

**You have 50 minutes to complete the exam.**

**Problem 1** Indicate whether the following statements are true or false. You do not need to justify your answers and no partial credit will be awarded.

1. If  $(G, *)$  is a group, then  $G$  must be a finite set.
2.  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  is a group.
3. If  $*$  is an associative binary operation, then it is commutative.
4. If  $x$  has finite order, then  $x^n = e$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
5. The set of all  $n \times n$  matrices with real entries forms a group under matrix multiplication.

**Problem 2** Find  $\gcd(302, 58)$  and two integers  $x, y$  such that  $302x + 58y = \gcd(302, 58)$ .

**Problem 3** Let  $G$  be the set of positive rational numbers and consider the binary operation  $x * y = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}$  on  $G$ . Is  $*$  associative? Is  $*$  commutative? Does  $(G, *)$  form a group?

**Problem 4** Let  $G$  be a group. Prove that  $G$  is abelian if and only if  $(xy)^{-1} = x^{-1}y^{-1}$  for all  $x, y \in G$ .

**Problem 5** Prove that, if  $n$  and  $m$  are relatively prime positive integers with  $m \neq 1$ , then  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  has no elements of order  $m$ .