

**Part A**

5 × 1 = 5 marks

1. The number of squares of all possible sizes in an  $8 \times 8$  chessboard is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "Every positive integer has a self-conjugate partition". Say whether the statement is true or false, with justification.
3. Draw the Hasse diagram of the poset  $(P, |)$ , where  $P$  is the set of all positive divisors of 36 and  $|$  is the "divides" relation ( $m | n$ , if  $n$  is a multiple of  $m$ ).
4. The 60<sup>th</sup> permutation of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 in lexicographical order is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The 90<sup>th</sup> permutation in Fike's ordering starting with 12345 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Part B**

5 × 2 = 10 marks

6. Find the number of parts into which a plane is divided by  $n$  straight lines, no two of which are parallel and no three of which are concurrent.
7. Show that the number of partitions of  $n$  with at most  $k$  parts is equal to the number of partitions of  $n$  with no part larger than  $k$ . Hence define a formula for the number of partitions of  $n$  with exactly  $k$  parts.
8. Using the principle of inclusion and exclusion, derive a formula for the number of permutations of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  in which  $i$  is not in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  position for any  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
9. How many subsets of five integers chosen (without repetition) from 1, 2, ..., 20 are there with no consecutive integers (e.g., if 5 is in the set, then 4 and 6 cannot be in it)?
10. A point  $(x, y)$  in the first quadrant of the  $xy$ -plane defines a rectangle with points  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(x, 0)$ ,  $(0, y)$ , and  $(x, y)$  as its vertices. Consider  $n$  such rectangles defined by the points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Let  $P = \{(x_i, y_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$ . Define a relation  $\leq$  on  $P$  as follows.  $(x_i, y_i) \leq (x_j, y_j)$  if and only if  $x_i \leq x_j$  and  $y_i \leq y_j$ . Show that  $\leq$  defined above is a partial ordering relation on  $P$ .