

(20%) 1. For a group  $G$  and a prime number  $p$ , define the  $p$ -part  $G_p$  of  $G$  as follows:

$$G_p = \{x \in G : \text{the order of } x \text{ is a power of } p\}$$

A group  $G$  is said to be a  $p$ -group  $G = G_p$ .

- (a) Prove or disprove that, for a finite group  $G$ ,  $G$  is a  $p$ -group if and only if the order of  $G$  is a power of  $p$ .
- (b) Prove or disprove that  $G$  is finite if and only if  $G_p$  is finite for all primes  $p$ .
- (c) Prove that every finite  $p$ -group  $G$  has a nontrivial center.
- (d) Prove that every finite  $p$ -group  $G$  is solvable.

(20%) 2. Let  $R$  be an integral domain.

- (a) Find the group of units in  $R[x]$ , the ring of polynomials over  $R$ .
- (b) Find the group of units in  $R[[x]]$ , the ring of formal power series over  $R$ .
- (c) Suppose that  $R$  is a field. Prove or disprove that  $R[x]$  is a unique factorization domain.
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(15%) 3. Let  $K$  be a field and  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1 \in K[x]$ .

- (a) Prove that  $f(x)$  is separable over  $K$  if and only if  $\text{char}(K) \neq 3$ .
- (b) Prove that  $f(x)$  is either irreducible or splits into linear factors in  $K$ .
- (c) Let  $L$  be a splitting field of  $f(x)$  over  $K$ . Prove or disprove that  $[L : K]$  divides 3.

(15%) 4. Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $\text{char}(F) = p > 0$  and let  $\bar{F}$  be algebraic over  $F$  and algebraically closed. For a positive integer  $n$ , denote  $F_n$  to be the splitting field of  $x^n - 1$  in  $\bar{F}$ .

- (a) Show that  $\bar{F} = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} F_n$  and  $[\bar{F} : F] = \infty$ .
- (b) Show that for any positive integer  $n$  with  $p \mid n$ ,  $F_n = F_{n/p}$ .
- (c) Prove or disprove that, for any positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $F_m \cap F_n = F$  if and only if  $\text{gcd}(m, n)$  is a power of  $p$ .

(30%) 5. Let  $R$  be a principal ideal domain and  $M$  a finitely generated  $R$ -module.

- (a) For  $S = R \setminus \{0\}$ , prove that  $M \otimes_R S^{-1}R$  is a vector space over  $S^{-1}R$  and is isomorphic to  $S^{-1}M$ . Show that  $\text{rank}_R(M) = \dim_{S^{-1}R}(S^{-1}M)$ .
- (b) For a prime ideal  $\varphi$  of  $R$ , denote  $M_\varphi = S^{-1}M$ , where  $S = R \setminus \varphi$ . Prove or disprove that  $M$  is projective  $R$ -module if and only if  $M_\varphi$  is projective over  $R_\varphi$  for each prime ideal  $\varphi$  of  $R$ .