

Math 343 – 14462, April 21, 2025	Midterm Exam 2	Time: 90 minutes
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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.

**Q1:** Determine whether each statement is true or false and justify your answer. (**Choose 4 only**) [8pts]

1. Every subgroup of  $S_4$  is normal.
2. There exists a finite group  $G$  of order 42 with subgroups  $H$  and  $K$  such that  $|H| = 12$ ,  $|K| = 14$  and  $|H \cap K| = 2$ .
3. There is a nonabelian group of order 11,
4. If every proper subgroup of  $G$  is abelian then  $G$  must be abelian.
5. The external direct product of cyclic groups must be cyclic.
6. Let  $G$  be a group of order  $pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are prime numbers, then every subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic.



**Q2:** (i) Let  $G = \langle a \rangle$ , where  $|a| = 24$ . list all generators for the subgroup of order 8.

[3pts]

(ii) Show that a group  $G$  that has more than  $p - 1$  elements of order  $p$  cannot be cyclic.

[3pts] **Q3:** (i) Find all elements in  $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}_{24})$ .

(ii) Find a cyclic subgroup of  $\mathbb{Z}_{40} \oplus \mathbb{Z}_{30}$  of order 12 and a non-cyclic subgroup of order 12.

[3pts] **Q4:** Let  $\phi$  be a group isomorphism from a group  $G$ , to a group  $\bar{G}$ , and let  $K$  be a normal subgroup of  $\bar{G}$ . Show that:

- (i)  $\phi^{-1}(K)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- (ii)  $\text{Ker}(\phi)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

[3pts] **Q5:** Let  $G$  be a group and let  $G'$  be the subgroup of  $G$  generated by the

set  $S = \{x^{-1}y^{-1}xy \mid x, y \in G\}$

**(i)** Prove that  $G'$  is normal in  $G$ .

**(ii)** Prove that  $G/G'$  is Abelian.