

ALGEBRA II FINAL

- (1) If  $A, B, C$  are subgroups of  $G$ , and  $A \subset C$ , then  $(A.B) \cap C = A(B \cap C)$ . (Marks 5)
- (2) In the permutation group  $S_n$  give examples of an odd permutation of even order, and even permutations of even order. (5 marks)
- (3) Describe groups of order 10. (marks 10)
- (4) Let  $i : G \hookrightarrow S(X)$  and let  $G$  be **abelian** such that  $G$  acts **transitively** on  $X$  via  $i$ . Show that  $|G| = |X|$ . (marks 5)
- (5) Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group of order  $m$ . Let  $n$  be an integer coprime to  $m$ . Prove that every element  $g \in G$  can be expressed as  $g = x^n$  for some  $x \in G$ . (5 marks)
- (6) Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group and suppose that  $A$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  such that  $|A| = p$ . Show that  $A \subset Z(G)$ . (marks 8)
- (7) Let  $G$  be a finite group such that for every pair of elements  $g, h \neq 1$ , there exists an automorphism  $\phi$  such that  $\phi(g) = h$ . Show that all elements have the same order which is a prime. Show that automorphisms send the center to itself. Hence show further that  $G$  is in fact abelian. (10 marks)
- (8) Let  $|G| = p^a \cdot q^b$ , where  $p < q$  are primes. Suppose that the  $q$ -Sylow subgroup is normal in  $G$ . Show that there is a subgroup  $H \subset G$  of index  $p$  which is normal. (12 marks)
- (9) Let  $S$  and  $T$  be symmetric linear transformations on a finite dimensional real vector space  $V$ , such that  $ST = TS$ . Show that  $S$  and  $T$  have a common eigenvector in  $V$ . (5 marks)
- (10) Show that if  $A \in SO(n)$ , with  $n$ -odd, then 1 is an eigenvalue of  $A$ . Conclude that every matrix in  $SO(3)$  has an axis. (5 marks)

$|G| = m$   
 $(m, n) = 1$   
 $\{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$   
 $a \in A, b \in B$   
 $(a, b) \mapsto ab$   
 $b = a^{-1}(ab) \in C$