



(Knowledge for Development)

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: MAP 223

COURSE TITLE: ALGEBRAIC STRUCTURES II

DATE: 8/10/2021

TIME: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION ONE (30MKS)

a) Define the following terms;

- I) Binary relation (2mks)
- II) Inverse relation (2mks)
- III) Limit of a sequence (2mks)
- IV) Null sequence (2mks)
- V) Bounded sequence (1mk)
- VI) A ring (3mks)
- VII) A field (3mks)
- VIII) Complementary relation (2mks)

b) Let $R \subseteq X \times Y$ be a binary relation from X to Y . Let $A, B \subseteq X$ be the subsets. Prove that the following statements are true.

- I) If $A \subseteq B$, then $R(A) \subseteq R(B)$ (3mks)
- II) $R(A \cup B) = R(A) \cup R(B)$ (3mks)
- III) $R(A \cap B) \subseteq R(A) \cap R(B)$ (3mks)

C) Let $R_1, R_2 \subseteq X \times Y$ be relations from X to Y . If $R_1(x) = R_2(x)$ for all x that belongs to X , show that $R_1 = R_2$ (4mks)

QUESTION TWO (20MKS)

2. a) Prove that the sum of the first n natural numbers is given by the formula:

$$1+2+3+\dots+n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad (5\text{mks})$$

- b) Show that a composite integer n has a prime factor less than or equal to \sqrt{n} (5mks)
- c) Prove that every convergent sequence is bounded (5mks)
- d) Prove that $n^3 + 2n$ is divisible by 3 for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ (5mks)

QUESTION THREE (20MKS)

- a i) State 3 properties of a ring (3mks)
 - ii) In a field a product of two non-zero elements is non zero, prove (2mks)
 - iii) Prove that for any elements a, b and c of a field and non-zero element the cancellation law $ab=ac$ implies $b=c$ holds (2mks)
- b i) define the following terms a group state 3 conditions that a group satisfies (4mks)
 - ii) Order of a group (2mks)
 - iii) Abelian group and give two examples (3mks)
- c) Let $(a, *)$ be a group and let a, b, c belong to G , prove that the following hold (4mks)
 - i) $a * b = a * c$ implies $b=c$
 - ii) $b * a = c * a$ implies $b=c$

QUESTION FOUR (20MKS)

- a) i) Let $G = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ be a finite group prove that in any row and column of the multiplication table of G , each element of G appears once. (3mks)
- ii) Let G be a group a belongs to G . Prove that $\langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G . (5mks)
- iii) Define a subgroup (2mks)
- b) Let G be a group, $H \leq G$ and $K \leq G$ prove that $H \cap K \leq G$ (10 mks)

QUESTION FIVE (20mks)

- (a) Let $f: G \rightarrow H$ be a homomorphism of groups. Denote the identity of G by e_G and the identity of H by e_H . Show that f
- (b) Preserves identities: $f(e_G) = e_H$ (2mks)
- (c) Preserves inverses: for every $x \in G$, $f(x^{-1}) = f(x)^{-1}$ (8mks)
- (d) The center Z of a group G is defined by $Z = \{z \in G \mid zx = xz \text{ for all } x \in G\}$, prove that Z is a subgroup of G . (4mks)
- (e) Let G be the group of all non-zero complex numbers $a+ib$, (a, b real but not both zero) under multiplication and let $H = \{a+ib \in G \mid a^2 + b^2 = 1\}$ verify that H is a subgroup of G . (6mks).