

1. (i) If  $a + b + c + d = 0$  prove that

$$(a + b)^3 + (a + c)^3 + (a + d)^3 + (b + c)^3 + (b + d)^3 + (c + d)^3 = 0.$$

- (ii) If  $x^2 = x + 5$  prove that  $x^5 = 41x + 55$ .

2. A sequence of triples  $(a_i, b_i, c_i)$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  is formed as follows:

$$a_1 = 3, \quad a_{i+1} = a_i + 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad a_1 = 3, \quad a_2 = 5, \quad a_3 = 7 \text{ etc}$$

$$b_1 = 4, \quad b_{i+1} = b_i + 4(i+1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad b_1 = 4, \quad b_2 = 12, \quad b_3 = 24 \text{ etc.}$$

$$c_1 = 5, \quad c_{i+1} = c_i + 4(i+1) \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_1 = 5, \quad c_2 = 13, \quad c_3 = 25 \text{ etc.}$$

Show that  $a_i^2 + b_i^2 = c_i^2$  for all positive integers  $i$ .

3. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Define the relation  $R$  on the set  $G$  by

$$xRy \iff x * y^{-1} \in H \quad \text{for } x, y \text{ in } G.$$

Show that the relation  $R$  is an equivalence relation.

4.  $\triangle ABC$  is a triangle and squares are described outwards on the sides  $AB$  and  $AC$ . The circles which circumscribe these squares meet at  $P$  and at  $A$ . Find the locus of  $P$  when  $B$  and  $C$  are fixed and  $A$  varies.

5. Show that if  $x$  and  $y$  are any two rational numbers, such that  $x < y$ , then there is

- (i) a rational number  $a$  such that  $x < a < y$ ;  
 (ii) an irrational number  $b$  such that  $x < b < y$ .

6. Find the missing digits in the following multiplication;

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 * * \\ \underline{3 *} \\ 36 * * \\ \underline{* * 7 *} \\ * * 3 * * \end{array}$$

7.  $ABCD$  is a square described outwards on the hypotenuse  $AB$  of a right angled triangle  $OAB$ . The bisectors of the angles  $OAB$  and  $OBA$  meet at  $I$ .  $AC$  and  $BD$  meet at  $K$ . Prove that  $O, I, K$  lie on a straight line.

8. A set of dominoes, each showing two numbers, can be arranged thus :

- (0, 0)
- (0, 1), (1, 1)
- (0, 2), (1, 2), (2, 2)
- (0, 3), (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 3)
- etcetera

giving 28 dominoes in a set from 'double-blank' to 'double-six'.

In a set from 'double-blank' to 'double-p',

- (i) how many dominoes are there,
- (ii) find the number of times the number  $q$  (less than  $p$ ) appears,
- (iii) the 'value' of a domino being the sum of the two numbers appearing on it, find the sum of all the values.
- (iv) show that the average value of a domino is  $p$ .