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#### **CLASS ASSIGNMENT**

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#### PART - B

- 1. Given the permutation  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 & 5 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , the matrix A is defined to be the one whose i<sup>th</sup> column is the  $\sigma(i)$ -th column of the identity matrix I. Which of the following is correct?

  1.  $A = A^2$ 2.  $A = A^4$ 3.  $A = A^{-5}$ 4.  $A = A^{-1}$
- 2. The total number of non-isomorphic groups of order 122 is
  - 1. 2 3. 61
- 2. 1 4. 4
- 3. An ice cream shop sells ice creams in five possible flavours: Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Mango and Pineapple. How many combinations of three scoop cones are possible? [Note: The repetition of flavours is allowed but the order in which the flavours are chosen does not matter.]
  - 1. 10 3. 35
- 2. 20 4. 243
- **4.** Let G denote the group of all the automorphisms of the field  $F_{3^{100}}$  that consists of  $3^{100}$  elements. Then the number of distinct subgroups of G is equal to
  - 1. 4 3. 100
- 2. 3 4. 9
- 5. Let p,q be distinct primes. Then
  - 1.  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2 q \mathbb{Z}}$  has exactly 3 distinct ideals.
  - 2.  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2 q \mathbb{Z}}$  has exactly 3 distinct prime ideals.
  - 3.  $\frac{z}{p^2 q^2}$  has exactly 2 distinct prime ideals.
  - 4.  $\frac{\mathbb{Z}}{p^2 q \mathbb{Z}}$  has a unique maximal ideal.
- **6.** If n is a positive integer such that the sum of all positive integers a satisfying  $1 \le a \le n$  and gcd (a,n)=1 is equal to 240n, then the number of summands namely,  $\varphi(n)$ , is
  - 1. 120
- 2.124

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- 7. Let  $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 9x^2 + 7x + 27$ . Let p be a prime and let  $f_p(x)$  denote the corresponding polynomial with coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . Then
  - 1.  $f_2(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - 2. f(x) is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - 3.  $f_3(x)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - 4. f(x) is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- **8.** Suppose  $(F,+,\cdot)$  is the finite field with 9 elements. Let G=(F,+) and  $H=F\setminus\{0\}$  denote the underlying additive and multiplicative groups respectively. Then
  - 1.  $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})$ .
  - 2.  $G \cong (\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})$ .
  - 3.  $H \cong (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ .
  - 4. G  $\cong$  ( $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ )  $\times$  ( $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ ) and H  $\cong$  ( $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$ ).
- **9.** Consider the multiplicative group G of all the (complex) 2<sup>n</sup>-th roots of unity, where n=0,1,2,.....

Then

- 1. every proper subgroup of G is finite.
- 2. G has a finite set of generators.
- 3. G is cyclic.
- 4. every finite subgroup of G is cyclic.
- **10.** Let R be the ring of all entire functions, i.e., R is the ring of functions  $f:\mathbb{C}\to\mathbb{C}$  that are analytic at every point of  $\mathbb{C}$  with respect to pointwise addition and multiplication. Then
  - 1. the units in R are precisely the nowhere vanishing entire functions, i.e.,  $f:\mathbb{C}\to\mathbb{C}$  such that f is entire and  $f(\alpha)\neq 0$  for all  $\alpha\in\mathbb{C}$ .
  - 2. the irreducible elements of R are, up to multiplication by a unit, linear polynomials of the form  $z-\alpha$ , where  $\alpha\in\mathbb{C}$ , i.e., if  $f\in R$  is irreducible, then  $f(z)=(z-\alpha)g(z)$  for all  $z\in\mathbb{C}$ , where g is a unit in R and  $a\in\mathbb{C}$ .
  - 3. R is an integral domain.
  - 4. R is a unique factorization domain.
- 4 girls. A committee that consists of a President, a Vice President and a Secretary is to be chosen among the 8 students of the

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class. Let 'a' denote the number of ways of choosing the committee in such a way that the committee has at least one boy and at least one girl. Let b denote the number of ways of choosing the committee in such a way that the number of girls is greater than or equal to that of the boys. Then

1. a = 288

2. b = 168

3. a = 144

4. b = 192

- 12. Pick the correct statements
  - 1.  $\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt{2}\right)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  are isomorphic as  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector spaces.
  - 2.  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  are isomorphic as fields.
  - 3.  $\operatorname{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q}) \cong \operatorname{Gal}_{\mathbb{Q}}(\mathbb{Q}(i)/\mathbb{Q}).$
  - 4.  $\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt{2}\right)$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(i)$  are both Galois extensions of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- **13.** For positive integers m and n, let  $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$  and  $G_m = 2^{2^m} 1$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1.  $F_n$  divides  $G_m$  whenever m > n.
  - 2. gcd ( $F_n$ ,  $G_m$ )=1 whenever m  $\neq$  n.
  - 3. gcd  $(F_n, F_m) = 1$  whenever  $m \neq n$ .
  - 4.  $G_m$  divides  $F_n$  whenever m < n.

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- **14.** The number of conjugacy classes in the permutation group  $S_6$  is
  - 1. 12
- 2. 11
- 3. 10
- 4. 6
- **15.** Find the degree of the field extension  $\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[4]{2}, \sqrt[8]{2}\right)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - 1. 4
- 2.8
- 3. 14
- 4. 32
- 16. Let G be the Galois group of a field with nine elements over its subfield with three elements. Then the number of orbits for the action of G on the field with nine elements is
  - 1.3
- 2.5
- 3. 6
- 4. 9
- **17.** The number of surjective maps from a set of 4 elements to a set of 3 elements is
  - 1.36
- 2. 64 3. 69
- 4. 81
- **18.** In the group of all invertible  $4\times4$  matrices with entries in the field of 3 elements, any 3-Sylow subgroup has cardinality
  - 1.3
- 2. 81

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- 3. 243
- 4.729

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- **19.** Let G be a nonabelian group. Then, its order can be
  - 1.25
- 2.55
- 3. 125
- 4.35
- **20.** Let  $\mathbb{R}[x]$  be the polynomial ring over  $\mathbb{R}$  in one variable. Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}[x]$  be an ideal. Then
  - 1. I is a maximal ideal if and only if I is a non-zero prime ideal
  - 2. I is a maximal ideal if and only if the quotient ring  $\mathbb{R}[x]/I$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - 3. I is a maximal ideal if and only if I = (f(x)), where f(x) is a non-constant irreducible polynomial over  $\mathbb{R}$
  - 4. I is a maximal ideal if and only if there exists a non-constant polynomial  $f(x) \in I$  of degree  $\leq 2$
- 21. Let G be a group of order 45. Then
  - 1. G has an element of order 9
  - 2. G has a subgroup of order 9
  - 3. G has a normal subgroup of order 9
  - 4. G has a normal subgroup of order 5
- 22. Which of the following is/are true?
  - Given any positive integer n, there exists a field extension of Q of degree n.
  - 2. Given a positive integer n, there exist fields F and K such that  $F \subseteq K$  and K is Galois over F with [K:F]=n.
  - 3. Let K be a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  with  $[K:\mathbb{Q}] = 4$ . Then there is a field L such that  $K \supseteq L \supseteq \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $[L:\mathbb{Q}] = 2$  and L is a Galois extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - 4. There is an algebraic extension K of  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $[K:\mathbb{Q}]$  is not finite.

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- **23.** Up to isomorphism, the number of abelian groups of order 108 is:
  - 1. 12

2. 9

3.6

- 4. 5
- **24.** Let D be the set of tuples  $(w_1, \ldots, w_{10})$ , where  $w_i \in \{1,2,3\}, 1 \le i \le 10$  and  $w_i + w_{i+1}$  is an even number for each i with  $1 \le i \le 9$ . Then the number of elements in D is.

