



**MATH HL**

**OPTION - REVISION**

**SETS, RELATIONS AND GROUPS**

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**PART A: SETS AND RELATIONS**

**SETS**

1. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty sets, and  $A - B$  be the set of all elements of  $A$  which are not in  $B$ . Draw Venn diagrams for  $A - B$  and  $B - A$  and determine if  $B \cap (A - B) = B \cap (B - A)$ . **(Total 3 marks)**
  
2. (a) Use a Venn diagram to show that  $(A \cup B)' = A' \cap B'$ . **(2)**  
 (b) Prove that  $[(A' \cup B) \cap (A \cup B')] = (A \cap B)' \cap (A \cup B)$ . **(4)**  
**(Total 6 marks)**
  
3. The difference,  $A - B$ , of two sets  $A$  and  $B$  is defined as the set of all elements of  $A$  which do not belong to  $B$ .  
 (a) Show by means of a Venn diagram that  $A - B = A \cap B'$ . **(1)**  
 (b) Using set algebra, prove that  $A - (B \cup C) = (A - B) \cap (A - C)$ . **(4)**  
**(Total 5 marks)**
  
4.  $A - B$  is the set of all elements that belong to  $A$  but not to  $B$ .  
 (a) Use Venn diagrams to verify that  $(A - B) \cup (B - A) = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$ . **(2)**  
 (b) Use De Morgan's laws to prove that  $(A - B) \cup (B - A) = (A \cup B) - (A \cap B)$ . **(4)**  
**(Total 6 marks)**
  
5. Use Venn diagrams to show that  
 (a)  $A \cup (B \cap A')' = A \cup B'$  (b)  $((A \cap B)' \cup B)' = \emptyset$ .  
**(Total 4 marks)**
  
6. Using de Morgan's laws, prove that  $A \Delta B = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cap B)'$ . **(Total 6 marks)**
  
7. Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be subsets of a given universal set.  
 (a) Use a Venn diagram to show that  $(A \cap B) \cup C = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)$ . **(2)**  
 (b) Hence, and by using De Morgan's laws, show that  
 $(A' \cap B) \cup C' = (A \cap C)' \cap (B' \cap C)'$ . **(3)**  
**(Total 5 marks)**
  
8. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two non-empty sets. Define the operation  $X \bullet Y$  by  $X \bullet Y = (X \cap Y) \cup (X' \cap Y')$ . Prove that  $(X \bullet Y)' = (X \cup Y) \cap (X' \cup Y')$ . **(Total 3 marks)**
  
9. Define the operation  $\#$  on the sets  $A$  and  $B$  by  $A \# B = A' \cup B'$ . Show algebraically that  
 (a)  $A \# A = A'$ ; (b)  $(A \# A) \# (B \# B) = A \cup B$ ; (c)  $(A \# B) \# (A \# B) = A \cap B$ .  
**(Total 6 marks)**

## RELATIONS

10. Let  $A = \{a, b, c, d, e, f\}$ , and  $R$  be a relation on  $A$  defined by the matrix below.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Note that a '1' in the matrix signifies that the element in the corresponding row is related to the element in the corresponding column, for example  $dRb$  because there is a '1' on the intersection of the  $d$ -row and the  $b$ -column).

- (a) Assuming that  $R$  is transitive, verify that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. (3)  
 (b) Give the partition of  $A$  corresponding to  $R$ . (4)

(Total 7 marks)

11. Let  $S = \{\text{integers greater than } 1\}$ . The relation  $R$  is defined on  $S$  by

$$m R n \Leftrightarrow \gcd(m, n) > 1, \text{ for } m, n \in S.$$

- (a) Show that  $R$  is reflexive. (1)  
 (b) Show that  $R$  is symmetric. (2)  
 (c) Show using a counter example that  $R$  is not transitive. (3)

(Total 6 marks)

12. The relation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  is defined as follows

$$z_1 R z_2 \Leftrightarrow |z_1| = |z_2| \text{ for } z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}.$$

- (a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{C}$ . (3)  
 (b) Describe the equivalence classes under the relation  $R$ . (2)

(Total 5 marks)

13. Let  $S = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , and let  $(a, b), (c, d) \in S$ . Define the relation  $\Delta$  on  $S$  as follows:

$$(a, b) \Delta (c, d) \Leftrightarrow a^2 + b^2 = c^2 + d^2$$

- (a) Show that  $\Delta$  is an equivalence relation. (4)  
 (b) Find all ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  where  $(x, y) \Delta (1, 2)$ . (2)  
 (c) Describe the partition created by this relation on the  $(x, y)$  plane. (1)

(Total 7 marks)

14. The relation  $R$  is defined on the points  $P(x, y)$  in the plane by

$$(x_1, y_1) R (x_2, y_2) \text{ if and only if } x_1 + y_2 = x_2 + y_1.$$

- (a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. (4)  
 (b) Give a geometric description on the equivalence classes. (2)

(Total 7 marks)

15. Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Let  $R$  be the relation defined by the following:

$$\text{for } (a, b) \text{ and } (c, d) \text{ in } \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad (a, b) R (c, d) \text{ if and only if } ad = bc,$$

where  $ab$  is the product of the two numbers  $a$  and  $b$ .

