

**Mathematics**  
**Higher level**  
**Paper 3 – sets, relations and groups**

Thursday 16 November 2017 (afternoon)

1 hour

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**Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all the questions.
- Unless otherwise stated in the question, all numerical answers should be given exactly or correct to three significant figures.
- A graphic display calculator is required for this paper.
- A clean copy of the **mathematics HL and further mathematics HL formula booklet** is required for this paper.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[50 marks]**.

Please start each question on a new page. Full marks are not necessarily awarded for a correct answer with no working. Answers must be supported by working and/or explanations. In particular, solutions found from a graphic display calculator should be supported by suitable working. For example, if graphs are used to find a solution, you should sketch these as part of your answer. Where an answer is incorrect, some marks may be given for a correct method, provided this is shown by written working. You are therefore advised to show all working.

1. [Maximum mark: 11]

Consider the group  $\{G, \times_{18}\}$  defined on the set  $\{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$  where  $\times_{18}$  denotes multiplication modulo 18. The group  $\{G, \times_{18}\}$  is shown in the following Cayley table.

$\times_{18}$	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>1</b>	1	5	7	11	13	17
<b>5</b>	5	7	17	1	11	13
<b>7</b>	7	17	13	5	1	11
<b>11</b>	11	1	5	13	17	7
<b>13</b>	13	11	1	17	7	5
<b>17</b>	17	13	11	7	5	1

- (a) (i) Find the order of elements 5, 7 and 17 in  $\{G, \times_{18}\}$ .
- (ii) State whether or not  $\{G, \times_{18}\}$  is cyclic, justifying your answer. [6]

The subgroup of  $\{G, \times_{18}\}$  of order two is denoted by  $\{K, \times_{18}\}$ .

- (b) Write down the elements in set  $K$ . [1]
- (c) Find the left cosets of  $K$  in  $\{G, \times_{18}\}$ . [4]

2. [Maximum mark: 8]

$A, B$  and  $C$  are three subsets of a universal set.

- (a) Represent each of the following sets on a Venn diagram,
  - (i)  $A\Delta B$ , the symmetric difference of the sets  $A$  and  $B$ ;
  - (ii)  $A \cap (B \cup C)$ . [2]

Consider the sets  $P = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $Q = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $R = \{1, 3, 5\}$ .

- (b) (i) For sets  $P, Q$  and  $R$ , verify that  $P \cup (Q\Delta R) \neq (P \cup Q)\Delta(P \cup R)$ .
- (ii) In the context of the distributive law, describe what the result in part (b)(i) illustrates. [6]

3. [Maximum mark: 9]

The relation  $R$  is defined on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  such that  $(x_1, y_1)R(x_2, y_2)$  if and only if  $x_1 y_1 = x_2 y_2$ .

- (a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. [5]
- (b) Determine the equivalence class of  $R$  containing the element  $(1, 2)$  and illustrate this graphically. [4]

4. [Maximum mark: 14]

The set  $S$  is defined as the set of real numbers greater than 1.

The binary operation  $*$  is defined on  $S$  by  $x * y = (x - 1)(y - 1) + 1$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .

- (a) Show that  $x * y \in S$  for all  $x, y \in S$ . [2]
- (b) Show that the operation  $*$  on the set  $S$  is
  - (i) commutative;
  - (ii) associative. [7]
- (c) Show that 2 is the identity element. [2]

Let  $a \in S$ .

- (d) Show that each element  $a \in S$  has an inverse. [3]

5. [Maximum mark: 8]

Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be a homomorphism between groups  $\{G, *\}$  and  $\{H, \circ\}$  with identities  $e_G$  and  $e_H$  respectively.

- (a) Prove that  $f(e_G) = e_H$ . [2]
  - (b) Prove that  $\text{Ker}(f)$  is a subgroup of  $\{G, *\}$ . [6]
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