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Q1: Is the set of odd numbers with the binary addition i.e.  $\langle O, + \rangle$  an abelian group?

Answer: False

Explanation: The set of odd numbers ( $O$ ) is not under addition. For example,  $a=3, b=1$  both odd numbers. Then  $a+b=4$  which is even. Since closure fails  $(O, +)$  is not even a group. So it can't be an abelian group.

Q2: Let  $G$  be a group of order  $pq$ , where  $p \neq q$  are distinct primes. Prove that  $G$  is abelian.

Answer: False.

Explanation: The symmetric group  $S_3$ , which has order  $6 = 2 \times 3$ .  $S_3$  is non-abelian as it contains non-commuting elements  $(12)$  &  $(123)$  permutations.

Q3: Prove that if  $G$  is a group of order  $p^2$ , where  $p$  is prime, the  $G$  is abelian if and only if it has  $p+1$  sub groups of order  $p$ .

Answer: False.

Explanation: Every group of order  $p^2$  is abelian.

However, the number of sub groups of order  $p$  depends on the structure: If  $G$  is cyclic, it has exactly one sub groups of order  $p$ . If  $G$  is elementary abelian, it has  $p+1$  sub groups of order  $p$ . "If & only if" condition fails because a cyclic group of order  $p^2$  is abelian but doesn't have  $p+1$  sub group of order  $p$ .

Q4. Let  $G$  be a finite group &  $H$  be a proper sub group of  $G$ , prove that the union of all conjugates of  $H$  can't be equal to  $G$ .

Answer: True

Explanation: This is a standard result in group theory. The union of all conjugates of a proper subgroup

$H$  is a proper subset of  $G$ . This can be shown using the formula for the number of conjugates has index at least 2, leading to a size contradiction if the union were equal to  $G$ .

Q5: Let  $G$  be a group &  $N$  be a normal sub group of  $G$ . If  $G/N$  is cyclic &  $N$  is cyclic, prove that  $G$  is abelian.

Answer: False

Explanation: Let  $N$  be the alternating subgroup  $A_3$ , which is cyclic of order 3. Then  $G/N$  is cyclic order 2. However,  $S_3$  is non-abelian, showing that the conditions don't guarantee that  $G$  is abelian.



Q6: Prove that in any group  $G$ , the set of elements of finite order forms a subgroup of  $G$ .

Answer: False.

Explanation: In the infinite dihedral group  $D_\infty$ , the elements of order are the reflections, but the product of two distinct reflections is a translation, which has infinite order. Thus, the set of elements of finite order is not closed under multiplication & is not a subgroup.

Q7: Let  $G$  be a finite group &  $p$  be the smallest prime dividing  $|G|$ . Prove that any subgroup of index  $p$  in  $G$  is normal.

Answer: True.

Explanation: If  $H$  is a subgroup of index  $p$  in  $G$  &  $p$  is the smallest prime dividing  $|G|$  then  $H$  is normal. This can be proven using the

action of  $G$  on the cosets of  $H$  and considering the homomorphism into the symmetric group  $S_p$ .

Q8: Let  $G$  be a group &  $a, b \in G$ . Prove that  $a^4 = b^2$  &  $ab = ba$  then  $(ab)^6 = e$ .

Answer: False.

Explanation: Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$  where  $a$  has order 4.

set  $b = e$  (the identity). Then  $a^4 = e = b$  &  $ab = ba$ .

But  $(ab)^6 = a^6 \cdot a^2 = e \cdot a^2 = a^2 \neq e$ . Thus the statement fails.