- 1. 2<sup>11</sup>+1 3. 3<sup>10</sup>+1
- 2. 2<sup>10</sup>+1 4. 3<sup>11</sup>+1
- 25. The number of subfields of a field of cardinality
  - 1. 2

2.4

3.9

- 4. 100
- **26.** Let R be the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[x]/((x^2+x+1)(x^3+x+1))$  and I be the ideal generated by 2 in R. What is the cardinality of the ring R?
  - 1.27 3.64

4. Infinite.

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- 27. Which of the following polynomials are irreducible in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$  of polynomials in one variable with integer coefficients?
  - 1.  $x^2 5$
  - 2.  $1+(x+1) + (x+1)^2 + (x+1)^3 + (x+1)^4$
  - 3.  $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4$
  - 4.  $1 + x + x^2 + x^3$
- 28. Determine which of the following polynomials are irreducible over the indicated rings.
  - 1.  $x^5$   $3x^4$ +  $2x^3$  5x + 8 over  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - 2.  $x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - 3.  $x^3 + 3x^2 6x + 3$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - 4.  $x^4 + x^2 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$ .
- **29.** Let  $\sigma:\{1,2,3,4,5\} \rightarrow \{1,2,3,4,5\}$ permutation (one - to - one and onto function) such that  $\sigma^{-1}(j) \le \sigma(j) \ \forall j, 1 \le j \le 5$ . Then which of the following are true?
  - $\sigma \circ \sigma(i) = i$  for all  $i, 1 \le i \le 5$ . 1.
  - 2.  $\sigma^{-1}(j) = \sigma(j)$  for all  $j, 1 \le j \le 5$ .
  - 3. The set  $\{k: \sigma(k) \neq k\}$  has an even number of elements.
  - The set  $\{k: \sigma(k) = k\}$  has an odd number of elements.
- 30. If x,y and z are elements of a group such that xyz = 1, then
  - 1. yzx = 1
- 2. yxz = 1
- 3. zxy = 1
- 4. zyx = 1
- 31. Which of the following primes satisfy the congruence  $a^{24} \equiv 6a + 2 \mod 13$ ?
  - 2. 47
- 3.67
- 32. Let C([0,1]) be the ring of all real valued continous functions on [0,1]. Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. C([0,1]) is an integral domain.

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- The set of all functions vanishing at 0 is a maximal ideal.
- The set of all functions vanishing at both 3. 0 and 1 is a prime ideal.
- If  $f \in C([0,1])$  is such that  $(f(x))^n = 0$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$  for some n > 1, then f(x) = 0 for all  $x \in [0,1]$ .
- 33. Which of the following cannot be the class equation of a group of order 10?
  - 1.1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 5 = 10.
  - 2.1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10.
  - 3.1 + 2 + 2 + 5 = 10.
  - 4.1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 10.

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- 34. Which of the following is an irreducible factor
  - of  $x^{12} 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ? 1.  $x^8 + x^4 + 1$ .

  - 3.  $x^4 x^2 + 1$ .
  - 4.  $x^5 x^4 + x^3 x^2 + x 1$ .
- 35. Let R be a Euclidean domain such that R is not a field. Then the polynomial ring R[X] is always
  - 1. a Euclidean domain
  - 2. a principal ideal domain, but not a Euclidean domain.
  - 3. a unique factorization domain, but not a principal ideal domain.
  - 4. not a unique factorization domain.
- **36.** What is the total number of positive integer solutions to the equation

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) (y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4) = 15?$$
  
1. 1 2. 2 3. 3 4. 4

- **37.** A group G is generated by the elements x, y with the relations  $x^3 = y^2 = (xy)^2 = 1$ . The order of G is
  - 1. 4.
- 2. 6.
- 3. 8.
- 4.12.
- 38. Let G be a simple group of order 60. Then
  - 1. G has six Sylow-5 subgroups
  - 2. G has four Sylow-3 subgroups.
  - 3. G has a cyclic subgroup of order 6.
  - 4. G has a unique element of order 2.

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**39.** Let  $\omega = \cos \frac{2\pi}{10} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{10}$ .

- Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\omega^2)$  and let  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\omega)$ . Then
- 1. [L : ℚ] = 10
- 2. [L : K] = 2
- 3. [K : ℚ] = 4
- 4. L = K
- **40.** Let  $a_n$  denote the number of those permutations  $\sigma$  on  $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$  such that  $\sigma$  is a product of exactly two disjoint cycles. Then:
  - 1.  $a_5 = 50$
- 2.  $a_4 = 14$
- 3.  $a_5 = 40$
- $4. a_4 = 11$
- 41. Which of the following quotient rings are
  - $F_3[X]/(X^2+X+1)$ , where  $F_3$  is the finite 1. field with 3 elements.
  - $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X-3)$ 2.
  - 3.
  - $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(X^2 + X + 1)$  $F_2[X]/(X^2 + X + 1)$  where  $F_2$  is the finite field with 2 elements.
- 42. Which of the following intervals contains an integer satisfying the following congruences:
  - $x\equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ ,  $x\equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  and  $x\equiv 4 \pmod{11}$ .
  - 1. [401, 600]
- 2, [601, 800]
- 3. [801, 1000]
- 4. [1001, 1200]
- **43.** Let A denote the quotient ring  $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(X^3)$ . Then
  - There are exactly three distinct proper ideals in A.
  - 2. There is only one prime ideal in A.
  - A is an integral domain
  - Let f, g be in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$  such that  $\overline{f}$  .  $\overline{g} = 0$  in
    - A. Here  $\overline{f}$  and  $\overline{g}$  denote the image of f and g respectively in A. Then f(0).g(0) = 0.
- **44.** For  $n \ge 1$ , let  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$  be the group of units of  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})$ . Which of the following groups are cyclic?
  - 1.  $(\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z})^*$
- 2.  $(\mathbb{Z}/2^3\mathbb{Z})^*$
- 3. (ℤ/100ℤ)\*
- 4. (Z/163Z)\*
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- **45.** Which of the following statements is FALSE? There exists an integer x such that:
  - 1.  $x \equiv 23 \mod 1000 \text{ and } z \equiv 45 \mod 6789$
  - 2.  $x \equiv 23 \mod 1000 \text{ and } z \equiv 54 \mod 6789$
  - 3.  $x \equiv 32 \mod 1000 \text{ and } z \equiv 54 \mod 9876$
  - 4.  $x \equiv 32 \mod 1000 \text{ and } z \equiv 44 \mod 9876$

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- **46.** Let  $G = (Z/25Z)^*$  be the group of units (i.e. the elements that have a multiplicative inverse) in the ring (Z/25Z). Which of the following is a generator of G?
  - 1.3
- 2.4
- 3.5
- 4.6
- **47.** Let p≥5 be a prime. Then
  - 1.  $F_p \times F_p$  has at least five subgroups of
  - 2. Every subgroup of  $F_n \times F_n$  is of the form  $H_1 \times H_2$  where  $H_1, H_2$  are subgroup of
  - 3. Every subgroup of  $F_n \times F_n$  is an ideal of the ring  $F_p \times F_p$
  - 4. The ring  $F_n \times F_n$  is a field.
- 48. Let p be a prime number. How many distinct sub - rings (with unity) of cardinality p does the field  $F_{p^2}$  have?
  - 1.0
- 3. p
- 4.  $p^{2}$

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- 49. Consider the symmetric group S20 and its subgroups A20 consisting of all even permutations. Let H be a 7-Sylow subgroup of A<sub>20</sub>. Pick each correct statement from below.
  - |H| = 49.
  - H must be cyclic.
  - H is a normal subgroup of  $A_{20}$ .
  - Any 7-Sylow subgroup of S<sub>20</sub> is a subset of  $A_{20}$ .
- 50. Let R be a commutative ring with unity, such that R[X] is a UFD. Denote the ideal (X) of R[X] by I. Pick each correct statement from below.
  - 1. I is prime.
  - 2. If I is maximal, then R[X] is a PID.
  - If R[X] is a Euclidean domain, then I is maximal.
  - 4. If R[X] is a PID, then it is a Euclidean domain.
- 51. Let G be a finite abelian group of order n. Pick each correct statement from below.
  - If d divides n, there exists a subgroup of G of order d.
  - If d divides n, there exists an element of order d in G.

- If every proper subgroup of G is cyclic, then G is cyclic.
- If H is a subgroup of G, there exists a 4. subgroup N of G such that  $G/N \cong H$ .
- **52.** Let p be a prime. Pick each correct statement from below. Up to isomorphism.
  - There are exactly two abelian groups of order p<sup>2</sup>.
  - 2. There are exactly two groups of order
  - There are exactly two commutative rings 3. of order p<sup>2</sup>.
  - There is exactly one integral domain of order p<sup>2</sup>.
- **53.** Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a polynomial of degree  $\geq 2$ . Pick each correct statement from below.
  - If f(x) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , then it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
  - If f(x) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ , then it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .
  - If f(x) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , then for all primes p the reduction f(x) of f(x)modulo p is irreducible in  $F_p[x]$ .
  - 4. If f(x) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , then it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .

