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**INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS IN PEN
YOU MAY NOT USE A CALCULATOR
GOOD LUCK!**

Question 1

Answer the following True or False questions and give a short justification/counter-example:

a) S_5 has an element of order 6.

[2]

TRUE	
FALSE	

b) The cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}_{18} / \langle 6 \rangle$ is isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_6 .

[2]

TRUE	
FALSE	

c) If G and H are cyclic groups, then $G \times H$ is cyclic.

[2]

TRUE	
FALSE	

d) If φ is a homomorphism with $\text{Ker}\varphi = \{e\}$ then φ is 1-to-1.

[2]

TRUE	
FALSE	

Question 2

- a) Let G be an Abelian group and let $H = \{a \in G : a^2 = e\}$ be a subset of G . Use the Two-Step-Subgroup Test to show that H is a subgroup of G . [5]

- b) Show that H as defined in a) is not a subgroup of G if G is not Abelian by giving a counter-example. [2]

Question 3

Let $G = (\mathbb{Z}, +)$ and let $G' = (\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : n \text{ is even}\}, +)$. Show that G and G' are isomorphic by showing that the function $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$ defined by $\varphi(n) = 2n$ is an isomorphism. [3]

Question 4

Let $G = GL(2, \mathbb{Q})$, the set of all invertible 2x2 matrices with rational entries and with matrix

multiplication as operation. Let $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} : a \in \mathbb{Q} \right\}$ be a subgroup of G . Show that H is not

a normal subgroup of G , i.e. find a $g \in G$ such that $ghg^{-1} \notin H$ for some $h \in H$. [2]

Question 5

Let $G = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_{33} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ be a subgroup of $GL(3, \mathbb{R})$ (with matrix multiplication as operation).

a) Show that the function $\varphi \left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \right) = (a, c)$ is a group homomorphism from G to $\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}$ (with component-wise addition as operation). [3]

b) Find the kernel of φ . [2]

Question 6

Let $\varphi : G \rightarrow G'$ be a one-to-one homomorphism. Show that if $y^3 = e$ for all $y \in G'$, then $x^3 = e$ for all $x \in G$. [3]

Question 7

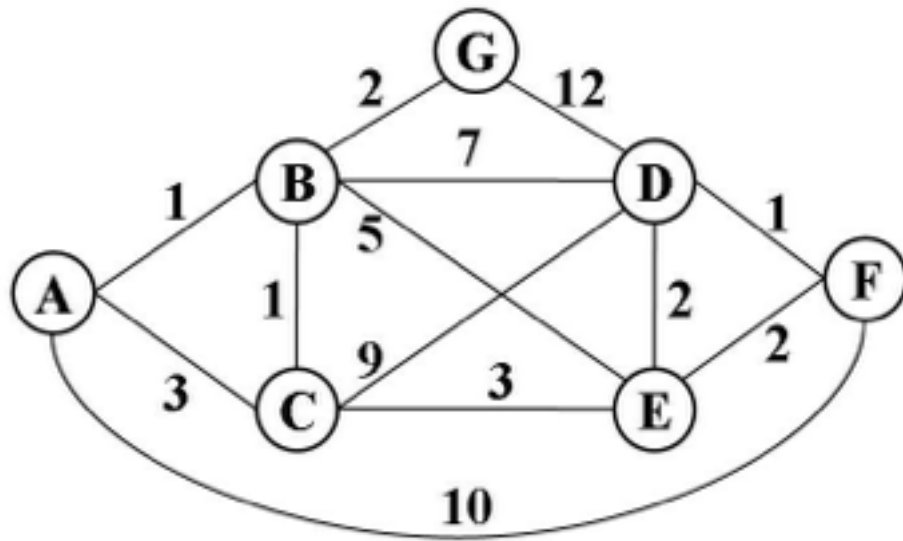
a) Let H be a subgroup of a group. Prove that H is normal in G if and only if $xHx^{-1} \subseteq H$ for $x \in G$. [4]

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- b) Let φ be a homomorphism from a group G_1 to a group G_2 . Given that $\text{Ker}\varphi$ is a subgroup of G_1 , prove that $\text{Ker}\varphi$ is normal. [3]

- c) Let φ be a homomorphism from a group G_1 to a group G_2 , and $\psi : G_1 / \text{Ker}\varphi \rightarrow \varphi(G_1)$ an isomorphism. Show that ψ is well-defined. [3]

Question 8

Consider the graph below and answer the following questions:



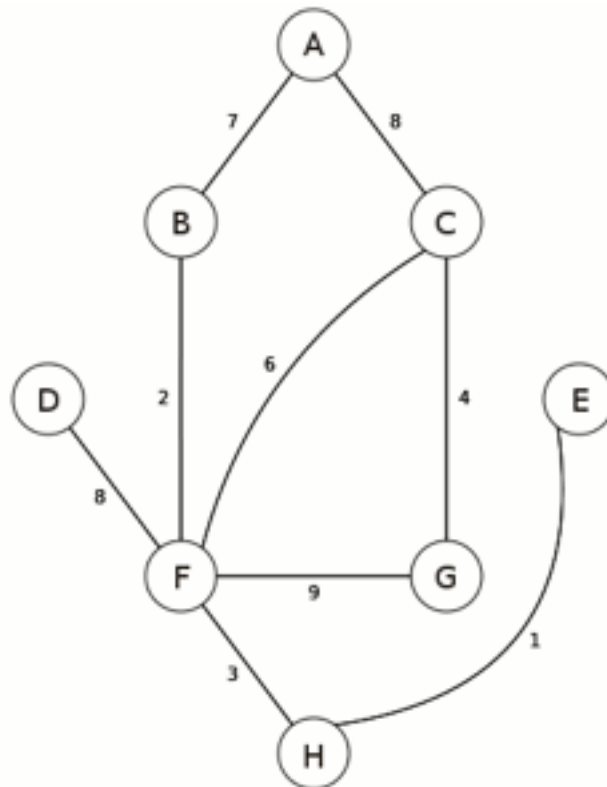
- a) Use the Floyd-Warshall algorithm to determine which vertices are connected and to find the shortest paths for these vertices. You may use the table below for your final answer. [4]

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
A							
B							
C							
D							
E							
F							
G							

- b) What is the shortest distance from A to F? Give the path to follow to obtain this distance. [2]

Question 9

Consider the graph below and answer the questions that follow:



- a) Suppose that Dijkstra's algorithm is run to determine the shortest path from A to H in the graph. Complete the following table:

[4]

Step	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Last Transfer	Perm
Initial	$(-,0)$	$(-,∞)$	$(-,∞)$	$(-,∞)$	$(-,∞)$	$(-,∞)$	$(-,∞)$	$(-,∞)$	A	{A}
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										

- b) Now, write down the shortest path from A to H as read from the table in a). What is the length of this path?

[2]