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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)

SMA 302: GROUP THEORY

DATE: 25/7/2017 **TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL the questions in Section A and ANY TWO Questions in Section B

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS) COMPULSORY

a) Define the following terms

i Binary operation

ii Transposition

iii Permutation

iv Set

v Function (5 marks)

b) Construct the multiplication table for A_3. (5 marks)

c) Construct the addition table for Z_{12} and show that $\{0,5\}$ $and\{0,1\}$ are not the proper subgroups and construct its lattice diagram. (6 marks)

d) Every cyclic group is abelian. Proof (5 marks)

e) If G is a group with binary operation * and if a and b are any elements of G then the linear equation $y * a = b\ and\ x * a = b$ have a unique solution in G. proof (5 marks)

f) If $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is an isomorphism of G with G' and e is the identity of G then f(e) is the Identity in G'. (4 marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

a) Define a group (5 marks)

b) Let A be a non empty set and let S_A be the collection permutations of A. Then S_A is a group under permutation multiplication. Proof (7 marks)

c) Construct addition and the multiplication table Z_{16}, find its subgroups and draw it lattice diagram. (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Construct the multiplication table for D_4 (8 marks)

b) The collection of all even permutations of a finite set of n elements form a subgroup of order $\frac{n!}{2}$ proof. (6 marks)

c) Let G be a group and let $a \in G$. The $H = \{a^n | n \in Z\}$ is a subgroup of G and is the smallest subgroup which contains a. proof (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) If G is a group with binary operation * then the right and the left cancellation hold in G. proof. (6 marks)

b) Define a function $f: G \rightarrow G^1$ by $f(x) = axa^{-1}$ show that f is isomorphism. (6 marks)

c) Construct the multiplication table for Klein 4-group and is $\{e, a, b\}$, $\{e, a, c\}$ and $\{e, b, c\}$ a subgroup of klein4-group. Construct the lattice diagram. (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Let *G* be a group and H a non empty subset of G. Then H is a subgroup of G if and only if for $, b \in H, ab^{-1} \in H$. prove (6 marks)

b) In a group G with the operation * , there is only one identity and inverse (6 marks)

c) State whether the following permutation is odd or even

i $(13245)(679)(1011)$ (4 marks)

ii $(134)(587)(26)$ (4 marks)