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- **54.**  $(n-1)!\equiv -1 \pmod{n}$ . We can conclude that
  - 1.  $n = p^k$  where p is prime, k > 1.
  - 2. n = pq where p and q are distinct primes.
  - 3. n = pqr where p, q, r are distinct primes.
  - 4. n = p where p is a prime.
- **55.** Let S<sub>n</sub> denote the permutation group on n symbols and An be the subgroup of even permutations. Which of the following is true?
  - 1. There exists a finite group which is not a subgroup of  $S_n$  for any  $n \ge 1$ .
  - 2. Every finite group is a subgroup of  $A_n$  for some  $n \ge 1$ .
  - 3. Every finite group is a quotient of A<sub>n</sub> for some  $n \ge 1$ .
  - 4. No finite abelian group is a quotient of S<sub>n</sub> for n > 3.

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56. Consider the following subsets of the group of  $2 \times 2$  non-singular matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, d \in \mathbb{R}, ad = 1 \right\}$$

Which of the following statements are correct?

- 1. G forms а group under multiplication.
- H is a normal subgroup of G.
- 3. The quotient group G/H is well-defined and is Abelian.
- 4. The quotient group G/H is well defined and is isomorphic to the group of diagonal matrices (over  $\mathbb{R}$ ) with determinant 1.
- **57.** Let  $\mathbb{C}$  be the field of complex numbers and  $\mathbb{C}^*$ be the group of non zero complex numbers under multiplication. Then which of the following are true?
  - 1.  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is cyclic.
  - 2. Every finite subgroup of  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is cyclic.
  - 3. C has finitely many finite subgroups.
  - 4. Every proper subgroup  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is cyclic.
- 58. Let R be a finite non-zero commutative ring with unity. Then which of the following statements are necessarily true?
  - Any non-zero element of R is either a unit or a zero divisor.
  - 2. There may exist a non-zero element of R which is neither a unit nor a zero divisor.
  - Every prime ideal of R is maximal. 3.
  - If R has no zero divisors then order of any additive subgroup of R is a prime power.
- **59.** Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1.  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a principle ideal domain.
  - 2.  $\mathbb{Z}[x,y]$  / <y+1> is a unique factorization domain.
  - 3. If R is a principle ideal domain and p is a non-zero prime ideal, then R/p has finitely many prime ideals.
  - 4. If R is a principle ideal domain, then any subring of R containing 1 is again a principal ideal domain.

- 60. Let R be a commutative ring with unity and R[x] be the polynomial ring in one variable. For a non zero  $f = \sum_{n=0}^{N} a_n x^n$ , define  $\omega(f)$  to be the smallest n such that  $a_n \neq 0$ . Also  $\omega(0) = +\infty$ . Then which of the following statements is/are true?
  - 1.  $\omega(f+g) \ge \min(\omega(f), \omega(g))$ .
  - 2.  $\omega(fg) \ge \omega(f) + \omega(g)$ .
  - 3.  $\omega(f+g) = \min(\omega(f), \omega(g)),$ if  $(\omega(f) \neq \omega(g))$ .
  - 4.  $\omega(fg) = \omega(f) + \omega(g)$ , if R is an integral domain.
- **61.** Let  $\mathbf{F}_2$  be the finite field of order 2. Then which of the following statements are true?
  - F<sub>2</sub>[x] has only finitely many irreducible elements.
  - irreducible F<sub>2</sub> [x] has exactly one 2. polynomial of degree 2.
  - $\mathbf{F}_2[\mathbf{x}]$  /  $<\mathbf{x}^2$  + 1> is a finite dimensional vector space over  $\mathbf{F}_2$ .
  - Any irreducible polynomial in  $F_2[x]$  of degree 5 has distinct roots in any algebraic closure of  $\mathbf{F}_2$ .

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- **62.** Consider the ideal  $I = (x^2 + 1, y)$  in the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{C}[x,y]$ . Which following statements is true?
  - 1. I is a maximal ideal
  - 2. *I* is a prime ideal but not a maximal ideal
  - 3. *I* is a maximal ideal but not a prime ideal
  - 4. I is neither a prime ideal nor a maximal ideal

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- **63.** For an integer  $n \ge 2$ , let  $S_n$  be the permutation group on n letters and An the alternating group. Let  $\mathbb{C}^*$  be the group of non-zero complex numbers under multiplication. Which of the following are correct statements?
  - For every integer  $n \ge 2$ , there is a non trivial homomorphism  $\chi: S_n \to \mathbb{C}^*$ .
  - For every integer  $n \ge 2$ , there is a unique nontrivial homomorphism  $\chi: S_n \to \mathbb{C}^*$

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- For every integer  $n \ge 3$ , there is a nontrivial homomorphism  $\chi: A_n \to \mathbb{C}^*$
- For every integer  $n \ge 5$ , there is a nontrivial homomorphism  $\chi: A_n \to \mathbb{C}^*$
- **64.** Let R={f:{1,2,...,10}} $\to$ Z<sub>2</sub>} be the set of all Z<sub>2</sub> valued functions on the set {1,2,...,10} of the first ten positive integers. Then R is commutative ring with pointwise addition and pointwise multiplication of functions. Which of the following statements are correct?
  - 1. R has a unique maximal ideal
  - 2. every prime ideal of R is also maximal
  - 3. Number of proper ideals of R is 511
  - 4. every element of R is idempotent
- 65. Which of the following rings are principal ideal domains (PID)?
  - 1. **Q** [x]
- 2. **ℤ**[x]
- 3.  $(\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z})[x]$
- 4.  $(\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z})[x]$
- 66. Let G be a group of order 125. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
  - 1. G has a non-trivial abelian subgroup
  - 2. The centre of G is a proper subgroup
  - 3. The centre of G has order 5
  - 4. There is a subgroup of order 25
- 67. Let R be a non-zero ring with identity such that  $a^2$ =a for all  $a \in R$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. There is no such ring
  - 2. 2a=0 for all a∈R
  - 3. 3a=0 for all a∈R
  - Z/2Z is a subring of R
- **68.** Which of the following polynomials irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ ?
  - 1.  $x^4 + 10x + 5$ 
    - 2.  $x^3 2x + 1$
  - 3.  $x^4 + x^2 + 1$
- 4.  $x^3 + x + 1$

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- **69.** Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \to (\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}) \times (\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z})$  be the function  $f(n) = (n \mod 4, n \mod 6)$ . Then
  - 1. (0 mod 4, 3 mod 6) is in the image of f
  - 2. (a mod 4, b mod 6) is in the image of f, for all even integers a and b
  - 3. image of f has exactly 6 elements
  - 4. kernel of  $f = 24\mathbb{Z}$

- **70.** The group  $S_3$  of permutations of  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  acts on the three dimensional vector space over the finite field  $F_3$  of three elements, by permuting the vectors in basis  $\{e_1,e_2,e_3\}$  by  $\sigma$ .  $e_i = e_{\sigma(i)}$ , for all  $\sigma \in S_3$ . The cardinality of the set of vectors fixed under the above action is 1.0 2.3 3.9 4.27
- **71.** Let R be a subring of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing 1. Then which of the following is necessarily true?
  - R is a principal ideal domain (PID)
  - 2. R contains infinitely many prime ideals
  - 3. R contains a prime ideal which is not a maximal ideal
  - 4. for every maximal ideal m in R, the residue field R/m is finite

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- 72. Let G be a finite abelian group and a,b∈G with order(a) = m, order(b) =n. Which of the following are necessarily true?
  - order (ab) = mn 1.
  - 2. order (ab) = lcm(m,n)
  - 3. there is an element of G whose order is Icm (m,n)
  - order (ab)=gcd(m,n)
- 73. Which of the following rings are principal ideal domains (PIDs)?
  - 1.  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/<X^2 + 1>$
  - 2. Z[X]
  - 3. ℂ[X,Y]
  - 4.  $\mathbb{R}[X,Y]/<X^2 + 1,Y>$
- 74. For any prime number p, let A<sub>p</sub> be the set of integers d∈{1,2,...,999} such that the power of p in the prime factorisation of d is odd. Then the cardinality of
  - 1. A<sub>3</sub> is 250
- 2. A<sub>5</sub> is 160
- 3. A<sub>7</sub> is 124
- 4. A<sub>11</sub> is 82
- **75.** Let  $z = e^{\overline{7}}$  and let  $\theta = z + z^2 + z^4$ . Then
  - 1.  $\theta \in \mathbb{Q}$
  - 2.  $\theta \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  for some D>0
  - 3.  $\theta \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{D})$  for some D<0
  - 4.  $\theta \in i \mathbb{R}$
- 76. Let F be a finite field and let K/F be a field extension of degree 6. Then the Galois group of K/F is isomorphic to
  - 1. the cyclic group of order 6

