

**General Examination: Algebra**

Do three of the following four problems.

1. Find the order of the element  $(2, 0) + \langle (4; 4) \rangle$  in the factor group  $(Z_6 \times Z_8) / \langle (4, 4) \rangle$ .
2. Let  $G$  be a group of order 30. Prove that  $G$  has a normal subgroup  $N$  with  $1 \neq N \neq G$ .
3. Denote the set of invertible elements of the ring  $Z/nZ$  by  $U_n$ .
  - (a) List all the elements of  $U_{18}$ .
  - (b) Is  $U_{18}$  a cyclic group under multiplication? Justify your answer.
4. Show that if  $R$  is a commutative ring with 1, but  $R$  is not a field, then the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  is not a principal ideal domain.