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**Final Exam – Math 323** (Term 212) (Duration = 3 hours | Number of Questions = 24) (**CODE** 001)



**Exercise 2.** In the group  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{69\mathbb{Z}}$ , let  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  be two distinct non-trivial proper subgroups. Then,  $|H_1 \cup H_2| =$ 

- a) 26
- b) 25
- c) 69
- d) 45
- e) 46

**Exercise 3.** Let *G* be a group of order 4. Which one of the following statements is WRONG?

- a) There must be at least one subgroup of *G* of order 2
- b) *G* may or may not be cyclic
- c) There must be an element of *G* of order 4
- d) G must be abelian
- e) Every proper subgroup of *G* is cyclic

**Exercise 4.** In the group  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{70\mathbb{Z}}$ , let *H* be a subgroup of order 10. If  $H = \langle \overline{n} \rangle$  such that  $n \leq 60$ , then the largest possible value for *n* is equal to:

a) 7

b) 10

- c) 21
- d) 49
- e) 56

**Exercise 5.** Let  $S_{10}$  denote the symmetric group of degree 10 and let  $\sigma \in S_{10}$  with  $\sigma = \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \cdots \alpha_k$  where the  $\alpha_i$ 's are disjoint  $r_i$ -cycles such that  $r_i \ge 3$ , for each i, and  $r_1 + r_2 + \cdots + r_k = 10$ . If  $\sigma$  is odd, then the largest possible order for  $\sigma$  is equal to:

- a) 6
- b) 8
- c) 12
- d) 21
- e) 30

**Exercise 6.** Let *G* be a non-abelian group of order *pq*, where *p* < *q* are prime numbers. Then:

- a) Z(G) is trivial
- b) Z(G) has an element of order q

c) 
$$|Z(G)| = p$$

d) 
$$\frac{G}{Z(G)}$$
 is cyclic

e) 
$$\left|\frac{G}{Z(G)}\right| = 1$$

**Exercise 7.** Let *G* be a group of order n = 2pq, where  $2 \leq p \leq q$  are prime numbers and let *H* be a non-cyclic subgroup of *G* such that |H| is odd. If *x* is an element of *G* of order 2p, then

- a) |xH| = 2
- b) |xH| = p
- c) |xH| = q
- d) xH = Hx
- e) xH = H

**Exercise 8.** Let G = U(66) be the group under multiplication modulo 66. In *G*, we have:  $5^2, 5^3, 5^4, 5^5, 5^6, 5^7, 5^8, 5^9, 5^{10} = 25, 59, 31, 23, 49, 47, 37, 53, 1$ , respectively ;  $17^2, 17^3, 17^4, 17^5, 17^6, 17^7, 17^8, 17^9, 17^{10} = 25, 29, 31, 65, 49, 41, 37, 35, 1$ , respectively ;  $23^2 = 43^2 = 65^2 = 1$ . Then:

a) 
$$G \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}$$
 and  $G = \langle 43 \rangle \oplus \langle 5 \rangle$   
b)  $G \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{11\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $G = \langle 43 \rangle \oplus \langle 5 \rangle$   
c)  $G \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{10\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $G = \langle 23 \rangle \oplus \langle 5 \rangle$   
d)  $G \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $G = \langle 65 \rangle \oplus \langle 5 \rangle$   
e)  $G \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \oplus \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{10\mathbb{Z}}$  and  $G = \langle 23 \rangle \oplus \langle 17 \rangle$ 

**Exercise 9.** Let *G* be a non-abelian group of order  $p^3$ , where *p* is prime.

a) 
$$Z(G) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$$

b) Z(G) is trivial

c) 
$$Z(G) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$$
  
d)  $Z(G) \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2\mathbb{Z}}$ 

e) None of these statements are true

Exercise 10. Which one of the following statements is WRONG?

a) 
$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{3\mathbb{Z}}[i]$$
 is a field  
b)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{17\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is NOT a field  
c)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{11\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is a finite ring  
d)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{13\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is a field  
e)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is NOT an integral domain

**Exercise 11.** Consider the ring  $R := \mathbb{Z} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$ , where *p* is a prime number. Let *Q* be a prime ideal of *R* and let  $(n,\overline{m}) \in Q$  such that  $n \ge 1$  and  $1 \le m \le p-1$ . If  $n_o = Smallest$  possible value for *n* and  $m_o = Largest$  possible value for *m*, then  $n_o + m_o$  is equal to:

a) p - 2

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- b) *p*−1
- c) *p*
- d) p + 1
- e) p + 2

Exercise 12. Which one of the following statements is CORRECT?

