

**MATH HL**  
**OPTION**  
**REVISION - SOLUTIONS**  
**SETS, RELATIONS AND GROUPS**  
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**PART B: GROUPS**

**GROUPS**

1. (a)  $(a * b) * c = \left( \frac{ab}{a+b} \right) * c = \frac{\frac{abc}{a+b}}{\frac{ab}{a+b} + c} = \frac{abc}{ab + ac + bc}$  (M1)A1A1
- $a * (b * c) = a * \left( \frac{bc}{b+c} \right) = \frac{\frac{abc}{b+c}}{a + \frac{bc}{b+c}} = \frac{abc}{ab + ac + bc}$  (M1)A1A1
- $\therefore (a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$  R1
- so  $*$  is associative. AG 7
- (b) Suppose  $e$  is an identity element, then  $e * a = a * e = a$  (M1)
- $\frac{ea}{e+a} = a$  A1
- $ea = ea + a$  M1
- $ea$  cancels on both sides so there is no solution for  $e$ . R1
- i.e. no identity element AG 4
2. (a)  $a \# b = a + b + 1$
- Now  $b \# a = b + a + 1$  (M1)
- Since  $+$  is commutative  $a \# b = b \# a$  (A1)
- $\Rightarrow \#$  is also a commutative operation. (AG)
- $(a \# b) \# c = (a + b + 1) \# c$
- $= a + b + 1 + c + 1$
- $= a + b + c + 2$  (A1)
- $a \# (b \# c) = a \# (b + c + 1)$
- $= a + b + c + 1 + 1$
- $= a + b + c + 2$  (A1)
- $\Rightarrow \#$  is also associative operation. (AG) 4
- (b) To show  $(\mathbb{R}, \#)$  is a group we need to show closure, identity element exists, inverses exist and it is associative (already shown).
- It is closed since  $a + b + 1 \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . (A1)
- There is a unique element  $e (e \in \mathbb{R})$  such that
- $p \# e = e \# p = p$  where  $p \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow p + e + 1 = e + p + 1 = p$
- $\Rightarrow e = -1$  as identity element (A1)
- There are unique inverse elements for each element in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that
- $p \# p^{-1} = p^{-1} \# p = -1$  (M1)
- $\Rightarrow p + p^{-1} + 1 = p^{-1} + p + 1 = -1$
- $\Rightarrow p^{-1} = -p - 2$  (A1)
- Hence  $(\mathbb{R}, \#)$  forms a group. (AG) 4

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3. (a)  $a, b \in T \Rightarrow a * b \in T$  (A1)  
 if  $a * b = 1$ ,  $ab - a - b + 2 = 1$ ,  $\Rightarrow ab - a - b + 1 = 0$  (M1)(A1)  
 $\Rightarrow (a-1)(b-1) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 1$ , or  $b = 1$  contradiction (M1)(R1)  
 so  $a * b \in T$ , i.e. closed (AG) 5

(b)

$$(x * y) * z = (xy - x - y + 2) * z \quad (A1)$$

$$= xyz - xz - yz + 2z - xy + x + y - 2 - z + 2 \quad (A1)$$

$$xyz - yz - zx - xy + x + y + z \quad (AG)$$
  

$$x * (y * z) = x * (yz - y - z + 2) \quad (A1)$$

$$= xyz - xy - xz + 2x - x - yz + y + z - 2 + 2 \quad (A1)$$

$$= (x * y) * z \quad (A1)$$

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**Note:** as the operation is clearly commutative, there is no need to check **both left and right** identity, or **both left and right** inverse below

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(c)  $a * e = a \Rightarrow e(a-1) = 2(a-1) \Rightarrow e = 2$  (since  $a \neq 1$ ) (M1)(A1)  
 Hence 2 is the identity element for this operation. (A1) 3

(d)  $a * a' = 2 \Rightarrow aa' - a - a' + 2 = 2 \Rightarrow a'(a-1) = a \Rightarrow a' = a / (a-1)$  M1A1  
 Hence  $3' = 3/2$  A1 3

(e) (i) The formula is true for  $n = 1$  since  $a = (a-1)^1 + 1$ . (R1)

Assume that it is true for  $n = k$ , i.e.  $\overbrace{a * a * \dots * a}^{k \text{ times}} = (a-1)^k + 1$  (M1)

$$\overbrace{a * a * \dots * a}^{k+1 \text{ times}} = ((a-1)^k + 1) * a = ((a-1)^k + 1)a - ((a-1)^k + 1) - a + 2 \quad (M1)$$

$$= (a-1)^k \times a + a - (a-1)^k - 1 - a + 2 \quad (A1)$$

$$= (a-1)^k (a-1) + 1 \quad (A1)$$

$$= (a-1)^{k+1} + 1$$

so the formula is proven by mathematical induction. (R1) 6

(ii) We require  $a * a * \dots * a = 2$  (M1)

so that  $(a-1)^n + 1 = 2$  or  $(a-1)^n = 1$  (A1)

