

There are seven problems in the exam. Work out all seven of them.

- [15%] 1. For what positive integers  $n$  is it true that the only abelian groups of order  $n$  is cyclic. Show your arguments.
- [15%] 2. Let  $G$  be a group and let  $H_1, \dots, H_n$  be subgroups of  $G$  of finite index. Set  $H = H_1 \cap H_2 \cap \dots \cap H_n$ . Show that  $H$  has finite index in  $G$  and
- $$[G : H] \leq [G : H_1][G : H_2] \cdots [G : H_n].$$
- [15%] 3. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity and let  $M$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Show that  $M$  is maximal if and only if  $R/M$  is a field. (An ideal  $M$  of  $R$  is said to be maximal if  $J$  is an ideal of  $R$  containing  $M$ , then  $J = M$  or  $J = R$ .)
- [15%] 4. Describe all ring homomorphisms of  $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$  into  $\mathbb{Z}$ . (Remember that the identities may not be preserved by a homomorphism.)
- [15%] 5. Let  $F$  be a field. Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $F[x]$  such that  $p(x)q(x) \in I$  implies  $p(x) \in I$  or  $q(x) \in I$ . Prove that  $I$  is a maximal ideal in  $F[x]$ .
- [15%] 6. Let  $F$  be a finite field of order  $p^n$  where  $p$  is a prime and  $n$  a positive integer. Show that there is exactly one subfield of  $p^m$  elements for each divisor  $m$  of  $n$ .
- [10%] 7. Let  $R$  be a ring and  $A$  an  $R$ -module. Prove that if  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is an  $R$ -homomorphism such that  $f \circ f = f$ , then  $A = \text{Ker } f \oplus \text{Im } f$ .