

- ① Let G be a group of order pq , where p and q are distinct primes. Prove that G is abelian.

Answer: False

Reason: Counter example S_3 , $|S_3| = 6 = 2 \cdot 3$ but S_3 is non-abelian.

- ② Prove that if G is a group of order p^2 , where p is prime, then G is abelian if and only if it has $p+1$ subgroups of order p .

Answer: False

Reason: Every group of order p^2 is abelian. There are exactly two types: C_{p^2} and $C_p \times C_p$. The correct equivalence is:

" $G \cong C_p \times C_p \iff G$ has $p+1$ subgroups of order p ". Both groups are abelian.

- ③ Let G be a finite group and H be a proper subgroup of G . Prove that the union of all conjugates of H cannot be equal to G .

Answer: False

Reason: For finite G the union of conjugates of a proper subgroup cannot cover G . A finite group cannot be a union of finitely many proper subgroups.

⑥ Prove that in any group G , the set of elements of finite order forms a subgroup of G .

Answer: False

Reason: In abelian group yes, but not always.

Example: Infinite dihedral group two reflections

(order 2) multiply to a rotation of infinite order.

So, closure fails.

⑦ Let G be a finite group and p be the smallest prime dividing $|G|$. Prove that any subgroup of index p in G is normal.

Answer: True

Reason: Action on cosets gives homomorphism into S_p ; using smallest-prime property the image must force the subgroup to be normal.

⑧ Let G be a finite group and p be a prime number. If G has exactly one subgroup of order p^k for each $k \leq n$, where p^n divides $|G|$, prove that G has a normal Sylow p subgroup.

Answer: True

Reason: Unique subgroup of order p^n is the unique Sylow p -subgroup and uniqueness implies normality.