MATHS255FC	Assignment 8	Due: 4pm, Wednesday 22 May 2002

**NB:** You are to work individually on assignments. You may do all your other work together. If we believe you have **worked together**, let alone COPIED someone else's script or let someone else COPY YOUR SCRIPT, then you will get NO MARKS.

1. Let G be a group and let H be a subgroup of G. The partition  $\Omega$  of Lemma 1.86 gives, (and is given by) an equivalence relation,  $\sim$ , say.

(a) (6 marks) Show that for all x and y in G,  $x \sim y \Leftrightarrow x^{-1}y \in H$ .

(b) (3 marks) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  be given. We know the relation  $\sim$  of congruence modulo n, which gives the partition  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ . See class notes on Natural Numbers, etc, page 24. Find the subgroup H of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  which gives congruence modulo n as an example of the equivalence relation in (a).

- **2.** In  $S_3$ , using the notation of Ex 1.20,
  - (a) (6 marks) show which of these subsets are subgroups.  $H_1 = \{e\}, H_2 = \{e, \alpha\}, H_3 = \{e, \beta\}, H_4 = \{e, \gamma\}, H_5 = \{e, \phi\}, H_6 = \{e, \psi\}, H_7 = \{e, \phi, \psi\}, H_8 = \{e, \alpha, \beta\}, H_9 = \{e, \alpha, \beta, \phi\}.$
  - (b) (4 marks) For the subgroups  $H_2$  and  $H_7$ , list their left cosets.