Name of Course : CBCS B.Sc. (H) Mathematics

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Name of Paper : C6-Group Theory-I

Semester : III

Duration : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 75 Marks

Attempt any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. Let  $G = GL(n, \mathbb{R})$ . Let  $H = \{A \in G \mid \det A \text{ is a power of 5}\}$ . Then prove or disprove that H is a subgroup of G. Find the elements in U(10) and U(12) that satisfy the equation  $x^2 = 1$ .
- **2.** List all the elements of order 3 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ . Find the smallest subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}$  containing 12 and 18. Determine the subgroup lattice for  $\mathbb{Z}_{24}$ .
- 3. Let  $S_n$  be the symmetric group of degree n. Suppose that  $\alpha \in S_n$  can be written as a product of disjoint cyclic permutations of lengths  $m_1, m_2, ..., m_r, (r \in \mathbb{N})$ , respectively. Then prove that the order of  $\alpha$  is  $lcm(m_1, m_2, ..., m_r)$ . Find the orders of (13)(27)(456)(8)(1237)(648)(5) and (124)(345). Furthermore, show that if H is a subgroup of  $S_n$  then either every member of H is an even permutation or exactly half of them are even. Also, find  $Z(S_n)$  for  $n \geq 3$ .
- **4.** Show that for a finite group G, the index of a subgroup H in G is |G|/|H|. Prove that every subgroup of index 2 of a group G is normal. Give an example of a subgroup H of index 3 in a group G which is not normal in G. Also, determine the index of  $3\mathbb{Z}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- 5. Let  $H = \{\beta \in S_5 : \beta(1) = 1\}$  and  $K = \{\beta \in S_5 : \beta(2) = 2\}$ . Prove that H is isomorphic to K. Is the same true if  $S_5$  is replaced by  $S_n$ , where  $n \ge 3$ ? Further prove or disprove that  $S_4$  is isomorphic to  $D_{12}$ .
- **6.** If H is a subgroup of G and K is a normal subgroup of G, then prove that  $H/(H \cap K)$  is isomorphic to HK/K. Also determine all homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  to itself.