Algebra Qualifying Exam
Spring 2015
3 hours

1. (a) Show that $\mathrm{GL}_2(\mathbb{F}_5)$ has a unique conjugacy class of elements of order three.

(b) Classify, up to isomorphism, all groups of order $3 \cdot 5^2$, and give a presentation for each group. Hint: $\mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}5$).

2. Suppose F is a field and a F. For each of the following groups G, either find an example of F and a for which $x^4 - a$ $F[x]$ has Galois group G, or show that no such F and a exist.

$$G = D_8, \qquad G = S_4, \qquad G = \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}.$$

3. Suppose p is a prime. Show that the Galois group of $x^5 - 1$ $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$ depends only on p (mod 5), and compute it for each congruence class p (mod 5).

4. Suppose R is a Noetherian local ring with maximal ideal m. If a is an ideal such that the *only* prime ideal containing a is m, show that m^k a for k 0.

5. Suppose R is a UFD, and let R_{p} be the localization of R at a prime $\mathrm{p} = (\pi)$ generated

$, \ldots, x_n]/I$ is finite dimensional.

Hint: set $J = \sqrt{I}$ and prove that each J^k/J^{k+1} a finite dimensional $\mathbb{C}$-vector space.

8. Let k be an algebraically closed field. Let V be the algebraic subset of $\mathbb{A}^2$ over k cut out by the equation $y^2 = x^3 + x^2$.

(a) Show that the normalization of $k[V]$ is the polynomial ring $k[t]$ where $t = y/x$.

(b) Compute the fibers of the map $\phi : \mathbb{A}^1 \to V$ that corresponds to the inclusion $\phi^{\square}$: $k[V] \to k[t]$.