

## Question 1

An *automorphism* of a group  $G$  is an isomorphism from  $G$  to itself. Denote the set of automorphisms of  $G$  by  $\text{Aut}(G)$ .

- (a) Given  $x \in G$ , define a map  $c_x : G \rightarrow G$  by  $c_x(g) = x^{-1}gx$ . Prove that this is an automorphism of  $G$ . (We call these *inner* isomorphisms, and denote the set of such by  $\text{Inn}(G)$ ).
- (b) Prove that  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is a group and  $\text{Inn}(G)$  is a subgroup.
- (c) Describe  $\text{Inn}(G)$  when  $G$  is abelian.
- (d) Consider the map  $G \rightarrow \text{Inn}(G)$ ,  $x \rightarrow c_x$ . Prove that this is a surjective homomorphism with kernel  $Z(G)$  (the *center* of  $G$ ).