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- 2. the permutation group on {1,2,3}
- 3. the permutation group on  $\{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$
- 4. the permutation group on {1}

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- **77**. Let S<sub>7</sub> denote the group of permutations of the set {1,2,3,4,5,6,7}. Which of the following is true?
  - 1. There are no elements of order 6 in S<sub>7</sub>
  - 2. There are no elements of order 7 in S<sub>7</sub>
  - 3. There are no elements of order 8 in  $S_7$
  - 4. There are no elements of order 10 in S<sub>7</sub>
- 78. The number of group homomorphisms

from  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$  is

- 1. zero
- 3. five
- 2. one
- 4. Ten

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- 79. Let  $G = S_3$  be the permutation group of 3 symbols. Then
  - 1. G is isomorphic to a subgroup of a cyclic group
  - 2. there exists a cyclic group H such that G maps homomorphically onto H

  - 3. G is a product of cyclic groups4. there exists a nontrivial group homomorphism from G to the additive group (Q, +) of rational numbers
- 80. Let S be the set of polynomials f(x) with integer coefficients satisfying
  - $f(x) \equiv 1 \mod (x 1)$ ;  $f(x) \equiv 0 \mod (x 3)$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. S is empty
  - 2. S is a singleton
  - 3. S is a finite non-empty set
  - 4. S is countably infinite
- 81. Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. The multiplicative group of a finite field is always cyclic
  - 2. The additive group of a finite field is always
  - 3. There exists a finite field of any given order
  - 4. There exists at most one finite field (upto isomorphism) of any given order
- **82.** Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. A subring of an integral domain is an integral domain
  - 2. A subring of a unique factorization domain (U.F.D.) is a U.F.D.

- 3. A subring of a principal ideal domain (P.I.D.) is a P.I.D.
- 4. A subring of an Euclidean domain is an Euclidean domain
- **83.** Let G be a group with |G| = 96. Suppose H and K are subgroups of G with |H| = 12 and |K| = 16. Then
  - 1.  $H \cap K = \{e\}$
  - 2.  $H \cap K \neq \{e\}$
  - 3. H ∩ K is Abelian
  - 4. H ∩ K is not Abelian

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- 84. The number of group homomorphisms from the alternating group A<sub>5</sub> to the symmetric group S<sub>4</sub> is:
  - 1. 1
- 2. 12
- 3.20
- 4.6
- Let p≥23 be a prime number such that the

decimal expansion (base 10) of  $\frac{1}{2}$  is periodic

with period p-1 (that is,  $\frac{1}{n} = 0.\overline{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{p-1}}$ )

with  $a_i \in \{0,1,...,9\}$  for all i and for any m,1  $\leq$ 

m<p-1,  $\frac{1}{n} \neq 0.\overline{a_1 a_2 ... a_m}$ ). Let  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  denote

the multiplicative group of integers modulo p. Then which of the following is correct?

- 1. The order of  $10 \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  is a proper divisor of (p-1)
- 2. The order of 10  $\in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  is  $\frac{(p-1)}{2}$
- 3. The element  $10 \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  is a generator of the group  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$
- 4. The group  $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$  is cyclic but not generated by the element 10.
- 86. Given integers a and b, let  $N_{a,b}$  denote the number of positive integers k < 100 such that k≡a (mod 9) and k ≡b (mod 11). Then which of the following statements is correct?
  - 1.  $N_{a,b} = 1$  for all integers a and b
  - 2. There exist integers a and b satisfying  $N_{a,b} > 1$ .
  - 3. There exist integers a and b satisfying  $N_{a,b} = 0$

4. There exists integers a and b satisfying  $N_{a.b}$  = 0 and there exists intgers c and d satisfying  $N_{cd} > 1$ 

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- 87. For any group G, let Aut(G) denote the group of automorphisms of G. Which of the following are true?
  - 1. If G is finite, then Aut(G) is finite
  - 2. If G is cyclic, then Aut(G) is cyclic
  - If G is infinite, then Aut(G) is infinite
  - 4. If Aut (G) is isomorphic to Aut (H), where G and H are two groups, then G is isomorphic to H
- 88. Let G be a group with the following property: Given any positive integers m, n and r there exist elements g and h in G such that order(g) = m, order(h) = n and order(gh) = r. Then which of the following are necessarily true?
  - 1. G has to be an infinite group
  - 2. G cannot be a cyclic group
  - 3. G has infinitely many cyclic subgroups
  - 4. G has to be a non-abelian group
- 89. Let R be the ring  $\mathbb{C}[x]/(x^2 + 1)$ . Pick the correct statements from below:
  - 1.  $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} R = 3$
  - 2. R has exactly two prime ideals
  - 3. R is a UFD
  - 4. (x) is a maximal ideal of R
- Let  $f(x) = x^7 105x + 12$ . Then which of 90. the following are correct?
  - f(x) is reducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$
  - There exists an integer m such that f(m) = 105
  - There exists an integer m such that f(m) = 2
  - 4. f(m) is not a prime number for any integer m
- Let  $\alpha = \sqrt[5]{2} \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\xi = \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i}{5}\right)$ . Let 91.

 $K = \mathbb{O}(\alpha \xi)$ . Pick the correct statements from below:

- 1. There exists a field automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $\sigma(K) = K$  and  $\sigma \neq id$
- 2. There exists a field automorphism  $\sigma$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  such that  $\sigma(K) \neq K$

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- 3. There exists a finite extension E of  $\mathbb Q$  such that  $K\subseteq E$  and  $\sigma(K)\subseteq E$  for every field automorphism  $\sigma$  of E
- 4. For all field automorphisms  $\sigma$  of K,  $\sigma(\alpha\xi)=\alpha\xi$

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92. For any integer  $n \ge 1$ , let d(n) = number of positive divisors of n v(n) = number of distinct prime divisors of n w(n) = number of prime divisors of n counted with multiplicity

[for example: If p is prime, then d(p) = 2,  $v(p) = v(p^2) = 1$ ,  $w(p^2) = 2$ ]

- 1. If  $n \ge 1000$  and  $w(n) \ge 2$ , then  $d(n) > \log n$
- 2. there exists n such that  $d(n) > 3\sqrt{n}$
- 3. for every n,  $2^{v(n)} \le d(n) \le 2^{w(n)}$
- 4. if w(n) = w(m), then d(n) = d(m)
- 93. Consider the set of matrices

$$G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} s & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} : b \in \mathbb{Z}, s \in \{-1, +1\} \right\}$$

Then which of the following is true?

- 1. G forms a group under addition
- 2. G forms an abelian group under multiplication
- 3. Every element in G is diagonalizable over  ${\mathbb C}$
- 4. G is finitely generated group under multiplication
- **94.** Let R be a commutative ring with unity. Which of the following is true?
  - If R has finitely many prime ideals, then R is a field.
  - If R has finitely many ideals, then R is finite
  - 3. If R is a P.I.D., then every subring of R with unity is a P.I.D.
  - 4. If R is an integral domain which has finitely many ideals, then R is a field.

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- **95.** Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $a = b^2 + c^2$ , where b,  $c \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ . Then a cannot be written as
  - 1.  $pd^2$ , where  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  and p is a prime with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

- 2.  $pd^2$ , where  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  and p is a prime with  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$
- 3.  $pqd^2$ , where  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  and p, q are primes with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$
- 4.  $pqd^2$ , where  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  and p, q are distinct primes with p,  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$
- **96.** For any prime p, consider the group  $G = GL_2(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})$ .

Then which of the following are true?

