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You have **90** minutes to complete the test. You cannot use any books or notes.

1. State the Well-Ordering Principle for \mathbb{Z}^+ . Answer: For the test, study first and second form of induction.
2. Prove by induction that $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n + 1) = (n + 1)^2$. **Answer:** This is obvious for $n = 1 : 1 + 3 = 4 = 2^2$. Assume the claim for n . Then:
 $1 + 3 + 5 + \cdots + (2n + 1) + (2(n + 1) + 1) = (n + 1)^2 + 2n + 3 = n^2 + 2n + 1 + 2n + 3 = n^2 + 4n + 4 = (n + 2)^2$
3. Prove by Mathematical Induction that if a set S has n elements then S has 2^n –many subsets. **Answer:** If S has no element, then there is only one subset, namely the empty set. Assume the claim for any set S with n –elements. Add any element c to the set S . Then the subsets of $S \cup \{c\}$ are the subsets A of S plus all sets $A \cup \{c\}$. Thus $S \cup \{c\}$ has twice as many subsets as S has. S has by induction hypothesis 2^n many subsets thus $S \cup \{c\}$ has $2 \times 2^n = 2^{n+1}$ –many subsets.
4. Is division a commutative operation on the set \mathbb{R}^+ of positive numbers? Is it associative? Explain your answers. **Answer:** of course, division is not commutative, $1/2 \neq 2/1$. It is not associative, $((1/2)/3) \neq 1/(2/3)$
5. Define that $(G, *)$ is a group. You can also state that $(G, *, ^{-1}, e)$ is a group. **Answer:** Read this in the book.
6. Define the additive group (\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus) of integers modulo n . You have to state exactly what its elements are, how \oplus is defined, what the identity is, and how the inverse of an element is defined. **Answer:** Read this in the book.
7.
 - a. Find the additive inverse of 40 modulo 48. **Answer:** $-40 \bmod 48 = 8 \bmod 48$
 - b. Solve $15 + x = 7$ modulo 48. **Answer:**
 $x = 7 - 15 = -8 \bmod 48 = -8 + 48 = 40 \bmod 48$
8. Let $(G, *)$ be a group such that $x^2 = e$ for all $x \in G$. Show that G is abelian. **Answer:** $x^2 = e$ is the same as $x = x^{-1}$ for every x . Thus $xy = (xy)^{-1} = y^{-1}x^{-1} = yx$
9. Let G be a finite group, and consider the multiplication table for multiplication of G . Prove that every element of G occurs precisely once in each row and once in each column. **Answer:** This is just that given some x and z you can find some y such that $xy = z$. This is clear, $y = x^{-1}z$. This takes care for rows. For columns you argue that given any y and z you can find some x such that $xy = z$. Here $x = y^{-1}z$.
10. Find a multiplication table on the set $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ where every element of A occurs precisely once in each row and once in each column but where A is **not** a group. You have to explain why your algebra $A = (\{a, b, c, d\}, *)$ is not a group. **Answer:** Optional puzzle. Not needed for the test.