 has no normal subgroup. [5]
- (e) Determine the number of cyclic subgroups of order 10 in $\mathbb{Z}_{100} \otimes \mathbb{Z}_{25}$. [5]
- (f) Prove that a cyclic group of finite order n has one and only one subgroup of order d for every positive divisor d of n . [5]
- (g) Let G be a cyclic group of order 6 generated by x . Let H, K be the subgroups generated by x^2, x^3 respectively. Prove that $|H|=3, |K|=2, G=HK$, and that $H \cap K = \{e\}$. [5]
- (h) Show that all proper subgroups of the quaternion group Q_8 are cyclic. [5]

2. Answer any three questions:

$3 \times 10 = 30$

- (a) (i) If H is a subgroup of finite index in G , prove that there is only a finite of distinct subgroups in G of the form aHa^{-1} . [5]
- (ii) Does there exist subgroup H of \mathbb{Z} other than $n\mathbb{Z}$? Justify your answer. [5]
- (b) (i) Let G be a finite group whose order is not divisible by 3. Suppose that $(ab)^3 = a^3b^3$ for all x in G . Prove that G must be abelian. [5]
- (ii) How many generators does a cyclic group of order n have? Justify your answer. [5]
- (c) (i) Suppose H is the only subgroup of order $|H|$ in the finite group G . Prove that H is normal subgroup. [5]
- (ii) Prove that a group of order 9 is abelian. [5]
- (d) (i) Suppose that N and M are two normal subgroups of G and that $N \cap M = \{e\}$. Show that for any n in N and m in M , $nm = mn$. [5]
- (ii) Let H be group of order n which is also a homomorphic image of G . Let $k > 1$ be a divisor of $|G|$ such that $\gcd(k, n) = 1$. Then show that G is not simple. [5]
- (e) (i) Let $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism of a group G onto a group G' and θ be the natural homomorphism of G onto G/H where $H = \ker \phi$. Prove that there exists

an isomorphism $\psi: G/H \rightarrow G'$ such that $\phi = \psi\theta$.

- (ii) Let $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{bmatrix} \mid a \in \mathbb{R}, a \neq 0 \right\}$. Show that G is a group under matrix multiplication. [5]