- 1. G has an element of order p
- 2. G has exactly one element of order p
- 3. G has no p-Sylow subgroups
- 4. Every element of order p is conjugate

to a matrix 
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
, where  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^*$ 

- **97.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  be the ring of polynomials over integers. Then the additive group  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  is

  - 2. isomorphic to the group of rational numbers  $\mathbb O$  under addition
  - 3. countable
  - 4. uncountable
- 98. Let X = (0, 1) be the open unit interval and  $C(X, \mathbb{R})$  be the ring of continuous functions from X to  $\mathbb{R}$ . For any  $x \in (0, 1)$ , let  $I(x) = \{f \in C(X, \mathbb{R}) \mid f(x) = 0\}$ . Then which of the following are true?
  - 1. I(x) is a prime ideal
  - 2. I(x) is a maximal ideal
  - 3. Every maximal ideal of C  $(X, \mathbb{R})$  is equal to I(x) for some  $x \in X$
  - 4. C  $(X, \mathbb{R})$  is an integral domain
- **99.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then which of the following are correct?
  - 1.  $X^3 + nX + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$  for every n
  - 2.  $X^3 + nX + 1$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$  if  $n \in \{0, -2\}$
  - 3.  $X^3 + nX + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$  if  $n \notin \{0, -2\}$
  - X<sup>3</sup> + nX + 1 is reducible over Z for infinitely many n
- **100.** Let  $\mathbf{F}_{27}$  denote the finite field of size 27. For each  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{27}$ , we define

$$A_{\alpha} = \{1, 1 + \alpha, 1 + \alpha + \alpha^2, 1 + \alpha + \alpha^2 + \alpha^3, \dots\}.$$

Then which of the following are true?

- 1. the number of  $\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{27}$  such that  $|A_{\alpha}| = 26$  equals 12
- 2.  $0 \in A_{\alpha}$  if and only if  $\alpha \neq 0$
- 3.  $|A_1| = 27$
- 4.  $\bigcap_{\alpha \in \mathbf{F}_{77}} A_{\alpha}$  is a singleton set

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#### PART - B

- 101. Let G be a group of order  $p^n$ , p a prime number and n > 1. Then which of the following is true?
  - (1) Centre of G has at least two elements
  - (2) G is always an Abelian group
  - (3) G has exactly two normal subgroups (i.e., G is a simple group)
  - (4) If H is any other group of order p<sup>n</sup>, then G is isomorphic to H
- **102.** Let S<sub>5</sub> be the symmetric group on five symbols. Then which of the following statements is false?
  - (1)  $S_5$  contains a cyclic subgroup of order
  - (2)  $S_5$  contains a non-Abelian subgroup of order 8
  - (3)  $S_5$  does not contain a subgroup isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}$
  - (4)  $S_5$  does not contain a subgroup of order 7
- **103.** A permutation  $\sigma$  of  $[n] = \{1, 2, ..., n\}$  is called irreducible, if the restriction  $\sigma|_{[k]}$  is not a permutation of [k] for any  $1 \le k < n$ . Let  $a_n$  be the number of irreducible permutations of [n]. Then  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 1$  and  $a_3 = 3$ . The value of  $a_4$  is
  - (1) 12
- (2) 13
- (3) 14
- (4) 15

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- **104.** Let I be an ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Then which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) I is a principal ideal

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- (2) I is a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$
- (3) If I is a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z},$  then I is a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z}$
- (4) If I is a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{Z},$  then I is a prime ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}$

- **105.** Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a monic polynomial of degree n. Then which of the following are true?
  - (1) If f(x) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , then it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$
  - (2) If f(x) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ , then it is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$
  - (3) If f(x) is reducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ , then it has a real root
  - (4) If f(x) has a real root, then it is reducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$
- **106.** Let F[X] be the polynomial ring in one variable over a field F. Then which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) F[X] is a UFD
  - (2) F[X] is a PID
  - (3) F[X] is a Euclidean domain
  - (4) F[X] is a PID but is not an Euclidean domain
- **107.** Let C[0, 1] be the ring of all real valued continuous function on [0, 1]

$$A = \left\{ f \in C[0,1]: f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = 0 \right\}.$$
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- n which of the following statements are true?
- (1) A is an ideal in C[0, 1] but is not a prime ideal in C[0, 1]
- (2) A is a prime ideal in C[0, 1]
- (3) A is a maximal ideal in C[0, 1]
- (4) A is a prime ideal in C[0, 1], but is not a maximal ideal in C[0, 1]
- **108.** For a given integer k, which of the follow statements are false?
  - (1) If k (mod 72) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_{72}$ , then k (mod 9) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_9$
  - (2) If k (mod 72) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_{72}$ , then k (mod 8) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$
  - (3) If k (mod 8) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ , then k (mod 72) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_{72}$
  - (4) If k (mod 9) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_9$ , then k (mod 72) is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_{72}$
- **109.** Let F be a field. Then which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) All extensions of degree 2 of F are isomorphic as fields

- (2) All finite extensions of F of same degree are isomorphic as fields if Char(F)
- (3) All finite extensions of F of same degree are isomorphic as fields if F is finite (4) All finite normal extensions of F are isomorphic as fields if Char(F) = 0

### **JUNE 2020**

### PART - B

- 110. Which of the following statements is true?
  - (1) Every even integer  $n \ge 16$  divides (n-1)! + 3
  - (2) Every odd integer n ≥ 16 divides (n - 1)!
  - (3) Every even integer  $n \ge 16$  divides
  - (4) For every integer  $n \ge 16$ ,  $n^2$  divides
- 111. Let X be a non-empty set and P(X) be the set of all subsets of X. On P(X), defined two operations \* and  $\Delta$  as follows: for A,  $B \in P(X), A * B = A \cap B; A\Delta B = (A \cup B) \setminus$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) P(X) is a group under \* as well as under  $\Delta$
- (2) P(X) is a group under \*, but not under
- (3) P(X) is a group under  $\Delta$ , but not under
- (4) P(X) is neither a group under \* not under ∆
- 112. Let  $\varphi(n)$  be the cardinality of the set  $\{a \mid 1\}$  $\leq$  a  $\leq$  n, (a, n) = 1} where (a, n) denotes the gcd of a and n. Which of the following is NOT true?
  - (1) There exist infinitely many n such that  $\varphi(n) > \varphi(n + 1)$ .
  - (2) There exist infinitely many n such that  $\varphi(n) < \varphi(n+1)$
  - (3) There exists  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that N > 2and for all n > N,  $\varphi(N) < \varphi(n)$
  - (4) The set  $\left\{\frac{\varphi(n)}{n}: n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$  has finitely many limit points

#### PART - C

- 113. Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) Q has countably many subgroups
  - (2) 

    name has uncountably many subsets
  - (3) Every finitely generated subgroup of Q is cyclic
  - (4)  $\mathbb{Q}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{Q}$  as groups
- Let  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}): ad bc = 1 \right\}$ 114. and for any prime p, let

$$\Gamma(p) = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in \operatorname{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z}) \right.$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, d \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \\ c \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{vmatrix}$$

Which of the following are true?

- (1)  $\Gamma(p)$  is a subgroup of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$
- (2)  $\Gamma(p)$  is not a normal subgroup of  $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$
- (3)  $\Gamma(p)$  has atleast two elements
- (4)  $\Gamma(p)$  is uncountable
- 115. Let G be a finite group. Which of the following are true?
  - (1) If  $g \in G$  has order m and if  $n \ge 1$ divides m, then G has a subgroup of order n.
  - (2) If for any two subgroups A and B of G, either  $A \subset B$  or  $B \subset A$ , then G is cyclic.
  - (3) If G is cyclic, then for any two subgroups A and B of G, either  $A \subset B$
  - (4) If for every positive integer m dividing |G|, G has a subgroup of order m, then G is abelian
- 116. Let R, S be commutative rings with unity,  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a surjective ring homomorphism,

 $Q \subseteq S$  be a non-zero prime ideal. Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) f<sup>-1</sup>(Q) is a non-zero prime ideal in R
- (2) f<sup>-1</sup>(Q) is a maximal ideal in R if R is a PID
- (3) f<sup>-1</sup>(Q) is a maximal ideal in R if R is a finite commutative ring with unity
- (4)  $f^{-1}(Q)$  is a maximal ideal in R if  $x^5 = x$ for all  $x \in R$

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- 117. Consider the polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x 1$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) f is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{13}]$
  - (2) f is irreducible over  $\mathbb Q$
  - (3) f is reducible over  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{13}]$
  - (4)  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{13}]$  is a unique factorization domain
- **118.** Let p be an odd prime such that  $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Let  $\mathbb{F}_p$  be the field with p elements. Consider the subset E of  $\mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p$  given by  $E = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{F}_p \times \mathbb{F}_p : y^2 = x^3 + 1\}$ . Which of the following are true?
  - (1) E has alteast two elements
  - (2) E has atmost 2p elements
  - (3) E can have p<sup>2</sup> elements
  - (4) E has alteast 2p elements

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#### PART - B

- 119. Let  $S = \{n : 1 \le n \le 999; 3 | n \text{ or } 37 | n \}$ . How many integers are there in the set  $S^c = \{n : 1 \le n \le 999; n \notin S \}$ ?
  - (1)639
- (2)648
- (3)666
- (4)990
- **120.** How many generators does a cyclic group of order 36 have?
  - (1) 6
- (2) 12
- (3) 18
- (4)24
- **121.** Which of the following statements is necessarily true for a commutative ring R with unity?
  - (1) R may have no maximal ideals
  - (2) R can have exactly two maximal ideals
  - (3) R can have one or more maximal ideals but no prime ideals
  - (4) R has at least two prime ideals

#### PART - C

- **122.** A positive integer n co-prime to 17, is called a primitive root modulo 17 if  $n^k$ -1 is not divisible by 17 for all k with  $1 \le k < 16$ . Let a, b be distinct positive integers between 1 and 16. Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) 2 is a primitive root modulo 17

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- (2) If a is a primitive root modulo 17, then a<sup>2</sup> is not necessarily a primitive Root modulo 17
- (3) If a, b are primitive roots modulo 17, then ab is a primitive root modulo 17
- (4) Product of primitive roots modulo 17 between 1 and 16 is congruent to 1 modulo 17
- 123. For a positive integer n, let  $\Omega(n)$  denote the number of prime factors of n, counted with multiplicity. For instance,  $\Omega(3)=1$ ,  $\Omega(6)=\Omega(9)=2$ . Let p > 3 be a prime number and let N = p(p + 2) (p + 4). Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1)  $\Omega(N) \geq 3$
  - (2) There exist primes p > 3 such that  $\Omega(N) = 3$
  - (3) p can never be the smallest prime divisor of N
  - (4) p can be the smallest prime divisor of N
- **124.** Let G be a group of order 24. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
  - (1) G has a normal subgroup of order 3
  - (2) G is not a simple group
  - (3) There exists an injective group homomorphism from G to S<sub>8</sub>
  - (4) G has a subgroup of index 4
- **125.** Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) All finite field extensions of  $\mathbb Q$  are Galois
  - (2) There exists a Galois extension of Q of degree 3
  - (3) All finite field extensions of  $\mathbb{F}_2$  are Galois
  - (4) There exists a field extension of ℚ of degree 2 which is not Galois
- **126.** Let  $f = a_0 + a_1X + ... a_nX^n$  be a polynomial with  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  for  $0 \le i \le n$ . Let p be a prime such that  $p|a_i$  for all  $1 < i \le n$  and  $p^2$  does not divide  $a_n$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) f is always irreducible
  - (2) f is always reducible
  - (3) f can sometimes be irreducible and can sometimes be reducible
  - (4) f can have degree 1

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- 127. Let R be a ring and N be the set of nilpotent elements i.e.  $N = \{x \in R \mid x^n = 0\}$ for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ }. Which of the following is true?
  - (1) N is an ideal in R
  - (2) N is never an ideal in R
  - (3) If R is non-commutative, N is not an
  - (4) If R is commutative, N is an ideal
- 128. Let R be a commutative ring with identity. Let S be a multiplicatively closed set such that 0 ∉ S. Let I be an ideal which is maximal with respect to the condition that  $S \cap I = \emptyset$ .

Which of the following is necessarily true?

- (1) I is a maximal ideal
- (2) I is a prime ideal
- (3) I = (1)
- (4) I = (0)
- Let G be a simple group of order 168. How 129. many elements of order 7 does it have
  - (1)6
- (2) 7
- (3)48
- (4)56

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- 130. Let a, b be positive integers with a > b and a + b = 24. Suppose that the following congruences have a common integer solution:  $2x \equiv 3a \pmod{5}$ ,  $x \equiv 4b \pmod{5}$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1)  $10 \le a b \le 20$
  - (2) 3b > a > 2b
  - (3) a > 3b
  - (4) a b is divisible by 5
- Consider the function  $f(n) = n^5 2n^3 + n$ , 131. where n is a positive integer. Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) For every positive integer k, there exists a positive integer n such that f(n) is divisible by 2<sup>k</sup>.
  - (2) f(n) is even for every integer  $n \ge 20$ .
  - (3) For every integer  $\geq$  20, either f(n) is odd or f(n) divisible by 4.
  - (4) For every odd integer  $\geq$  21, f(n) is divisible by 64.
- Let A =  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^2 + X + 1, X^3 + 2X^2 + 2X +$ 132.

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Which of the following statements are true?

- (1) A is an integral domain
- (2) A is a finite ring
- (3) A is a field
- (4) A is a product of two rings
- 133. Which of the following statements are necessarily true regarding a group G of order 2022?
  - (1) Let g be an element of odd order in G and s<sub>g</sub> the permutation of G given by  $s_g(x) \, = \, g(x), \, \, x \, \, \in \, \, G. \, \, Then \, \, s_g \, \, is \, \, even \, \,$ permutation
  - (2) The set  $H = \{g \in G \mid \text{order } (g) \text{ is odd} \}$ is a normal subgroup of G
  - (3) G has a normal subgroup of index 337
  - (4) G has only 2 normal subgroups
- 134. Let p be a prime number and let  $\mathbb{F}_p$ denote an algebraic closure of the field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

$$S = \{F \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{F}_{p}} | [F \colon \mathbb{F}_{p}] < \infty \}$$

Which of the following statements are

- (1) S is an uncountable set
- (2) S is a countable set
- (3) For every positive integer n > 1, there exists a unique field F ∈ S such that  $[F: \mathbb{F}_p] = n$
- (4) Given any two fields  $F_1$ ,  $F_2 \in S$ , either  $F_1 \subseteq F_2$  or  $F_2 \subseteq F_1$
- 135. Which of the following are class equations for a finite group?
  - (1) 1 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 13 + 13 = 39
  - (2) 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 = 14
  - (3) 1 + 3 + 3 + 7 + 7 = 21
  - (4) 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 5 + 5 = 15
- Consider  $\alpha = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $\beta = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . 136.

Define a sequence of numbers  $F_n$  as

$$F_n = \frac{\alpha^n - \beta^n}{\alpha - \beta} \text{ for n = 1, 2, ...}$$

Let  $p : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$  be a polynomial of degree at most 2 such that

 $p(1) = F_1$ ,  $p(3) = F_3$ ,  $p(5) = F_5$ .

Which of the following statements are

- (1)  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for  $n \ge 3$  (2) p(7) = 13
- (3)  $F_n = F_{n-1} + 2F_{n-2}$  for  $n \ge 5$

(4) p(7) = 10

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- **137.** Let p be a prime number. Let G be a group such that for each  $g \in G$  there exists an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $g^{p^n} = 1$ . Which of the following statements if false?
  - (1) If  $|\ddot{G}| = p^6$ , then G has a subgroup of index  $p^2$ .
  - (2) If  $|G| = p^6$ , then G has atleast five normal subgroups.
  - (3) Center of G can be infinite.
  - (4) There exists G with |G| = p<sup>6</sup> such that G has exactly six normal subgroups.
- **138.** The number of solutions of the equation  $x^2 = 1$  in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}/105\mathbb{Z}$  is
  - (1) 0
- (2) 2
- (3)4

- (4) 8
- 139. Which of the following equations can occur as the class equation of a group of order 10?
  - (1) 10 = 1 + 1 + ... + 1 (10-times)
  - (2) 10 = 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 2
  - (3) 10 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 2 + 5
  - (4) 10 = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4

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- **140.** Which of the following statements are
  - If G is a group of order 244, then G contains a unique subgroup of order 27.
  - (2) If G is a group of order 1694, then G contains a unique subgroup of order 121.
  - (3) There exists a group of order 154 which contains a unique subgroup of order 7.
  - (4) There exists a group of order 121 which contains two subgroups of order 11.
- **141.** Which of the following are maximal ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ ?
  - (1) Ideal generated by 2 and  $(1 + X^2)$
  - (2) Ideal generated by 2 and  $(1 + X + X^2)$
  - (3) Ideal generated by 3 and  $(1 + X^2)$

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(4) Ideal generated by 3 and  $(1 + X + X^2)$ 

- 142. Let E be a finite algebraic Galois extension of F with Galois group G. Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) There is an intermediate field K with  $K \neq F$  and  $K \neq E$  such that K is a Galois extension of F.
  - (2) If every proper intermediate field K is a Galois extension of F then G is Abelian.
  - (3) If E has exactly three intermediate fields including F and E then G is Abelian.
  - (4) If [E:F] = 99 then every intermediate field is a Galois extension of F.
- 143. Let  $n \ge 1$  be a positive integer and  $S_n$  the symmetric group on n symbols. Let  $\Delta = \{(g, g): g \in S_n\}$ . Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
  - (1) The map f:  $S_n \times S_n \to S_n$  given by f(a, b) = ab is a group homomorphism.
  - (2)  $\Delta$  is a subgroup of  $S_n \times S_n$ .
  - (3)  $\Delta$  is a normal subgroup of  $S_n \times S_n$ .
  - (4)  $\Delta$  is a normal subgoup of  $S_n \times S_n$ , if n is a prime number.
- 144. Let  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  be two groups and  $\phi$ :  $G_1 \rightarrow G_2$  be a surjective group homomorphism. Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) If G<sub>1</sub> is cyclic then G<sub>2</sub> is cyclic
  - (2) If G<sub>1</sub> is Abelian then G<sub>2</sub> is Abelian
  - (3) If H is a subgroup of  $G_1$  then  $\phi(H)$  is a subgroup of  $G_2$
  - (4) If N is a normal subgroup of  $G_1$  then  $\varphi(N)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G_2$ .
- **145.** Let G be a grop of order 2023. Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) G is an Abelian group.
  - (2) G is cyclic group.
  - (3) G is a simple group.
  - (4) G is not a simple group.

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146. Consider the field  $\mathbb C$  together with the Euclidean topology. Let K be a proper subfield of  $\mathbb C$  that is not contained in  $\mathbb R$ .

Which one of the following statements is necessarily true?

- (1) K is dense in ℂ.
- (2) K is an algebraic extension of Q.
- (3) ℂ is an algebraic extension of K.
- (4) The smallest closed subset of  $\mathbb C$ containing K is NOT a field.
- 147. Let G be any finite group. Which one of the following is necessarily true?
  - (1) G is a union of proper subgroups.
  - (2) G is a union of proper subgroups if |G| has atleast two distinct prime divisors.
  - (3) If G is abelian, then G is a union of proper subgroups.
  - (4) G is a union of proper subgroups if and only if G is not cyclic.
- Which one of the following is equal to 137 + 148.

 $2^{37} + ... + 88^{37}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/89\mathbb{Z}$ ?

(1) 88

(2) -88

(3) -2

(4) 0

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- 149. Which of the following statements are
  - (1) Let G₁ and G₂ be finite groups such that their orders |G<sub>1</sub>| and |G<sub>2</sub>| are coprime. Then any homomorphism from  $G_1$  to  $G_2$  is trivial.
  - (2) Let G be a finite group. Let  $f: G \rightarrow G$ be a group homomorphism such that f fixes more than half of the elements of G. Then f(x) = x for all  $x \in G$ .
  - (3) Let G be a finite group having exactly 3 subgroups. Then G is of order p<sup>2</sup> for some prime p.
  - (4) Any finite abelian group G has alteast d(|G|) subgroups in G, where d(m) denotes the number of positive divisors of m.
- 150. Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that n is congruent to 1 mod 7 and n is congruent to 4 mod 15. Which of the following statements are
  - (1) n is congruent to 1 mod 3.
  - (2) n is congruent to 1 mod 35.
  - (3) n is congruent to 1 mod 21.
  - (4) n is congruent to 1 mod 5.

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151. Let G be the group (under matrix multiplication) of 2 × 2 invertible matrices with entries from  $\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z}$ . Let a be the order

- of G. Which of the following statements are true?
- (1) a is divisible by 3<sup>4</sup>.
- (2) a is divisible by 2<sup>4</sup>.
- (3) a is not divisible by 48.
- (4) a is divisible by 3<sup>6</sup>.
- Let  $R = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^2 + 1)$  and  $\psi : \mathbb{Z}[X] \to R$  be 152. the natural quotient map. Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) R is isomorphic to a subring of  $\mathbb{C}$
  - (2) For any prime number  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the ideal generated by  $\psi(p)$  is a proper ideal of
  - (3) R has infinitely many prime ideals.
  - (4) The ideal generated by  $\psi(X)$  is a prime ideal in R.
- Let  $f(X) = X^2 + X + 1$  and  $g(X) = X^2 + X 2$ 153. be polynomials in  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - (1) For all prime numbers p, f(X) mod p is irreducible in  $\left(\mathbb{Z}/p_{\mathbb{Z}}\right)[X]$  (2) There exists a prime number p such
  - that g(X) mod p is irreducible in  $\left(\mathbb{Z}/_{p\mathbb{Z}}\right)[X]$
  - (3) g(X) is irreducible in ℚ[X]
  - (4) f(X) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$
- Let  $f(X) = X^3 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$  and let  $K \subset \mathbb{C}$  be 154. the splitting field of f(X) over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\omega =$ e<sup>2πi/3</sup>. Which of the following statements
  - (1) The Galois group of K over O is the symmetric group S<sub>3</sub>.
  - (2) The Galois group of K over  $\mathbb{Q}(\omega)$  is the symmetric group S<sub>3</sub>.
  - (3) The Galois group of K over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (4) The Galois group of K over  $\mathbb{Q}(\omega)$  is  $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$ .

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155. Consider the ring

$$R = \left\{ \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n X^n | a_n \in \mathbb{Z}; \text{ and } a_n \neq 0 \text{ only for finitley many } n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

where addition and multiplication are given

$$\begin{split} &\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n X^n + \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} b_n X^n = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_n + b_n) X^n \\ &\left(\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} a_n X^n\right) \left(\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} b_m X^m\right) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(\sum_{n + m = k} a_n b_m\right) X^k \end{split}$$

Which of the following statements is true?

- 1. R is not commutative
- 2. The ideal (X 1) is a maximal ideal in R
- 3. The ideal (X 1, 2) is a prime ideal in R
- 4. The ideal (X, 5) is a maximal ideal in R
- 156. How many arrangements of the digits of the number 1234567 are there, such that exactly three of them occur in their original position. (E.g., in the arrangement 5214763, exactly the digits 2, 4 and 6 are in their original positions. In the arrangement 1243576, exactly the digits 1, 2 and 5 are in their original positions.)
  - 1.525
- 2.35
- 3.840
- 4.315
- The number of group homomorphisms 157. from  $\mathbb{Z}/150\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}/90\mathbb{Z}$  is
  - 1.30
- 2.60
- 3.45
- 4.10

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- Let I be an ideal of the ring  $\mathbb{F}_2[t]/(t^2(1-t)^2)$ . 158. Which of the following are the possible values for the cardinality of I?
  - 1. 1
- 3.16
- 159. Which of the following numbers are order of some element of the symmetric group  $S_5$ ?
  - 1.3

3.5

- 4.6
- 160. Let R be a principal ideal domain with a unique maximal ideal. Which of the following statements are necessarily true?
  - 1. Every quotient ring of R is a principal ideal domain
  - 2. There exists a quotient ring S of R and an ideal  $I \subset S$  which is not principal
  - 3. R has countably many ideals
  - 4. Every quotient ring S (≠ {0}) of R has a unique maximal ideal which is principal
- 161. For two indeterminates x, y, let  $R = \mathbb{F}_3[x]$ and S = R[y]. Which of the following statements are true?

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- 1. S is a principal ideal domain
- 2.  $S/(y^2 + x^2)$  is a unique factorization
- 3. S is a unique factorization domain
- 4. S/(x) is a principal ideal domain
- 162. Let R and S be non-zero commutative rings with multiplicative identities 1<sub>R</sub>, 1<sub>S</sub>, respectively. Let  $f : R \rightarrow S$  be a ring homomorpism with  $f(1_R) = 1_S$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. If f(a) is a unit in S for every non-zero element  $a \in R$ , then S is a field
  - 2. If f(a) is a unit in S for every non-zero element  $a \in R$ , then f(R) is a field
  - 3. If R is a field, then f(a) is a unit in S for every non-zero element a ∈ R
  - 4. If a is a unit in R, then f(a) is a unit in S
- 163. For which of the following values of q, does a finite field of order q have exactly 6 subfields?
  - 1.  $q = 2^{18}$
- 2.  $q = 2^{32}$ 4.  $q = 2^{243}$
- 3.  $q = 2^{12}$

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- Let C[x,y] be the polynomial ring in two 164. variables over C. For which of the following ideals I, the quotient ring [x,y]/I is NOT an integral domain?
  - 1. I = (x, y)
  - 2. I = (x + y)
  - 3.  $I = (x^2 + y^2)$
  - 4. I = (xy-1)
- **165.** We say that a group G has property (A) if every non-trivial homomorphism from G to group is injective. Which of the following group has property (A)?
  - 1. The cyclic group of order 6.
  - 2. The symmetric group  $S_5$ .
  - 3. The alternating group A<sub>5</sub>.
  - 4. The dihedral group with ten elements.
- **166.** For integers n > 1, let G(n) denote the number of groups of order n, upto isomorphism, i.e. G(n) is the number of isomorphism classes of groups of order n. Which of the following statements is true?

