

**St.Philomena's College (Autonomus), Mysore**  
**PG Department of Mathematics**  
**Question Bank (Revised Curriculum 2020 onwards)**  
**First Year - First Semester ( 2021 -23 Batch)**  
**Course Title (Paper Title): Group Theory**

Unit	S.No	Question	Marks
1	1	Define order of an element. If $O(a) = 25$ for $a \in G$ then find $O(a^{20})$ .	2m
1	2	If $H \leq G$ and $K \leq G$ where $O(G) < \infty$ such that $(O(H), O(K)) = 1$ then find the elements of $H \cap K$ .	2m
1	3	If $a \in G$ such that $O(a) = m$ then $O(a^k) = \frac{m}{(m, k)}$	2m
1	4	For any $a \in G$ show that $f_a : G \rightarrow G$ defined by $f_a(x) = axa^{-1}$ is an automorphism of $G$	2m
2	5	If $O(a) = 20$ find the $O(xa^{12}x^{-1})$	2m
2	6	If $f$ is an automorphism of a group $G$ and $N \trianglelefteq G$ then show that $f(N) \trianglelefteq G$	2m
2	7	Show that every subgroup of an abelian group is normal	2m
2	8	If $G$ is a group and $H \leq G$ of index 2 in $G$ then show that $H \trianglelefteq G$	2m
3	9	If $G = \langle a \rangle$ is a cyclic group of order 120, then find the order of $a^{50}$	2m
3	10	As a consequence of Fundamental theorem of Homomorphism show that $G/G=0$ and $G/0=G$	2m
3	11	Show that $S_n$ $n \geq 3$ has a trivial center	2m
3	12	Find the order of Sylow 2 subgroup in $S_9$	2m
3	13	Find the order of Sylow 3 subgroup in $S_7$	2m
4	14	Define a p-sylow subgroup. Find the order of Sylow 3 subgroup in $S_{13}$	2m
4	15	Determine all the automorphisms of the additive group $\mathbb{Z}$	2m
4	16	Determine all the permutation in $S_4$ which are conjugate to (1234)	2m
4	17	Prove or Disprove "If every proper subgroup of a group is normal then $G$ is abelian"	2m
4	18	Show that $SL_n(\mathbb{R}) \trianglelefteq GL_n(\mathbb{R})$	2m

- 1 19 Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ . Show that  $G$  has a unique subgroup of order  $d$  for every divisor  $d$  of  $n$ . Determine all subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$  10m
- Define normal subgroup. Show that a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  is normal if and only if a right coset of  $H$  in  $G$  is a left coset of  $H$  in  $G$ . Find all the normal subgroups of  $S_6$ . 10m
- 1 20
- State and prove Lagrange's theorem for finite groups. Justify the converse with an example. Does the converse is valid for cyclic and abelian groups. If it is valid does the subgroups are unique? justify. 10m
- 1 21
- Define the commutator subgroup of a group  $G'$  of  $G$ . Show that  $G'$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $G/G'$  is Abelian. Determine the commutator subgroup of  $S_3$  10m
- 1 22
- State and prove fundamental theorem of group homomorphism. Define a  $n$  copy map with an example. 10m
- 1 23
- State and prove first isomorphism theorem. Prove that any finite cyclic group of order  $n$  has  $\phi(n)$  generators. 10m
- 2 24
- State and prove Second isomorphism theorem. Classify upto isomorphism of all groups of order 45. 10m
- 2 25
- If  $H \leq GX = G/H$ , where  $H \trianglelefteq G$ . Then prove that there is a group homomorphism  $\xi : G \rightarrow \text{Sym}(X)$  with the kernel  $K$  is the largest normal subgroup of  $G$  which is contained in  $H$ . 10m
- 2 26
- Define an inner automorphism of a group  $G$ . Prove that the group of inner automorphism  $I(G) \cong G/Z(G)$ . Find the  $I(G)$  of  $Z_p$ . 10m
- 2 27
- State and prove Cayley's theorem. 10m
- 2 28
- Define the external direct product of Groups.
- 3 29 Find the order of elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  is cyclic if and only if  $(m, n) = 1$  10m

