

Math 343 – 14462, May 18, 2025	Final Exam	Time: 3 hours
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1. Justify answers and show all work for full credit.
2. Answer the questions in the space provided. If you run out of room continue on the back of the page.

Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Grade	7.5	8	7.5	9	8	40

[7.5pts]**Q1:** Determine whether each statement is true or false and justify your answer.

1. The union of two subgroups  $K, H$  of a group  $G$  is a subgroup.
2. If  $\tau$  is a cycle, then  $\tau^2$  is also a cycle.
3. If  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  such  $N$  and  $G/N$  are both abelian then  $G$  must be abelian.
4. There are exactly 36 automorphisms on  $\mathbb{Z}_{37}$ .
5.  $A_5$  has no subgroup of order 16, 17, 18, or 19.
6. If  $G$  is a group and  $x, y \in G$  are conjugates, then  $|x| = |y|$ .



[8pts]Q2: Let  $G$  and  $G'$  be groups.

- (i) Define what it means for a subgroup of  $G$  to be normal. Give an example of a group  $G$  and two subgroups, one that is normal and one that is not normal.
- (ii) Define what it means for a map  $\varphi: G \rightarrow G'$  to be a homomorphism and show that the  $\ker(\varphi)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- (iii) Show that there is no surjective homomorphism from  $S_4$  onto  $D_4$ .



[7.5pts] **Q3:** Let  $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 & 5 & 7 & 8 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \in S_8$

- i) Write  $\alpha$  as a product of disjoint cycles.
- ii) Write  $\alpha$  as a product of transpositions (2-cycles).
- iii) Deduce if  $\alpha$  is an even or odd permutation.
- iv) Find  $\alpha^{-1}$ .
- v) Find  $\alpha(134)\alpha^{-1}$ .



- [9pts]Q4: (i) In  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{16}$ , what is  $|(6,6)|$ ?
- (ii) Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order 2025. How many elements of order 25 does  $G$  have?
- (iii) List all elements of order 2 in  $\mathbb{Z}_8 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ .
- (iv) How many abelian groups (up to isomorphism) are there of order 60. List all groups.
- (v) Prove that a group of order  $p^2$  is abelian, where  $p$  is a prime number.
- (vi) Let  $G$  be a noncyclic group of order 21. How many Sylow 3-subgroups does  $G$  have?





[8pts]Q5: (i) Classify all finite abelian groups of order 8. Decide with justification which one is isomorphic to  $U(15)$ .

(ii) Let  $H$  be the following subgroup of  $S_6$ .

$$\{(1), (12)(34), (1234)(56), (13)(24), (1432)(56), (56)(13), (14)(23), (24)(56)\}.$$

a. Find the order of each element of  $H$ .

b. Compute  $\sigma\tau$  and  $\tau\sigma$ , where  $\sigma = (1234)(56)$  and  $\tau = (56)(13)$ .

c. Show that if  $G$  is a nonabelian group of order 8, then  $|Z(G)|$  must be 2. Classify the group  $H/Z(H)$ .

d. Up to isomorphism there are only two nonabelian groups of order 8, namely  $D_4$  the dihedral group and  $Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\}$  with multiplication given by  $ij = k, jk = i, ki = j$ , and  $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$ . Explain which one must be isomorphic to  $H$ ?