Apart from  $a = 2$ , the identity, the only solution is  $a = 0$ . (A1)

Since  $0 * 0 = 2$ , the element 0 has order 2. (A1) 4

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4. (a) Since  $\forall a \in G, e \circ a = a \circ e$  because  $e$  is the identity element of the group. (R2)  
 Then  $e \in H$ . (AG) 2

(b) Let  $x, y \in H$ , then  $(x \circ y) \circ a = x \circ (y \circ a)$  (by associativity) (R1)  
 $= x \circ (a \circ y)$  (since  $y \in H$ ) (R1)  
 $= (x \circ a) \circ y$  (associativity) (R1)  
 $= (a \circ x) \circ y$  ( $x \in H$ ) (R1)  
 $= a \circ (x \circ y)$  (associativity) (R1)

Therefore,  $(x \circ y) \circ a = a \circ (x \circ y)$   
 $\Rightarrow (x \circ y) \in H$ . (AG) 5

- (c)  $e \circ a = a \circ e$  identity (R1)  
 $\Rightarrow (x^{-1} \circ x) \circ a = a \circ (x^{-1} \circ x)$  (R1)  
 $\Rightarrow x^{-1} \circ (x \circ a) = (a \circ x^{-1}) \circ x$  associativity  
 $\Rightarrow x^{-1} \circ (a \circ x) = (a \circ x^{-1}) \circ x$   $x \in H$  (R1)  
 $\Rightarrow (x^{-1} \circ a) \circ x = (a \circ x^{-1}) \circ x$  associativity (R1)  
Therefore,  $x^{-1} \circ a = a \circ x^{-1}$  cancellation law  
and  $x^{-1} \in H$  (AG) 4

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### FINITE GROUPS – CAYLEY TABLES

5. Closure - yes, because the table contains no other elements. (R1)  
Identity - yes,  $d$ . (R1)  
Inverse - yes, every element has an inverse (or  $d$  appears in every row and column). (R1)  
Associativity - no because, (R1)  
 $b\#(c\#e) = b\#a = e$  but  $(b\#c)\#e = a\#e = b$  (A1)(A1)

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6. (a) **Note:** Award (A3) if one error, (A2) if 2 errors, (A1) if 3 errors, (A0) for more

	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$
$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$a$
$b$	$c$	$d$	$a$	$b$
$c$	$d$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$d$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$

(A4) 4

- (b) (i) using inverse elements  
 $(b\#x)\#c\#a = d\#a$   
 $\Rightarrow b\#x = a$  (A1)  
 $\Rightarrow d\#b\#x = d\#a$   
 $\Rightarrow x = d$  (A1)  
(ii)  $a\*(x\#b)\#c\#a = b\#a$   
 $\Rightarrow a\*(x\#b) = c$  (A1)  
 $\Rightarrow c\#a\*(x\#b) = c\#c$   
 $\Rightarrow x\#b = b$  (A1)  
 $\Rightarrow x\#b\#d = b\#d$   
 $\Rightarrow x = a$  (A1) 5

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7. (a) The operation table is thus:

(*)	1	3	4	9	10	12
1	1	3	4	9	10	12
3	3	9	12	1	4	10
4	4	12	3	10	1	9
9	9	1	10	3	12	4
10	10	4	1	12	9	3
12	12	10	9	4	3	1

(A4) 4

**Note:** Award (A3) if one entry is incorrect, (A2) if two entries are incorrect, (A1) if three are incorrect, (A0) if four or more are incorrect.

- (b) \* is associative and commutative (known) (A1)  
The set is closed under \* (A1)  
1 is the identity element (A1)  
Every element has an inverse because 1 is on each row (or column). (A1) 4

- (c) 1 is of order 1  
 12 is of order 2 (A1)  
 3 and 9 are of order 3 (A1)  
 4 and 10 are of order 6 (A1) 3

*Note: If one answer is wrong, award (A1), if two or more answers are wrong award (A0).*

- (d) There are four subgroups:  
 {1}  
 {1, 12} (A1)  
 {1, 3, 9} (A2)  
 {1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12} 3

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- (a) (i)  $3 \otimes 5 = 15$  (A1)  
 (ii)  $3 \otimes 7 = 5$  (A1)  
 (iii)  $9 \otimes 11 = 3$  (A1) 3  
 (b) (i) The operation table is

$\otimes$	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	
1	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	
3	3	9	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	Ⓜ	1	7	13	
5	5	<b>15</b>	Ⓞ	3	13	7	1	11	
7	7	<b>5</b>	3	Ⓛ	15	13	11	9	
9	9	Ⓜ	13	15	1	<b>3</b>	5	7	
11	11	1	7	13	<b>3</b>	Ⓞ	15	5	
13	13	7	1	11	5	15	9	3	
15	15	13	11	9	7	5	3	1	(A2)

**Note:** Award (A2) if the circled numbers are correct, (A1) if 3 or 4 are correct, (A0) otherwise. The bold numbers were found in part (a)

- (ii) Closure: The table shows that no new elements are generated. (RI)  
 Identity: 1 is the identity. (RI)  
 Inverse: Every row and column has a "1". (RI)  
 (Associative given).  
 So  $(S, \otimes)$  is a group. (AG) 5  
 (c) (i) Elements of order 2 are 7, 9, 15. (A2)

**Note:** Award (A1) if one correct element is given.

- (ii) Elements of order 4 are 3, 5, 11, 13. (MI)(A1)

**Note:** If no working shown, award (MI)(A0) if one correct element is given. 4

- (d) Using 3 as the generator, a sub-group of order 4 is  $\{1, 3, 9, 11\}$ . (MI)(A1)

**Note:** Another possibility is  $\{1, 5, 9, 13\}$ . 2

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9. (a)  $(3*9)*13 = 13*13 = 1$  (M1)  
 and  $3*(9*13) = 3*5 = 1$  (M1)  
 hence  $(3*9)*13 = 3*(9*13)$  (AG) 2

(b) To show that  $(U, *)$  is a group we need to show that:

(1)  $U$  is closed under  $*$ . A table is an easy way of showing closure for this finite set.

(*)	1	3	5	9	11	13
1	1	3	5	9	11	13
3	3	9	1	13	5	11
5	5	1	11	3	13	9
9	9	13	3	11	1	5
11	11	5	13	1	9	3
13	13	11	9	5	3	1

(C4)

*Note:* Award (C4) for a completely accurate table, (C3) for 1 or 2 errors,  
 (C2) for 3 or 4 errors, (C1) for 5 or 6 errors, (C0) for 7 or more errors.

since for each  $a, b \in U, a*b \in U$ , **closure** is shown. (C1)

(2) Since multiplication is **associative**, it is true in this case too. (C1)

(3) Since  $1*a = a*1 = a$  **for all**  $a \in U$ , 1 is the **identity**. (C2)

(4) 1 appears in each row of the table once, so every element has a unique **inverse**.

$(1^{-1} = 1, 3^{-1} = 5, 5^{-1} = 3, 9^{-1} = 11, 11^{-1} = 9, 13^{-1} = 13)$  (C2) 11

- (c) (i) If  $G$  is a group and if there exists  $a \in G$ , such that  
 $G = \{a^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$   
 Then  $G$  is a cyclic group and  $a$  is called a generator. (C2) 2

(ii) By inspection:

3 is a generator since:

$$3^2 = 9, 3^3 = 13, 3^4 = 11 \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$3^5 = 5, 3^6 = 1 \quad (\text{A1})$$

Also, 5 is a generator:

$$5^2 = 11, 5^3 = 13, 5^4 = 9 \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$5^5 = 3, 5^6 = 1 \quad (\text{A1})$$

9 cannot be a generator since  $9^3 = 1$  (C1)

similarly  $11^3 = 1$  and  $13^2 = 1$ . (C1)(C1) 7

- (d) Since the order of this group is 6, by Lagrange's Theorem, the proper subgroups can only have orders 2 or 3. (R1)

Since 13 is the only self inverse  $13^2 = 1$ , (R1)

the only subgroup of order 2 is  $\{1, 13\}$  (A1)

No sub-group may include 3 or 5 since these are the generators of the group.

The only elements left are 9 and 11. (R1)

Now,  $9*11 = 1, 9^2 = 11$ , and  $11^2 = 9$ . (M2)

Therefore,  $\{1, 9, 11\}$  is the other sub-group. (A1) 7

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**PERMUTATION GROUPS**

10. (a) Since  $3! = 6$ , order of  $S = 6$ . (M1) (R1) 2

(b) Members of  $S$  are  $p_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, p_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, p_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ , (AG)

$p_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, p_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, p_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (A2) 2

*Note:* Award (A2) for 3 correct permutations; (A1) for 2 (A0) for 1

$p_3 \circ p_4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, p_4 \circ p_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (M1)

$p_3 \circ p_4 \neq p_4 \circ p_3$  (R1) 2

*Note:* There are other possibilities to show that the group is not Abelian.

(c)  $p_1^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} = p_2$

$p_1^3 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = p_0$ . (M1)

(Note that  $p_0$  is the identity of the group  $S$ .)

Hence  $\{p_0, p_1, p_2\}$  form a cyclic group of order 3 under composition. (R1) 2

*Note:* Some candidates may write  $\{p_0, p_1, p_2\}$  is a subgroup of order 3,

(award (A1)), and write the following table, (award (R1)):

$\circ$	$p_0$	$p_1$	$p_2$
$p_0$	$p_0$	$p_1$	$p_2$
$p_1$	$p_1$	$p_2$	$p_0$
$p_2$	$p_2$	$p_0$	$p_1$

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11. (a)  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ b & d & a & c \end{pmatrix}$  (A1) 1

(b)  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ a & b & c & d \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ b & a & c & d \end{pmatrix}$  (A2) 2

*Note:* There are many correct answers for the second permutation.

(c)  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ a & b & c & d \end{pmatrix}$   
 $\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ b & c & d & a \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ c & d & a & b \end{pmatrix}; \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ d & a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$  (A1)(A1)(A1)

Let  $p, q, r, s$  be the four permutations in the subgroup. Closure is shown by the group table, i.e. (M1)

	$p$	$q$	$r$	$s$
$p$	$p$	$q$	$r$	$s$
$q$	$q$	$r$	$s$	$p$
$r$	$r$	$s$	$p$	$q$
$s$	$s$	$p$	$q$	$r$

(A1)

Inverse: each element has an inverse, (M1)

i.e.  $p^{-1} = p, q^{-1} = s, r^{-1} = r, s^{-1} = q$ . (A1) 7

*Note:* There are other possible answers.

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## GROUPS AND RELATIONS (COSETS)

12. (a)  $x^{-1}x = e \in H \Rightarrow x R x \Rightarrow R$  is reflexive M1 R1  
 $x R y \Rightarrow x^{-1}y \in H \Rightarrow (x^{-1}y)^{-1} \in H$  A1  
 $x^{-1}y(x^{-1}y)^{-1} = e$  so  $(x^{-1}y)^{-1} = y^{-1}x$  A1  
 $\Rightarrow y^{-1}x \in H \Rightarrow y R x \Rightarrow R$  is symmetric R1  
 $x R y$  and  $y R z \Rightarrow x^{-1}y \in H$  and  $y^{-1}z \in H$   
 $\therefore (x^{-1}y)(y^{-1}z) \in H$  since  $H$  is closed. A1  
 $x^{-1}(yy^{-1})z \in H \Rightarrow x^{-1}z \in H$  A1  
 $\Rightarrow x R z \Rightarrow R$  is transitive. R1  
 $\therefore R$  is an equivalence relation. AG 8
- (b)  $p^3 = q^2 = e \quad qp = p^2q$   
 $qp^2 = (qp)p = (p^2q)p$  A1  
 $= p^2(qp) = p^2(p^2q) = p^3(pq) = pq$  A1A1 AG 3
- (c)  $H = \{e, p^2q\}$   
 $y R pq \Rightarrow y^{-1}pq = e \Rightarrow pq = y$  A1  
or  $y^{-1}pq = p^2q \Rightarrow pq = yp^2q$   
 $pq^2 = yp^2q^2 \quad p = yp^2$  A1  
 $p^2 = yp^3$  A1  
 $p^2 = y$  A1  
 $\therefore$  The equivalence class is  $\{p^2, pq\}$  A1 5

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The equivalence class of  $pq$  is the coset  $pqH$  which contains  $pq$  and  $pqp^2q = ppqq = p^2$ .

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### Extra question

There are 3 equivalence classes (3 cosets)

$$\begin{aligned} H &= \{e, p^2q\}, \\ pH &= \{p, q\} \\ p^2H &= \{p^2, pq\} \end{aligned}$$

## ISOMORPHISMS

13. (a)  $f$  is injective since  $f(x) = f(y) \Leftrightarrow 3^x = 3^y \Leftrightarrow x = y$  (M1)(R1)  
 $f$  is surjective since if  $z \in \mathbb{R}^+$ ,  $x = \log_3(z) \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $z = f(x)$  (M1)(R1)
- For every  $x, y$  in  $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ ,  
 $f(x + y) = 3^{(x+y)} = 3^x 3^y = f(x) \times f(y)$  (M1)(A1) 6
- (b)  $f^{-1}(z) = \log_3(z)$  (A1) 1
14. (a) Since  $(a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2}) = ac + 2bd + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2}$ ,  
and  $(ac + 2bd)^2 - 2(ad + bc)^2 = (a^2 - 2b^2)(c^2 - 2d^2) \neq 0$ ,  
 $S$  is closed under multiplication. (A2)  
 $1 = 1 + 0\sqrt{2}$  is the neutral element. (A1)  
Finally,  $\frac{a - b\sqrt{2}}{a^2 - 2b^2} \in S$  (M1)  
and  $\left(\frac{a - b\sqrt{2}}{a^2 - 2b^2}\right)(a + b\sqrt{2}) = 1$ , so every element of  $S$  has an inverse. (A1) 5

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- (b) To show that  $f(x)$  is an isomorphism, we need to show that it is injective, surjective and that it preserves the operation.

*Injection:* Let  $x_1 = a + b\sqrt{2}$ ,  $x_2 = c + d\sqrt{2}$

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow a - b\sqrt{2} = c - d\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow (a - c) + (d - b)\sqrt{2} = 0 \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$\Rightarrow a = c, \text{ and } b = d \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad (\text{A1})$$

*Surjection:* For every  $y = a - b\sqrt{2}$  there is  $x = a + b\sqrt{2}$  (M1)(A1)

*Preserves operation:*

$$f(x_1 x_2) = f((a + b\sqrt{2})(c + d\sqrt{2})) = f(ac + 2bd + (ad + bc)\sqrt{2}) \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$= ac + 2bd - (ad + bc)\sqrt{2} = (a - b\sqrt{2})(c - d\sqrt{2}) \quad (\text{M1})$$

$$(f(a + b\sqrt{2}))(f(c + d\sqrt{2})) = (f(x_1))(f(x_2)) \quad 6$$

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15. (a)

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

(A1) 1

(b)

(*)	a	b	c	d
a	b	a	d	c
b	a	b	c	d
c	d	c	a	b
d	c	d	b	a

(A4) 4

*Notes:* There are many other correct solutions, with a different ordering

Award (A4) if all entries are correct, (A3) if all but 1 entry are correct,

(A2) if all but 2 entries are correct, (A1) if all but 3 entries are correct.

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16. (a)

o	f	g	h	j
f	f	g	h	j
g	g	f	j	h
h	h	j	f	g
j	j	h	g	f

(A3) 3

*Note:* Award (A3) for all correct, (A2) for 1 error, (A1) for 2 errors, (A0) otherwise.

(b)

$+_4$	0	1	2	3	$x_5$	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	1	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	0	2	2	4	1	3
2	2	3	0	1	3	3	1	4	2
3	3	0	1	2	4	4	3	2	1

To investigate isomorphisms we can consider the order of elements (M1)

for  $+_4$ , the identity is 0, 1 has order 4, 2 has order 2 and 3 has order 4, (A1)

for  $x_5$ , the identity is 1, 2 has order 4, 3 has order 4 and 4 has order 2, (A1)

for  $\circ$ , the identity is  $f$ , and  $g, h$  and  $j$  all have order 2. (A1)

Hence  $+_4$  is isomorphic with  $x_5$ . (A1)

Corresponding elements are

$0 \leftrightarrow 1, 1 \leftrightarrow 2, 2 \leftrightarrow 4, 3 \leftrightarrow 3$ , OR  $0 \leftrightarrow 1, 1 \leftrightarrow 3, 2 \leftrightarrow 4, 3 \leftrightarrow 2$ . (A1) 6

*Note:* Corresponding elements **must** be correct for final (A1).

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17. (a) By using the composition of functions we form the Cayley table

$\circ$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$
$f_1$	$f_1$	$f_2$	$f_3$	$f_4$
$f_2$	$f_2$	$f_1$	$f_4$	$f_3$
$f_3$	$f_3$	$f_4$	$f_1$	$f_2$
$f_4$	$f_4$	$f_3$	$f_2$	$f_1$

(A3)

*Note: For each error in the above table deduct one mark up to a maximum of three marks.*

From the table, we see that  $(T, \circ)$  is a closed and is commutative. (R1)

$f_1$  is the identity. (A1)

$f_i^{-1} = f_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$  (A1)

Since the composition of functions is an associative binary operation an Abelian group. (AG) 6

- (b) The Cayley table for the group  $(G, \diamond)$  is given below:

$\diamond$	1	3	5	7
1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

(A2)

*Note: For each error in the entries deduct one mark up to a maximum of two marks.*

Define  $f: T \mapsto G$  such that  $f(f_1) = 1, f(f_2) = 3, f(f_3) = 5$  and  $f(f_4) = 7$  (M1)

Since distinct elements are mapped onto distinct images, it is a bijection. (R1)

Since the two Cayley tables match, the bijection is an isomorphism. (R1)

Hence the two groups are isomorphic. (AG) 5

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18. (a) B is the set  $\{1, i, -1, -i\}$  (A1)

This set is closed under multiplication.

Associative, since it is normal complex number multiplication. (R1)

The identity element is 1. (R1)

The inverse of  $i$  is  $-i$ , and vice versa, 1 and  $-1$  are self inverses. (R1)

- (b)

$\times$	1	3	7	9
1	1	3	7	9
3	3	9	1	7
7	7	1	9	3
9	9	7	3	1

(A2)

- (c) Order of 1 is 1

Order of 3 is 4, since  $3^4 = 1$  (A1)

Order of 7 is 4, since  $7^4 = 1$  (A1)

Order of 9 is 2, since  $9^2 = 1$  (A1)

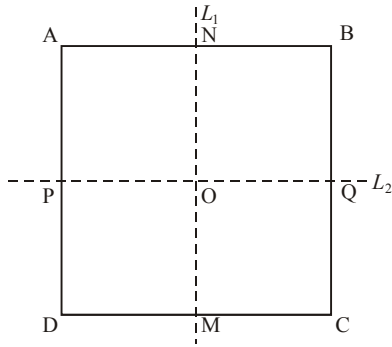
- (d) The two groups will have a bijection in which the following correspond:

$1 \leftrightarrow 1, 3 \leftrightarrow i, 7 \leftrightarrow i,$  and  $9 \leftrightarrow -1$  (or  $3 \leftrightarrow -i, 7 \leftrightarrow i$ ) (A1)

Both groups have the same structure, the bijection preserves the operation. (R1)

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(a)

$\circ$	$U$	$H$	$V$	$K$
$U$	$U$	$H$	$V$	$K$
$H$	$H$	$U$	$K$	$V$
$V$	$V$	$K$	$U$	$H$
$K$	$K$	$V$	$H$	$U$

(A4)

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**Note:** (A4) for 15-16 correct entries, (A3) for 13-14, (A2) for 11-12, (A1) for 9-10, (A0) o/w

(b) Closure:  $U, H, K$  and  $V$  are the only entries in the table. So it is closed. (A1)

Identity:  $U$ , since  $UT = TU = T$  for all  $T$  in  $S$ . (A1)

Inverses:  $U^{-1} = U, H^{-1} = H, V^{-1} = V, K^{-1} = K$  (A1)

Associativity: Given (AG)

Hence  $(S, \circ)$  forms a group. (R1)

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(c)  $C = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$

$\diamond$	1	-1	i	-i
1	1	-1	i	-i
-1	-1	1	-i	i
i	i	-i	-1	1
-i	-i	i	1	-1

(A3)

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**Note:** Award (A3) for 15-16 correct entries, (A2) for 13-14, (A1) for 11-12, (A0) for fewer

(d) Suppose  $f: S \rightarrow C$  is an isomorphism.

Then  $f(U) = 1$ , the identity in  $C$ , since  $f$  preserves the group operation. (M1)(C1)

Assume  $f(H) = i, 1 = f(U) = f(H \circ H) = f(H) \diamond f(H)$ . (A1)

But  $f(H) = i$ , and  $i$  is not its own inverse, so  $f$  is not an isomorphism. (R1)

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**Note:** Accept other correctly justified solutions.

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**THEORETICAL**

20. Let  $a^{-1} = b$  (M1)  
 Then  $e = b \times a = b \times a \times a$  (M1)  
 so that  $e = (b \times a) \times a = e \times a$  (M1)  
 and therefore  $e = a$  (M1)(AG)

*Note: There are other correct solutions.*

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21. (a) If  $G$  is a group and  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  then the order of  $H$  is a divisor of the order of  $G$ . (A2) 2  
 (b) Since the order of  $G$  is 24, the order of  $a$  must be 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 or 24 (R2)  
 The order cannot be 1, 2, 3, 6 or 12 since  $a^{12} \neq e$  (R1)  
 Also  $a^8 \neq e$  so that the order of  $a$  must be 24 (R1)  
 Therefore,  $a$  is a generator of  $G$ , which must therefore be cyclic. (R1) 5

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22. (a) A cyclic group is a group which is generated by one of its elements (or words to that effect). (M2) 2  
 (b) We can assume that  $(G, \#)$  has at least two elements and hence contains an element, say  $b$ , which is different from  $e$ , its identity. (R1)  
 The order of  $b$  is equal to the order  $q$  of the subgroup it generates. (M1)  
 By Lagrange's theorem  $q$  must be a factor of  $p$  and since  $p$  is prime either  $q = 1$  or  $q = p$ . (R1)  
 Since  $b \neq e$  we see that  $q \neq 1$  and therefore  $q = p$ . (R1)  
 But if the order of  $b$  is  $p$  then  $b$  generates  $(G, \#)$  which is therefore cyclic. (R1) 5

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23.