- a) In the ring  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}[i]$ , the principal ideal  $(1+i)\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}[i]$  is prime
- b)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}[i]}{i\mathbb{Z}[i]}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}$
- c) The ring of 2×2 matrices over  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$  is a division ring
- d) The ideal  $0 \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$  is not maximal in the ring  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{2\mathbb{Z}}$
- e) In the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , the principal ideal  $(1-i)\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is maximal

**Exercise 13.** Consider the commutative ring  $R := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} | a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  and the two ideals of R  $I := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} | a \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$  and  $J := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & -a \\ -a & a \end{pmatrix} | a \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ . Consider the mapping  $\phi : R \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ;  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} \mapsto a + b$ . Which one of the following statements is WRONG?

- a)  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism
- b) *I* is a prime ideal of *R*

c) 
$$\frac{R}{I} \cong \mathbb{Z}$$

- d)  $Ker(\phi) = I$
- e)  $\phi(R) = \mathbb{Z}$

**Exercise 14.** Let *n* be a positive integer with decimal representation *ababc*. If *n* is divisible by 7 and 3a + b = 12, then *c* is equal to:

a) 1

- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4
- e) 5

**Exercise 15.** In  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{13\mathbb{Z}}[X]$ , let  $\bar{r}$  be the remainder of the division of  $X^n$  by X + 5, with  $0 \le r \le 12$ . If n = 43, then r is equal to:

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4
- e) 5

## **Exercise 16.** The equation $x^{70} = 1$ (*modulo* 61) has

- a) 6 distinct solutions
- b) 10 distinct solutions
- c) 11 distinct solutions
- d) 14 distinct solutions
- e) 15 distinct solutions

**Exercise 17.** Let *F* be a finite field of characteristic *p*.

a) 
$$x^{p} = 1$$
,  $\forall x \in F$   
b)  $F \cong \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p\mathbb{Z}}$   
c)  $p \le |F|$   
d)  $x^{p} = x$ ,  $\forall x \in F$ 

e)  $F \times F$  is a field of characteristic p

**Exercise 18.** Which one of the following polynomials is NOT irreducible in Q[X]?

- a)  $2X^4 + 4X^2 + 2$
- b)  $X^3 + 2X^2 + X 1$
- c)  $2X^3 + X^2 + 3X + 2$
- d)  $2X^3 + 4X^2 + 6X + 8$
- e)  $X^4 + 4X^2 + 6$

**Exercise 19.** Which one of the following factor rings is a field?

a) 
$$\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{3}[X]}{(X^{4}+1)}$$
  
b)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{3}[X]}{(X^{4}-1)}$   
c)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{3}[X]}{(X^{4}+2X+2)}$   
d)  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{3}[X]}{(X^{4}+2X+1)}$ 

e) No one of these factor rings is a field

**Exercise 20.** The polynomial  $f := X^2 + 1$  is NOT irreducible in

- a)  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}[X]$
- b)  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}[X]$
- c)  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}[X]$
- d)  $\mathbb{Z}_{31}[X]$
- e) *f* is irreducible in all these polynomial rings

**Exercise 21.** The polynomial  $X^4 - X^2 + 1$  is NOT irreducible over

- a) Q
- b)  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{2}]$
- c)  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{3}]$
- d)  $\mathbb{Q}[i]$
- e) *f* is irreducible over all these fields

**Exercise 22.** The ring  $\frac{\mathbb{Q}[X]}{(X^3 - X^2 - 2X + 2)}$  is isomorphic to

- a) Q×Q[√2]
  b) Q×Q[*i*]
- c)  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$
- d) ℚ×ℂ
- e) ℚ×ℝ

**Exercise 23.** Let  $f = 1 + X + X^2 + \dots + X^{p-1}$ , where *p* is prime, and consider the ring  $R = \frac{\mathbb{Q}[X]}{(f^p)}$ .

- a)  $\overline{X^p p}$  is nilpotent and  $\overline{X^p 1}$  is a unit in *R*
- b)  $\overline{X^p p}$  and  $\overline{X^p 1}$  are units in *R*
- c)  $\overline{X^p p}$  and  $\overline{X^p 1}$  are nilpotent in *R*
- d) Neither  $\overline{X^p p}$  nor  $\overline{X^p 1}$  is a unit or nilpotent in *R*
- e) None of these statements are true

**Exercise 24.** Let *R* be a commutative ring with the property:  $\forall r \in R \exists s \in R$  such that  $r = sr^2$ . Let *I* be a finitely generated ideal of *R*. Then:

- a) *I* is prime
- b) *I* is principal
- c) I = (0) or I = R
- d)  $I^2 = 0$
- e) The quotient ring  $\frac{R}{I}$  has one unique maximal ideal