

**Q1.** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group and let  $H \leq G$ . Define

$$X = \{aH \mid a \in G\}$$

I.e.  $X$  is the set of left cosets of  $H$ . Define  $\star : X \times X \rightarrow X$  by: for all  $a, b \in G$ ,

$$(aH) \star (bH) = (a \cdot b)H.$$

(i) We say that  $H$  is *normal* if for all  $h \in H$  and for all  $g \in G$ ,  $ghg^{-1} \in H$ . Prove that if  $H$  is normal, then  $(X, \star)$  is a group. Note that you need to check that  $\star$  is a well-defined function.

(ii) Find an example of a group  $(G, \cdot)$  and  $H \leq G$  such that  $(X, \star)$  is not a group.

**(5 marks)**

**Q2.** Let  $G$  be the set of  $2 \times 2$  invertible real matrices and let  $\cdot$  be matrix multiplication. Show that  $(G, \cdot)$  is a group. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find the orders of  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $A \cdot B$ .

**(4 marks)**

**Q3.** Let  $G$  be the set of  $4 \times 4$  invertible real matrices and let  $\cdot$  be matrix multiplication. Note that  $(G, \cdot)$  is a group. Find  $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$  such that

$$C_n = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

**(2 marks)**

**Q4.** Prove, without using the product formula for  $\varphi(n)$ , that if  $p$  is prime, then

$$\varphi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$$

**(3 marks)**

**Q5** Prove that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $n^3 + 2n$  and  $n^4 + 3n^2 + 1$  are relatively prime.

**(2 marks)**

**Q6.** Prove that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.

**(2 marks)**

**Q7.** Show that if  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ , then  $3 \mid ab$ .

**(3 marks)**

**Q8.** Find a generator of the group  $((\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z})^*, \otimes_{11})$ .

**(2 marks)**

**Q9.** Find the inverse of  $[12]_{89}$  in the group  $((\mathbb{Z}/89\mathbb{Z})^*, \otimes_{89})$ .  
(2 marks)

**Q10.** What is the order of  $[27]_{56}$  in the group  $((\mathbb{Z}/56\mathbb{Z})^*, \otimes_{56})$ ?  
(2 marks)

**Q11.** Draw a Cayley Table for the group  $((\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^*, \otimes_9)$ . Is  $((\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^*, \otimes_9)$  cyclic?  
(3 marks)

**Q12.** Let  $(G, \cdot)$  be a group and let  $a \in G$  be an element of order  $n$ . It follows that  $\langle a \rangle_G = C_n \leq G$ . Let  $b \in \langle a \rangle_G$ . Therefore  $b = a^s$  for  $0 \leq s < n$ .

(i) Prove that  $\langle b \rangle_G$  is  $C_m$  where

$$m = \frac{n}{\gcd(s, n)}$$

(ii) Prove that  $\langle a^t \rangle_G = \langle b \rangle_G$  if and only if  $\gcd(s, n) = \gcd(t, n)$

(4 marks)