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MATHEMATICS

Paper VII

(Group Theory)

(Thursday, 12-12-2024)

Time: 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Time—Two Hours

Maximum Marks—40

- N.B. := (i) Attempt All questions.
 - (ii) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 1. If $f: X \to Y$ and $g: Y \to Z$ be two one-one and onto maps, then prove that $g \circ f: X \to Z$ is also one-one and onto. Also prove that :

$$(g \circ f)^{-1}: \mathbf{Z} \to \mathbf{X} = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1}): \mathbf{Z} \to \mathbf{X}$$

Or

- (a) State and prove Lagrange's theorem.
- (b) If H is a subgroup of the group G, then prove that there is one-toone correspondence between any two right cosets of H in G. 7

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- 2. If f is a homomorphism of a group G into a group G', then prove that : 15
 - (i) f(e) = e', where e is the identity of G and e' is the identity of G'.
 - (ii) $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$, for all $a \in G$.
 - (iii) If the order of $a \in G$ is finite, then the order of f(a) a divisor of the order of a.

Or

- (a) Prove that a non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if and only if:
 - (i) $a \in \mathbf{H}, b \in \mathbf{H} \Rightarrow ab \in \mathbf{H}$
 - (ii) $a \in \mathbf{H} \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in \mathbf{H}$

where a^{-1} is the inverse of a in G.

- (b) Let $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $g = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ be two permutations of degree 3, then find fg and gf. Is fg = gf?
- 3. Attempt any *two* of the following:

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(a) Let I be the set of integers and R be the relation in I defined by, for $x, y \in I$, xRy iff x - y is divisible by 5. Then prove that R is an equivalence relation.

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- (b) Prepare the composition table for the group $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with respect to 'addition modulo 5' and write down the inverse of each element of G.
- (c) Prove that every cyclic group is an abelian group.
- (d) Let G be a group and let e be the identity element of G. Then prove that the mapping $f: G \to G$ defined by f(a) = e, for all $a \in G$ is a homomorphism of G into G.