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**II Semester B.Sc. Hon's (Mathematics) Degree (Reg./Supple./Improve.)
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BHM 202 : ABSTRACT ALGEBRA – I**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

Answer all the 10 questions.

(10×1=10)

1. Examine whether the usual addition + on the set of all real numbers induce a binary operation on the set of all non-zero reals.
2. If an operation * on the set of all rationals Q is defined by $a*b = \frac{a}{b}$, check whether * is a binary operation on Q.
3. Is the Klein - 4 group $V = \{e, a, b, c\}$ – cyclic ? Obtain the proper cyclic subgroups of V, if any.
4. Prove that the subgroups of \mathbb{Z} under-addition are precisely the groups $n\mathbb{Z}$ under addition.
5. If $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ is the additive group of rational, examine whether \mathbb{Z} is a subgroup \mathbb{Q}^+ .
6. If $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 3 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$, find $\alpha\beta$ and $(\alpha\beta)^+$.
7. Examine whether the product of the cycles (1, 4, 5, 6) and (2, 1, 5) in S_6 is again a cycle.
8. Show that $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 & 2 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ in S_6 is an odd permutation.



9. Show that the map $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{Z}$ defined by $\phi(x) = 2x$ for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ is not a ring homomorphism.
10. If p is a prime, show that \mathbb{Z}_p has no zero divisors.

Answer **any 10** short answer questions out of **14**.

(10×3=30)

11. Show that the binary structures $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ and (\mathbb{R}, \cdot) are isomorphic, where $+$ is the usual addition, \cdot is the multiplication on \mathbb{R} , the set of all reals.
12. Show that the set of all invertible $n \times n$ matrices with real entries is a group with respect to matrix multiplication.
13. If $(G, *)$ is a group, show that the linear equations $a * x = b$ and $y * a = b$ have unique solutions in G .
14. If $(a * b)^2 = a^2 * b^2$ for 'a' and 'b' in a group G , show that $a * b = b * a$, where $a^2 = a * a$.
15. Show that every cyclic group is abelian.
16. State and prove the division algorithm for \mathbb{Z} .
17. Prove that a non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if and only if $a, b \in H$ implies $ab^{-1} \in H$.
18. Find all subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{18} .
19. Prove that any permutation of a finite set of at least two elements is a product of transpositions.
20. Show that the number of even permutations in S_n is the same as the number of odd permutations.
21. Prove that every group of prime order is cyclic.
22. Prove that a homomorphism ϕ from a group G to another Group G' is one-to-one if and only if $\text{Ker } \phi = \{e\}$.
23. Prove that every field F is an integral domain.
24. In the ring \mathbb{Z}_n , prove that the divisors of zero are precisely those non-zero elements that are relatively prime to n .



Answer **any 6** short essay questions **out of 9**.

(6×5=30)

25. Show that the binary structures $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and $(2\mathbb{Z}, +)$ are isomorphic, where $2\mathbb{Z} = \{2n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.
26. If G is a group with binary operation $*$, prove that the left and right cancellation laws hold in G .
27. If $(G, *)$ is a group, show that the identity element and inverse of each element are unique in G .
28. If G is a group and $a \in G$, show that $H = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a subgroup of G .
29. Show that every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations.
30. If G and G_1 are groups and $\phi : G \rightarrow G_1$ is a one-to-one function such that $\phi(xy) = \phi(x)\phi(y)$ for all $x, y \in G$, show that $\phi(G)$ is a subgroup of G_1 . Show also that ϕ provides an isomorphism of G with $\phi[G]$.
31. If $\phi : G \rightarrow G_1$ is a homomorphism of a group G into a group G_1 , prove the following.
- If e is the identity element of G , then $\phi(e)$ is the identity element of G_1
 - $\phi(a^{-1}) = \phi(a)^{-1}$, where $a \in G$.
 - If H is a subgroup of G , then $\phi[H]$ is a subgroup of G_1 .
32. Prove that every finite integral domain is a field.
33. Let R be a ring with unity. If $n \cdot 1 \neq 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, show that R has characteristic zero. If $n \cdot 1 = 0$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then show that the smallest such integer is the characteristic of R .

Answer **any one** essay question **out of 2**.

(1×10=10)

34. If G is a cyclic group with generator 'a' and if order of G is finite, show that G is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$. If G has finite order n , then show that G is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_n , under addition modulo n .
35. Prove that every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations.