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You may quote any standard results without proving them, but state clearly what facts you are assuming. Answers without explanation may receive no credit. Let  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$ , and  $\mathbb{C}$  denote the integers, rational numbers, real numbers, and complex numbers, respectively.

1. Let  $F_3$  denote the field of 3 elements. Let

$$A := F_3[x]/\langle x^3 - x + 1 \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad B := F_3[x]/\langle x^3 + x + 1 \rangle$$

be the quotient rings where  $\langle f(x) \rangle$  denotes the ideal of the polynomial ring  $F_3[x]$  generated by  $f(x)$ .

- (1) [5%] Is the polynomial  $x^{27} - x \in F_3[x]$  divisible by  $x^3 - x + 1 \in F_3[x]$ ?
- (2) [5%] Are rings  $A$  and  $B$  isomorphic?
- (3) [5%] Describe the additive group structure of  $A$  by the fundamental theorem of finitely generated abelian groups.
- (4) [5%] Let  $\phi: A \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^\times$  be a nontrivial group homomorphism where  $\mathbb{C}^\times$  denotes the multiplicative group of nonzero complex numbers. Describe the image of  $\phi$ .

2. A group  $G$  is called a *solvable group* if there exists a series of subgroups:

$$\{1\} = G_n \subseteq G_{n-1} \subseteq \cdots \subseteq G_1 \subseteq G_0 = G$$

(for some  $n$ ) such that  $G_i$  is normal in  $G_{i-1}$  and the quotient  $G_{i-1}/G_i$  is abelian for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Such a series of subgroups is called a *solvable series*. A solvable group  $G$  is *polycyclic* if it has a solvable series such that  $G_{i-1}/G_i$  is cyclic.

- (1) [5%] Show that a group of order 250 is solvable.
- (2) [5%] Give an example of a solvable group which is not polycyclic.
- (3) [10%] Prove that every homomorphism image of a polycyclic group is also polycyclic.

3. The *Jacobson radical*  $J(R)$  of a ring  $R$  with unity is defined to be the intersection of all maximal left ideals of  $R$ .

- (1) [5%] Find  $J(\mathbb{Z})$ .
- (2) [5%] Suppose that  $R := \{ \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q} \mid n \text{ is odd} \}$ . Show that

$$J(R) = \{ \frac{m}{n} \in \mathbb{Q} \mid n \text{ is odd and } m \text{ is even} \}.$$

- (3) [10%] Suppose that  $f: R \rightarrow S$  is a surjective ring homomorphism. Show that  $f(J(R)) \subset J(S)$ .

4. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity. Let  $A, B, C$  be  $R$ -modules with ( $R$ -module) homomorphisms  $f: A \rightarrow C$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ . Let  $A \times_C B$  denote the subset of all pairs  $(a, b)$  with  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$  such that  $f(a) = g(b)$ . Let  $p_1: A \times_C B \rightarrow A$  be the projection  $p_1(a, b) = a$  and  $p_2: A \times_C B \rightarrow B$  be the projection  $p_2(a, b) = b$ .

- (1) [5%] Show that  $A \times_C B$  is a submodule of  $A \times B$ .
- (2) [5%] Show that  $f \circ p_1 = g \circ p_2$ .
- (3) [5%] Suppose that there exist an  $R$ -module  $Z$  and homomorphisms  $p'_1: Z \rightarrow A$ ,  $p'_2: Z \rightarrow B$  such that  $f \circ p'_1 = g \circ p'_2$ . Show that there exists a unique homomorphism  $\phi: Z \rightarrow A \times_C B$  such that  $p'_1 = p_1 \circ \phi$  and  $p'_2 = p_2 \circ \phi$ .
- (4) [5%] Suppose now  $B = 0$ . Show that  $A \times_C B$  is isomorphic to the kernel of  $f$ .

5. Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer, and let  $\Psi_n$  denote the set of all primitive  $n$ -th roots of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ , i.e.,  $\Psi_n$  is the set of generators of the group of  $n$ -th roots of unity in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Define

$$\Phi_n(x) := \prod_{\alpha \in \Psi_n} (x - \alpha).$$

- (1) [5%] Show that  $\Phi_n(x)$  is in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$  and the degree of  $\Phi_n(x)$  is equal to the Euler phi-function  $\varphi(n)$ .  
(2) [5%] Show that

$$x^n - 1 = \prod_{d|n} \Phi_d(x)$$

where the product is over all divisors  $d$  of  $n$ .

- (3) [5%] Find  $\Phi_{12}(x)$ .  
(4) [5%] Show that  $\Phi_{2n}(x) = \Phi_n(-x)$  for all odd integers  $n > 1$ .