

Math 500 Comp. Exam, January 2019

All answers must contain proper justifications.

1. Let  $G$  be a  $p$ -group. Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  of order  $p$ . Show that  $H$  is contained in the center of  $G$ . (20 pts.)
  
2. Find all abelian groups, up to isomorphism, of order 360 by listing in each case the elementary divisors and the corresponding invariant factors. (20 pts.)
  
3. a) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is a Euclidean domain. (5 pts.)  
b) Consider the ring  $R = \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}] = \{a + b\sqrt{-5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Show that the ideal  $I = (3, 2 + \sqrt{-5})$  is not principal. (10 pts.)  
c) Is it possible for  $R$ , as defined in b), to be a Euclidean domain with respect to some norm? Justify your answer. (5 pts.)
  
4. a) Find the cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_{20}(x)$  for 20th roots of unity over any field  $K$  whose characteristic is relatively prime to 20. (5 pts.)  
b) Let  $F = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p$  a prime, and let  $K$  be an extension of  $F$  such that  $[K : F] = n$ . Prove that the elements of  $K$  are the roots of  $x^{p^n} - x = 0$ . (8 pts.)  
c) Show that every irreducible factor of  $\Phi_k(x)$ ,  $k = p^n - 1$ , in  $F[x]$  has degree  $n$ . (7 pts.)
  
5. Consider  $f(x) = x^5 - 4x - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ .  
a) Show that  $f(x)$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . (5 pts.)  
b) Let  $K$  be the splitting field of  $f(x)$  in  $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Find the Galois group  $G(K/\mathbb{Q})$  of  $f(x)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Give justifications for your answer in detail. (15 pts.)