- 3 30 State and prove fundamental theorem on finite abelian group. Find the number of abelian groups of order 169. 10m
- 3 31 Find the number of elements of order 10 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{10} \times \mathbb{Z}_{15}$ . Find the number of elements of order 3 in  $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ . If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic then  $G$  is abelian. Can  $O(G/Z(G)) = p$ , where  $p$  - prime whenever  $G$  is abelian 10m
- 3 32 Define the Dihedral group  $D_{2n}$ . Find the center of  $D_{2n}$ . Find the number of conjugates of  $\sigma = (12)(345)$  in  $S_7$  10m
- 3 33 Prove or disprove the following statements  
a)  $(\mathbb{Q}^*, \cdot)$  is cyclic 10m  
b)  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is cyclic  
c)  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$  is cyclic
- 3 34 For a finite group  $G$ , if  $H \leq G$  and  $K \leq G$  prove that  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $HK = KH$ . Deduce the result  $O(HK) = \frac{O(H)O(K)}{O(H \cap K)}$  10m
- 3 35 Define the center of a group  $Z(G)$ , prove that  $Z(G) \trianglelefteq G$ . If  $G/Z(G)$  is cyclic prove that  $G$  is abelian. Further if  $G$  is finite non abelian group then prove that  $O(Z(G)) \leq \frac{1}{4}O(G)$ . 10m
- 3 37 Prove that any subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic. If every proper subgroup of a group is cyclic does the group is cyclic? Justify 10m
- 4 38 If ' $a$ ' has infinite order, then all distinct powers of ' $a$ ' are distinct in  $G$  and in particular the cyclic subgroup of  $\langle a \rangle$  is infinite. If  $G$  has no nontrivial subgroups show that  $G$  is of prime order. 10m
- 3 39 If  $a, b \in G$  such that  $ab = ba$ . If  $O(a) = n, O(b) = m$ , such that  $(m, n) = 1$  then prove that  $O(ab) = mn$ . 10m
- If  $H, K$  are subgroups of a group  $G$  of indices  $m$  and  $n$  and if  $(m, n) = 1$ . Show that  $H \cap K$  is of index  $mn$

- Derive the class equation for a finite group. Deduce that any group of  
 1 40 order  $p^n$  where  $p$  – prime and  $n \geq 1$  has nontrivial center. Show that if 10m  
 $n = 2$   $G$  is abelian.
- 3 41 State and prove first Sylow’s theorem 10m
- Show that every permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be expressed as a product of  
 2 42 transposition. Hence define  $A_n$  and show that for  $n \geq 3$   $A_n$  is the only 10m  
 subgroup of  $S_n$  of index 2.
- If  $G$  is a cyclic group of order  $n$  then prove that  $G$  has  $\phi(n)$  number  
 4 43 of automorphisms. Hence prove that a group of order  $n > 2$  has an 10m  
 automorphism which is not an inner automorphism
- 4 44 Prove that disjoint permutations commute. If  $H \leq G$  and  $O(G) < \infty$  10m  
 such that  $O(G) \nmid [G : H]!$ . Prove that  $G$  is not simple.
- Define the Signature map . Show that for  $n \geq 2$  the signature map is an  
 4 45 homomorphism. 10m
- Find the signature of  $\sigma = (1234)$  in  $S_4$

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<b>Section – A (MCQ)</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>b</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>c</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>d</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Section – B</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>b</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>c</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Section – C</b> Answer any three from the following		
	<b>3</b>	<b>3x10=30</b>
	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b>	
<b>Section – D</b> Answer any three from the following		
	<b>7</b>	<b>3x10=30</b>
	<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b>	
	<b>10</b>	