

## What types of questions will appear on the final

**Give an example of something, e.g.**

- Give an example of a nonabelian group of order 16.
- Give an example of a ring that is not an integral domain.
- Find an irreducible polynomial of degree 3 over  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .

**Yes/no questions, give brief explanations or examples, e.g.**

- Can an abelian group have a nonabelian subgroup?
- Can a nonabelian group have an abelian subgroup?
- Is the function  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{16}$  given by  $\phi([x]) = [4x + 5]$  a group homomorphism?
- Is a subring of a field necessarily a subfield?

**Computational problems, e.g.**

- How many positive divisors does  $10!$  have?
- Solve the congruence  $4x \equiv 2 \pmod{18}$
- Let  $\sigma = (1253)$  and  $\tau = (13)(24)$ .
  1. Find  $\sigma\tau$  and  $\tau\sigma$ .
  2. Find  $\sigma^{-1}$  and  $\tau^{-1}$ .
  3. Find the orders of  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ .
  4. Are  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  cycles?
- Compute the kernel and the image of  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_{12} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_8$  given by  $\phi([x]) = [4x]$ .

**Conceptual problems, e.g.**

- Prove that the product of a cycle of length 3 and a cycle of length 4 cannot be equal to the product of two cycles of length 5.
- Prove that the identity mapping is the only ring homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- Let  $F$  be a field. Prove that there exist infinitely many irreducible polynomials over  $F$ . Hint: recall the proof that there are infinitely many prime numbers.