- (a) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ . (4)  
 (b) Show how  $R$  partitions  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and describe the equivalence classes. (2)

(Total 6 marks)

16. Let  $\max(|x|, |y|)$  be equal to the largest of  $|x|$  and  $|y|$ . Define the relation  $R$  on the  $xy$  plane by
- $$(a, b)R(p, q) \Leftrightarrow \max(|a|, |b|) = \max(|p|, |q|)$$
- (a) Show that the relation  $R$  is an equivalence relation. (6)
- (b) (i) Find the equivalence classes. (5)  
(ii) Hence describe the equivalence classes. (5)
- (Total 11 marks)**

17. Let  $R$  be a relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that for  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $x R y$  if and only if  $m$  divides  $x - y$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (a) Prove that  $R$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . (4)
- (b) Prove that this equivalence relation partitions  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $m$  distinct classes. (4)
- (Total 8 marks)**

18. Let  $Y$  be the set  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ . Define the relation  $R$  on  $Y$  by  $aRb \Leftrightarrow a^2 - b^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , where  $a, b \in Y$ .
- (a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. (4)
- (b) (i) What is meant by “the equivalence class containing  $a$ ”?  
(ii) Write down all the equivalence classes. (5)
- (Total 9 marks)**

19. The relation  $R$  is defined on the non-negative integers  $a, b$  such that
- $$aRb \text{ if and only if } 7^a \equiv 7^b \pmod{10}.$$
- (a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. (4)
- (b) By considering powers of 7, identify the equivalence classes. (4)
- (c) Find the value of  $7^{503} \pmod{10}$ . (1)
- (Total 9 marks)**

20. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be two non-empty sets and  $h : X \rightarrow Y$ , Let also  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $Y$ .
- $y_1 R y_2$  denotes that two elements  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  of  $Y$  are related.
- Define a relation  $S$  on  $X$  by the following:
- $$\text{For all } a, b \in X, a S b \text{ if and only if } h(a) R h(b).$$
- Determine if  $S$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ .
- (Total 6 marks)**

**Notice: the following is not a past paper question; however, it is a modification of a similar past paper question on matrices (here we use bijective functions instead of matrices)**

21. Let  $R$  be a relation defined on bijective functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , given the functions  $f$  and  $g$ ,
- $$f R g \text{ if and only if there exists a bijective function } h \text{ such that } f = h \circ g \circ h^{-1}$$
- (a) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation.
- (b) Find a bijective function related to the function  $f(x) = 2x$

## FUNCTIONS

22. Let  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  be defined by  $f(n) = n + 1$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
Determine if  $f$  is an injection, a surjection, or a bijection. Give reasons for your answer. (3)

23. Determine with reasons which of the following functions is a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .

$$p(x) = x^2 + 1, \quad q(x) = x^3, \quad r(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2}$$

(Total 4 marks)

24. Define the function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $f(x, y) = (2y - x, x + y)$

- (a) Show that  $f$  is injective. (4)  
 (b) Show that  $f$  is surjective. (3)  
 (c) Show that  $f$  has an inverse function. Find this inverse and verify your result. (5)

(Total 12 marks)

25. Consider the functions  $f$  and  $g$ , defined by

$$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \text{ where } f(n) = 5n + 4,$$

$$g: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \text{ where } g(x, y) = (x + 2y, 3x - 5y)$$

- (a) Explain whether the function  $f$  is (i) injective; (ii) surjective.  
 (b) Explain whether the function  $g$  is (i) injective; (ii) surjective.  
 (c) Find the inverse of  $g$ .

(Total 13 marks)

26. Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $f$  be a function, with domain and range  $S$ , defined by

$$f(x) = 2x \text{ (modulo 5).}$$

- (a) Prove the  $f$  is a bijection. (3)  
 (b) Show that the composite function  $f \circ f$  is its own inverse. (3)

(Total 6 marks)

## THEORY – PROOFS

27. Let  $X$  be a set containing  $n$  elements (where  $n$  is a positive integer).  
Show that the set of all subsets of  $X$  contains  $2^n$  elements.

28. Consider any functions  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ . Show that  
 (a) if both  $f$  and  $g$  are injective then  $g \circ f$  is also injective.  
 (b) if both  $f$  and  $g$  are surjective then  $g \circ f$  is also surjective.  
 (c) if both  $f$  and  $g$  are bijective then  $g \circ f$  is also bijective.

29. Consider any functions  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ .  
 (a) Given that  $g \circ f$  is injective, show that  $f$  is injective.  
 (b) Given that  $g \circ f$  is surjective, show that  $g$  is surjective.  
 (c) Given that  $g \circ f$  is bijective, write down the conclusion for  $f$  and  $g$ .

30. Give the definitions of the following terms:

Difference: $A - B$	Relation from $A$ to $B$	Equivalence class of $a$ : $[a]$	Injection
Symmetric difference: $A \Delta B$	Relation on $A$	Partition of $A$	Surjection
Cartesian Product $A \times B$	Equivalence relation		Bijection

Give examples.