

Use separate answer script for each half

### First Half

Answer as much as you can or wish to in this half. The maximum you can score in this half is 35.

1.a.) Prove that for any positive integer  $n$ , there exists an abelian group of order  $n$ .

b.) Suppose  $G$  is a finite group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that the order of  $H$  is a divisor of the order of  $G$ .

[4+7=11]

2.a.) Define a normal subgroup. If  $N$  is a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ , prove that the collection of right cosets of  $N$  in  $G$  form a group. Also establish that if  $G$  is abelian, so is the group thus formed by the right cosets of  $N$  in  $G$ .

b.) Suppose  $G$  is a group and  $a \in G$ . The *normalizer* of the element  $a$  consists of all elements of  $G$  which commute with the element  $a$ . Show that the *normalizer* of  $a$ , denoted by  $N(a)$ , is, in fact, a subgroup of  $G$ .

c.) If  $G$  is a group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ , define the *index* of  $H$  in  $G$ .

Show, by an example, that the *index* of  $H$  in  $G$  may be finite even when both  $G$  and  $H$  are of infinite order.

[5+4+5=14]

3.a.) Suppose  $\phi$  is a *homomorphism* of a group  $G$  onto a group  $\bar{G}$  with *kernel*  $K$ .

Show that  $G/K$  is *isomorphic* to  $\bar{G}$ .

b.) Prove that the *steady state distribution* of a  $M/M/\infty$  queueing system with constant arrival and service rates is Poisson.

[7+4=11]

4. Following questions may have one or more than one correct option. Answer any three with justifications.

(i) The set  $G = \{1, -1, I, -i\}$  is a group under multiplication



**SECOND HALF**Answer any **THREE** questions

Two marks are reserved for general proficiency

7. Using the method of least squares, fit a polynomial of the second degree to the following data:

x	0.0	1.0	2.0
y	1.0	6.0	17.0

after deducing the associated formula.

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8. Evaluate

$$I = \int_0^{1.2} \frac{1}{1+x} dx,$$

by using Romberg's method, correct to three decimal places, after deducing the associated formula.

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9. a) Using Runge-Kutta method of fourth order, find
- $y(1.1)$
- correct to five decimal places, given

that  $y' = x^2 + y^2$ ;  $y(1) = 0$ , where the symbol (') denotes the derivative with respect to  $x$ .

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- b) Deduce Milne's or any other predictor and corrector formula to solve the first order differential equation
- $y' = f(x, y)$
- with the initial condition
- $y(x_0)$
- .

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- 10.a) Explain the following terms in the Calculus of Variations :

i) Functional, ii) Brachistochrone problem

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- b) On what curves can the functional

$$J[y(x)] = \int_1^2 (y'^2 - 2xy) dx; \quad y(1) = 0, y(2) = -1$$

attain an extremum?

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- 11.a) Determine the plane curve of quickest descent as a particle moving on a smooth surface falls

under gravity from a fixed point  $A(0,0)$  to another fixed point  $B(a, b)$ .

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- b) Find the extremals of the functional

$$J[y(x)] = \int_1^3 (3x - y) y dx$$

that satisfy the boundary conditions  $y(1) = 1, y(3) = 9/2$ .

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