- For  $a \in H$ ,  $a^{-1} * a = e \in H$  so  $H$  contains the identity. (A1)  
 For  $a \in H$ ,  $a^{-1} * e = a^{-1} \in H$  so  $H$  contains all the inverse elements. (A1)  
 $*$  is associative on  $G$  and therefore on  $H$ . (A1)  
 For  $a, b \in H$ ,  $a^{-1} \in H$  so  $(a^{-1})^{-1} * b = a * b \in H$  so closure confirmed. (A1)(A1)  
 The four requirements are satisfied so  $(H, *)$  is a subgroup. (R1)

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24. Consider  $a * b$ . This cannot be  $a$  or  $b$  since  $a * b = a \Rightarrow b = e$  which is not the case and similarly for  $b$ . So  $a * b =$  either  $e$  or  $c$ . (M1)  
 If  $a * b = e$ , then  $a, b$  form an inverse pair so  $b * a = e$ . (R1)  
 Suppose  $a * b = c$ . Consider  $b * a$ . As before, this cannot equal  $a$  or  $b$  and it cannot equal  $e$  either because that would imply that  $a * b = e$  which it is not. (R1)  
 It follows that  $b * a = c$ . (R1)  
 Thus in both cases,  $a * b = b * a$ . (R1)

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25. Given  $(G, *)$  is a cyclic group with identity  $e$  and  $G \neq \{e\}$  and  $G$  has no proper subgroups.  
 If  $G$  is of composite finite order and is cyclic, then there is  $x \in G$  such that  $x$  generates  $G$ . (R1)  
 If  $|G| = p \times q$ ,  $p, q \neq 1$ , then  $\langle x^p \rangle$  is a subgroup of  $G$  of order  $q$  which is impossible since  $G$  has no non-trivial proper subgroup. (M1)  
 Suppose the order of  $G$  is infinite. Then  $\langle x^2 \rangle$  is a proper subgroup of  $G$  which contradicts the fact that  $G$  has no proper subgroup. (M1)  
 So  $G$  is a finite cyclic group of prime order. (A1)  
 (R1)

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26. If one of the sets  $H$  and  $K$  is contained in the other then either  $H \cup K = H$  or  $H \cup K = K$ .  
In either case it is a subgroup of  $(G, \circ)$ . (C2)

**Only if:**

Conversely, suppose that  $(H \cup K, \circ)$  is a subgroup of  $(G, \circ)$  and that  $H$  is not contained in  $K$ . (M1)  
Then there exists an element  $b$  of  $H$  which is not included in  $K$ . (C1)  
Let  $a$  be any element of  $K$ .  
Then  $ab \in H \cup K$  (since  $(H \cup K, \circ)$  is a group). (C1)  
If  $ab \in K$  then  $b = a^{-1}ab \in K$  which is a contradiction of our hypothesis. (C1)  
Hence  $ab \notin K$  and therefore  $ab \notin H$  so that  $abb^{-1} \in H$  (C1)  
which shows that  $K \subseteq H$  since  $a$  was any element of  $K$ . (C1)  
Therefore  $H \subseteq K$  or  $K \subseteq H$ . (AG)

**OR**

Proof by contradiction: (M1)  
 $K \not\subseteq H$  then there exists  $m \in K, m \notin H$  (C1)  
And  
 $H \not\subseteq K$  then there exists  $n \in H, n \notin K$ . (C1)  
Suppose  $m \circ n \in H$  then  $m \circ n \circ n^{-1} \in H$  is a contradiction (C1)  
Suppose  $m \circ n \notin K$  then  $n = m^{-1} \circ m \circ n \in K$  is a contradiction (C1)  
Hence  $m \circ n \notin H \cup K$  a contradiction (C1)  
Therefore  $H \subseteq K$  or  $K \subseteq H$  (AG) 8

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27. (a) Let  $(G, \circ)$  and  $(H, \bullet)$  be two groups. They are said to be isomorphic if there exists a one-to-one transformation  $f: G \rightarrow H$  which is surjective (onto) with the property that for all  $x, y \in G, f(x \circ y) = f(x) \bullet f(y)$ . (C1) 2

*Note: Some candidates may say that the groups  $(G, \circ)$  and  $(H, \bullet)$  are isomorphic if they have the same Cayley table (or group table). In that case award (C1).*

