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**Final Examinations
MAT301H1F – Groups and Symmetry
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Duration – 3 hours
No Examination Aids Allowed**

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INSTRUCTIONS:

1. DO **THREE** questions out of **FOUR** from **PART A** and the **TWO** questions from **PART B**.
2. Write the final solutions in the pages provided.
3. There are 25 pages and 6 questions in this examination paper.

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Question	Value	Mark
PART A		
1.	20	
2.	20	
3.	20	
4.	20	
PART B		
5.	20	
6.	20	
TOTAL	100	

PART A

PART A

Do any **THREE QUESTIONS**.

1. [20 marks] DEFINE or EXPLAIN the following notions: (6 parts)
1. (a) [3 marks] The Klein-4- group.

1. (b) [3 marks] The canonical (natural) homomorphism of a normal subgroup of a group G .

1. (c) [3 marks] The kernel of a homomorphism.

1. (d) [3 marks] A quotient group.

1. (e) [4 marks] The internal direct product of n subgroups of a group G .

1. (f) *[4 marks]* The BASIS THEOREM and the FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM of finitely generated abelian group.

2. [20 marks] In S_3 , let $H = \langle (12) \rangle$ and $K = \langle (123) \rangle$ (8 parts)
2. (a) [2 marks] Determine the order of (12) and (123) .
2. (b) [2 marks] Show that $K = A_3$.
2. (c) [2 marks] Determine $(123)^{-1}$.

2. (d) [2 marks] Calculate $(123)(12)(123)^{-1}$.

2. (e) [2 marks] Show that H is NOT NORMAL in S_3 .

2. (f) [3 marks] Show that $S_3 = \langle (12), (123) \rangle$.

2. (g) [3 marks] Show that $S_3 = HK$.

2. (h) [4 marks] Show that S_3/A_3 is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_2 .

3. [20 marks] Let G be a group with subgroups H and K . Define a relation \sim on G by $a \sim b$ if and only if $a = hbk$ where $h \in H$ and $k \in K$.
3. (a) [6 marks] Show that \sim is an equivalence relation on G .

3. (b) [3 marks] Show that the equivalence classes of \sim are the sets HxK where $x \in G$.

3. (c) [5 marks] For each $x \in G$, prove that $x^{-1}Hx$ is a subgroup of G .

3. (d) [6 marks] Prove that $|HxK| = \frac{o(H) \cdot o(K)}{o(x^{-1}Hx \cap K)}$ if G is a finite group.

3. (d) (Continued)

4. [20 marks] Let $\varphi : G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ be a group homomorphism and H_i a normal subgroup of $G_i (i = 1, 2)$ so that $\varphi[H_1] \subseteq H_2$.

Define, $\varphi^* : G_1/H_1 \rightarrow G_2/H_2$ by $\varphi^*(H_1g_1) = H_2\varphi(g_1)$.

4. (a) [8 marks] Show that φ^* is a well defined homomorphism.

4. (b) [2 marks] If φ is an epimorphism, show that φ^* is an epimorphism.

4. (c) [3 marks] If φ_{H_i} is the canonical (natural) homomorphism of H_i ($i = 1, 2$) show that $\varphi^* \circ \varphi_{H_1} = \varphi_{H_2} \circ \varphi$.

4. (d) [7 marks] If φ is a monomorphism and $\varphi[H_1] = H_2$, prove that φ^* is a monomorphism.

PART B

Do **BOTH** QUESTIONS.

5. [20 marks] Let G be a group and $\text{Auto } (G)$ its automorphism group. For each $g \in G$, $\varphi_g : G \rightarrow G$ defined by $\varphi_g(x) = gxg^{-1}$ for each $x \in G$, is an inner automorphism of G , and $\text{Inn } (G)$ is the set of all inner automorphisms of G .
5. (a) [4 marks] For each $\psi \in \text{Auto } (G)$, prove that $\psi \circ \varphi_g \circ \psi^{-1} = \varphi_{\psi(g)}$ for each $g \in G$.

5. (b) [4 marks] Prove that $\text{Inn } (G)$ is a normal subgroup of $\text{Auto } (G)$.

5. (c) [3 marks] For each $g \in G$, prove that $\varphi_g = 1$ if and only if $g \in \mathbb{Z}(G)$, the centre of G .

5. (d) [3 marks] Define the map $\varphi : G \rightarrow \text{Auto}(G)$ by $\varphi(g) = \varphi_g$ for every $g \in G$. Show that φ is a homomorphism.

5. (e) [6 marks] Prove that $G/Z(G)$ is isomorphic to $\text{Inn } (G)$.

- 6 [20 marks] Let G be a finite group of order p^2q for distinct primes p and q .
6. (a) [7 marks] Prove that there exists subgroups \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} so that

(i) $o(\mathbb{P}) = p^2$ and $o(\mathbb{Q}) = q$.

(ii) $\mathbb{P} \cap \mathbb{Q} = \{e\}$.

(iii) $G = \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Q}$.

6. (a) (Continued)

6. (b) [3 marks] Give an example to show that a group of order p^2q for distinct primes p and q is not necessarily abelian.

6. (c) [6 marks] Using the subgroups \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} from (a) prove that G is abelian if and only if \mathbb{P} and \mathbb{Q} are normal.

6. (c) (Continued)

6. (d) [4 marks] If G is abelian, prove that $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p^2q}$ or $G \cong \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$.