

**Mathematics 546 Test #2** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Show your work!** Answers that do not have a justification will receive no credit.

(1) (25 Points) Define the following:

(a) The *order* of an element  $a$  of a group  $G$ .

(b) The *cyclic subgroup*  $\langle a \rangle$  generated by an element  $a$  of a group  $G$ .

(c)  $H$  is a *subgroup* of the group  $G$ .

(d) If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  and  $x \in G$  then define the *left coset*  $xH$ .

(e) The groups  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are *isomorphic*.

- (2) (10 Points) A partial group table is give given below. Complete the table.

	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$
$e$	$e$	$a$	$b$	$c$	$d$	$f$
$a$	$a$	$b$	$e$	$d$		
$b$	$b$					
$c$	$c$	$f$		$e$		$a$
$d$	$d$				$e$	
$f$	$f$					

- (3) (10 Points) Let  $G$  be the group  $\mathbf{Z}_8^*$ .

(a) Find the order of all the elements in  $\mathbf{Z}_8^*$ .

(b) Is  $\mathbf{Z}_8^*$  cyclic? Justify your answer.

- (4) (10 Points) In the group  $\mathbf{Z}_3 \times \mathbf{Z}_3$  find all the cosets of the cyclic subgroup  $H = \langle (1, 2) \rangle$ .

(5) (10 Points) Let  $H$  be a finite subset of a group that is closed under the group operations. Show that  $H$  contains the identity element.

(6) (10 Points) Let  $G$  be a group and  $g_0 \in G$ . Let  $H = \{x \in G : xg_0 = g_0x\}$ . (That is  $H$  is the set of elements of  $G$  that commute with  $g_0$ ). Show that  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

(7) (10 Points) Prove that if  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of a group  $G$ , then  $H \cap K$  is also a subgroup of  $G$ .

(8) (10 Points)

(a) Explain why  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_3^*$  are isomorphic.

(b) Explain why  $\mathbf{Z}_4$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_8^*$  are not isomorphic.

- (9) (10 Points) Let  $G$  be a group such that  $x^2 = e$  for all  $x \in G$ . Then show that  $G$  is Abelian.