- 1. If G(n)=1, then n is prime.
- 2. G(8)=2
- 3. If  $gcd(n, \varphi(n)) > 1$ , then G(n) > 1. (Here  $\varphi$  denotes the Euler  $\varphi$  function).
- 4.  $\lim \sup G(n)=2$
- 167. What is the number of injective functions from {1,2,....,7} to {1,2,....,10}?
  - 1.  $10^7$

4. 7<sup>10</sup>

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- Consider the polynomial  $f(x)=x^{2025}-1$  over 168.  $\mathbb{F}_5$ , where  $\mathbb{F}_5$  is the field with five elements. Let S be the set of all roots of f in an algebraic closure of the field F<sub>5</sub>.Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. S is a cyclic group
  - 2. S has  $\varphi(2025)$  elements, where  $\varphi$  denotes the Euler  $\varphi$  function.
  - 3. S has  $\varphi(2025)$  generators, where  $\varphi$  denotes the Euler  $\varphi$  function.
  - 4. S has 81 elements
- **169.** Let  $f \in \mathbb{R}[x]$  be a product of distinct monic irreducible polynomials P<sub>1</sub>,P<sub>2</sub>,.....P<sub>n</sub>, where  $n \ge 2$ . Let (f) denote the ideal generated by f in the ring  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1.  $\mathbb{R}[x]\setminus (f)$  is a field.
  - 2. R [x]\(f) is a finite dimensional R-vector space.
  - 3. R [x]\(f) is a direct sum of fields, each of which is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{C}$ .
  - 4. There are no non-zero elements  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}[x] \setminus \{f\}$  such that  $u^m = 0$  for some  $m \ge 1$ .
- 170. Let R be a nonzero ring with unity such that  $r^2 = r$  for all  $r \in R$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. R is never an integral domain.
  - 2. r = -r for all  $r \in R$ .

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3. Every nonzero prime ideal of R is

maximal.

- 4. R must be a commutative ring.
- Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. The value of the Euler  $\varphi$  function is even for all integers  $n \ge 3$ .
  - 2 Let G be a finite group and S a subset of

$$\operatorname{G}_{\underline{\phantom{a}}} \operatorname{with} \mid S \mid > \frac{\mid G \mid}{2}.$$

Then  $\{ab: a, b \in S\} = G$ .

- 3. The polynomial ring  $\mathbb{R}[x_1,....,x_n]$  is a Euclidean domain for all integers  $n \ge 1$ ...
- 4. The subset  $\{f \in C([0,1]) : f(1/2) = 0\}$ of the ring C([0,1]) of continuous functions from [0,1] to  $\mathbb{R}$  is a prime ideal.
- 172. A group G is said to be divisible if for every  $y \in G$  and for every positive integer n,

there exists  $x \in G$  such that

 $x^n = y$ . Which of the following groups are divisible?

- 1. Q with ordinary addition
- 2. C\{0} with ordinary multiplication
- 3. The cyclic group of order 5
- 4. The symmetric group S<sub>5</sub>

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- 173. Which of the following statements is true?

  - (3) There exist a  $\in \mathbb{Z}$  and a prime p > 11 such that  $p \nmid a^p - a$ .
  - (4)  $p \nmid \frac{(p^2)!}{(p!)^2}$  for some odd prime p.
- 174. Which of the following statements is true?
  - (1) The ideal  $2\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is maximal in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .
  - (2) The ideal  $X\mathbb{C}[X, Y]$  is maximal in
  - (3) The set of all polynomials in  $\mathbb{C}[X]$ whose coefficients add upto 0 is a maximal ideal in C[X].
  - (4) The ideal  $(\sqrt{2}-1)\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$  is maximal in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ .

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- 175. Let A b e a subring of the field of rationals  $\mathbb Q$  such that for any non-zero rational  $r\in\mathbb Q,\ r\in A$  or  $1/r\in A$ . Which of the following statements is False?
  - (1) The set  $\left\{a\in A: \frac{1}{a}\not\in A\right\}\bigcup\{0\}$  is an

additive subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

- (2) A has at most one maximal ideal.
- (3) If  $A \neq \mathbb{Q}$ , then A has infinitely many prime ideals.
- (4) For any non-zero a, b ∈ A, a divides b or b divides a in A.
- 176. Let  $\mathbb{F}_5$  denote the field with 5 elements. How many  $2\times 2$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{F}_5$  have rank one?
  - (1) 125

(2) 144

(3) 145

(4) 480

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- 177. Let  $f(X) = X^5 + X + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$  and  $g(X) = X^5 X + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[X]$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. f(X) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ , but g(X) is not.
  - 2. g(X) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ , but f(X) is
  - 3. Both f(X) and g(X) are irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ .
  - 4. Neither f(X) nor g(x) is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ .
- 178. Let  $f: \mathbb{Q}[X] \to \mathbb{Q}$  [X] be a ring homomorphism with f(1) = 1. For  $n \ge 1$ , let  $f^n = \underbrace{f \circ \dots \circ f}_{n \text{ times}}$ . Which of the following

statements are true?

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- 1. If f is onto, then so is  $f^n$  for all  $n \ge 1$
- 2.  $\ker^{n+1} = \ker^n \text{ for some } n \ge 1$ ,
- 3. If f is onto, then f is one-to-one.
- 4. If f is one-to-one, then f is onto.
- 179. For a group G, let Aut(G) denote the group (under composition) of all bijective group homomorphisms from G onto itself. Which of the following statements are true?
  - If G<sub>1</sub>, G<sub>2</sub> are two groups such that Aut(G<sub>1</sub>) is isomorphic to Aut(G<sub>2</sub>), then G<sub>1</sub> is isomorphic to G<sub>2</sub>.
  - 2. If |G| = 2, then Aut $(G \times G)$  is abelian.
  - 3. If G is the group of complex numbers under addition, then Aut(G) is abelian.

- 4. If G is finite, then Aut(G) is finite.
- **180.** Let G<sub>1</sub> and G<sub>2</sub> be subgroups of a group G. Which of the following statements are true?
  - 1. If  $G_1$  is normal in G, then  $(G_2G_1)/G_1 \cong G_2/(G_2 \cap G_1)$ .
  - 2. If  $H_1$  and  $H_2$  are normal subgroup of  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , respectively, then  $(G_1 \times G_2)/(H_1 \times H_2) \cong (G_1/H_1) \times (G_2/H_2)$ .
  - 3. If  $G_1$  is normal in  $G_2$  and  $G_2$  is normal in G, then  $G_1$  is normal in G.
  - 4. Every subgroup of prime index in G is normal.
- 181. Let p >2 be a prime number. Let  $\mathbb{F}_p$  denote the field with p elements and  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$  an algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Which of the following statements are true?
  - Let f(X) ∈ F<sub>p</sub>[X] and α be a root of f in F̄<sub>p</sub>. Then F<sub>p</sub>(α) is the splitting field of f in F̄<sub>p</sub>.
  - 2. Let f,  $g \in \mathbb{F}_p[X]$  be irreducible polynomials of same degree and  $\alpha$  be a root of f in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ . Then  $\mathbb{F}_p(\alpha)$  is the splitting field of g in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}_p$ .
  - 3.  $\mathbb{F}_p[X]$  has infinitely many irreducible polynomials.
  - 4. The set { a+b | a, b  $\in \mathbb{F}_p$ } is contained in {  $a^2+b^2$  | a, b  $\in \mathbb{F}_p$ }.
- 182. Let G be a group, H a subgroup of G, and  $T = \{gH \mid g \in G\}$ , the set of all left cosets of H in G. Let  $S_T$  be the set of all permutations of T and  $\pi : G \to S_T$  be the map defined by  $\pi(g)(g_1H) = gg_1H$ . For a prime number p, let  $\mathbb{F}_p$  denote the field with p elements. In which of the following cases is ker  $\pi$  trivial?
  - G = GL<sub>2</sub> (F<sub>p</sub>) and H is a subgroup of order p
  - 2.  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and H is a subgroup of order p.
  - 3.  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $G = GL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)/SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and H is a subgroup of order 2.
  - 4.  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $G = GL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)/SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and H is a subgroup of order 2.

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