

**Q1/ (i)** Define "Center of a group". If  $|G|$  is a power of a prime  $p$ , then show that  $G$  has nontrivial center. **(8+8) marks**

**(ii)** Let  $G$  be a group with subgroups  $H$  and  $K$ . Assume that

**(1)**  $H$  and  $K$  are both normal in  $G$ .

**(2)**  $H \cap K = \{1\}$ .

**(3)**  $G = HK$ . Then, show that  $G \cong H \times K$ .

**Q2/ (i)** What is mean by:

**(1)** The fiber of a function and the union of a fibers. **(2)** Exact sequences and short exact sequences.

**(3)** Conjugate. **(4)** Abelianization of a group. **(5)** The second Isomorphism Theorem (Correspondence Theorem). **(10+8) marks**

**(ii)** State and prove "Cauchy Theorem".

**Q3/ (i)** Prove or disprove **(10+6+10) marks**

Let  $(H, \cdot)$  be an infinite cyclic group. Then  $H \cong \mathbf{Z}$ , where  $\mathbf{Z}$  is the set of integer numbers.

**(ii)** Show that there is a 1-1 and onto mapping between any two right cosets of  $H$  in  $G$ .

**(iii)** If  $G$  is a group in which  $(ab)^i = a^i b^i$ , for three consecutive integers  $i$  and any  $a, b$  in  $G$ , then show that  $G$  is commutative.

**Q4/ (i)** State and prove "Factorization of Homomorphism". **(8+6+6) marks**

**(ii)** Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Let  $g \in G$ . Show that

**(1)**  $gHg^{-1} = \{ghg^{-1} : h \in H\}$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . **(2)**  $|gHg^{-1}| = |H|$ .

**(iii)** Write "True" or "False" of the following:

**(1)** Suppose  $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{n}$ , where  $n$  is a prime number, then either  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  or  $a \equiv -b \pmod{n}$ .

**(2)** Let  $(H, *)$  be a subgroup of the group  $(G, *)$ . Two elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $G$  are congruent modulo  $H$ , written  $a \equiv b \pmod{H}$  iff  $a*b^{-1} \in H$ .

**(3)** The positive integer  $n$  such that  $g^n = 1$ , for all  $g \in G$  is called the exponent of  $G$ .

**(4)** Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H$  be a nonempty subset of  $G$ . Then  $H \cong G$  iff  $ab \in H$ , for all  $a, b \in H$ .

**(5)** Given that  $(H_1, *)$  and  $(H_2, *)$  are both normal subgroups of the group  $(G, *)$ , the subgroup  $(H_1 \cap H_2, *)$  is also normal.

**(6)** Given  $(H, *)$  is a normal subgroup of the group  $(G, *)$ , then the quotient group

$(G/H, \otimes)$  is commutative whenever  $(G, *)$  is commutative.

**Good Luck**