- (b) Since  $f: G \rightarrow H, f(x) \in H$  for some  $x \in G$ .  
Since  $e'$  is the identity element in  $H$ , (M1)  
 $e' \bullet f(x) = f(x) = f(x \circ e) = f(e) \bullet f(x)$ . (M1)(A1)  
By the right cancellation law,  $e' = f(e)$ . (R1) 4

- (c) Suppose  $G = \langle a \rangle$ , the cyclic group generated by  $a$ , i.e.  $n$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $a^n = e$ , the identity in  $G$ . (C1)  
Let  $f: G \rightarrow H$  be an isomorphism. Let  $f(a) = b \in H$ .  
 $f(a^2) = f(a \circ a) = f(a) \bullet f(a) = (f(a))^2$ . (M1)  
In general  $f(a^m) = (f(a))^m, 1 \leq m \leq n$ . (A1)  
By (iii) (b)  $(f(a))^n = e'$ , the identity in  $H$ . Hence  $b^n = e'$  and consequently  $H$  is a cyclic group of order  $n$  with generator  $b$ . (R1) 4

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28. (a) Suppose  $a$  is of order  $n$  and is  $a^{-1}$  of order  $m$ .  
Therefore  $e = e * e = (a^{-1})^m * a^n$  (M1)
- If  $m > n$ , then  $e = (a^{-1})^{m-n} * (a^{-1})^n * a^n = (a^{-1})^{m-n} * (a^{-1} * a)^n$ . (M1)  
Hence  $e = (a^{-1})^{m-n}$ . This implies  $a^{-1}$  is of order  $m - n < m$   
which is a contradiction. So  $m$  is not greater than  $n$ . (R1)
- If  $m < n$ ,  $e = (a^{-1})^m * a^m * a^{n-m} = (a^{-1} * a)^m * a^{n-m}$  (M1)  
Hence  $e = a^{n-m}$ , which implies  $a$  is of order  $n - m < n$ .  
This is a contradiction. (R1)  
Therefore  $m = n$ . (AG) 5

- (b) Let  $S(m)$  be the statement:  $b^m = p^{-1} * a^m * p$ .  
 $S(1)$  is true since we are given  $b = p^{-1} * a * p$  (A1)  
Assume  $S(k)$  as the induction hypothesis. (M1)  
 $b^{k+1} = b^k * b = (p^{-1} * a^k * p) * (p^{-1} * a * p) = p^{-1} * a^{k+1} * p$  (M1)(R1)  
which proves  $S(k + 1)$ .  
Hence, by mathematical induction  $b^n = p^{-1} * a^n * p$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). (AG) 4

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29. (a)  $(xy)^2 = e$  Order of  $xy = 2$  (M1)  
 $\Rightarrow (xy)(xy) = e \Rightarrow x(yx)y = e$  Associative property (M1)(M1)  
 $\Rightarrow xx(yx)yy = xey$  Left and right-multiply (M1)  
 $\Rightarrow e(yx)e = xy$  Order of elements given (M1)  
 $\Rightarrow yx = xy$  (AG)

**OR**

- Since  $x, y$  and  $xy$  are self-inverses,  $x^{-1} = x, y^{-1} = y$  and  $(xy)^{-1} = xy$  (R1)(R1)  
Consider  $xy = (xy)^{-1}$  (M1)  
 $= y^{-1}x^{-1}$  (M1)  
 $= yx$  (M1)(AG) 5

- (b) Let  $a$  be any element of a group, whose identity is  $e$ .  
Let  $a^{-1}$  be an inverse of  $a$ , and let  $b$  be another inverse of  $a$   
different from  $a^{-1}$ .  
Now,  $b = be = b(aa^{-1}) = (ba)a^{-1}$ ; identity and associativity properties, (M1)  
then,  $b = ea^{-1} = a^{-1}$ , which contradicts the assumption that  $b \neq a^{-1}$ , (M1)  
therefore there is only one inverse of  $a$ , namely  $a^{-1}$ . (R1)

**OR**

- Let  $a$  be any element of a group whose identity is  $e$ . Let  $b$  and  $c$  be  
inverses of  $a$ , so that  $ab = ba = e$ . (M1)  
Consider  $b = b(ac)$   
 $= (ba)c$   
 $= c$  (M1)  
Thus any two inverses are equal, so the inverse is unique. (R1) 3

- (c) If  $G$  is Abelian, then  $f(xy) = (xy)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-1} = x^{-1}y^{-1} = f(x)f(y)$  and  $f$   
is an isomorphism. (M1)(R1)  
If  $f$  is an isomorphism, then  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$ , that is,  
 $(xy)^{-1} = x^{-1}y^{-1} = (yx)^{-1}$   
Then  $xy = yx$  (M1)  
and hence  $G$  is Abelian. (R1) 4

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