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**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
**MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE CODE:** MAT 212

**COURSE TITLE:** LINEAR ALGEBRA

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- (a) Show that  $P_2$  is a vector space where  $P_2$  is defined as a set of polynomials of the form  $P(x) = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$  where  $a_2, a_1$  and  $a_0$  are real numbers. (6 mks)
- b) Determine whether  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  defined by  $T(x_1 \ x_2) = [x_2, \ x_1 - x_2, \ 2x_1 + x_2]$  is a linear transformation. (5mks)
- c) Determine whether the subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  of vectors of the form  $\vec{u} = (u, 3u, 6u)$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (6mks)
- d) Solve the system below using Gaussian Elimination with back-substitution. (7mks)
- $$\begin{aligned}x - 2y + 3z &= 9 \\-x + 3y &= -4 \\2x - 5y + 5z &= 17\end{aligned}$$
- e) Let  $v$  be an element in a vector space  $V$  and let  $k$  be any scalar. Then prove that  $cv = 0$  where  $0$  is a zero vector. (6 mks)

**QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)**

- a) Use Gauss – Jordan elimination to solve the system
- $$\begin{aligned}a - 3c &= -5 \\2a + 3b - c &= 7 \\4a + 5b - 2c &= 10\end{aligned}$$
- (10mks)
- b) If  $A$  is a matrix given by  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -2 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  write down a basis for the row space, a basis for the column space and a basis for the null space of the matrix  $B$  above. (6mks)
- c) Find the inverse of the matrix below using row reduction method  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  (4 mks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

(a) Given the matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 1 & -5 & 6 \\ 4 & -4 & -4 & -12 & -8 \\ 2 & 0 & -6 & -2 & 4 \\ -3 & 1 & 7 & -2 & 12 \end{bmatrix}$  Find

- i) a basis for the row space
- ii) a basis for the column space
- iii) a basis for the null space
- iv) Hence find the rank and nullity of B (10 mks)

(b) Determine whether the two subsets are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  or not.

i) The set of all points on the line  $5x + 6y = 0$  (6mks)

ii) The set of points on the line  $2x - 5y = 47$  (4mks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a) Compute  $4C - 2D$  given that  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 0 & 6 \\ -3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $D = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \\ -1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$  (3mks)

b) Show whether the span of the vectors  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix}$  is all of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (5mks)

c) (i) Find the kernel of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  represented by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - 2x_2, 0, -x_1)$ . (3mks)

(ii) Determine whether the vector  $[1, -7, -4]$  is in the span of vectors  $[2, 1, 1]$  and  $[1, 3, 2]$  (4mks)

d) Determine whether the set of vectors  $\{[2, 1, -3], [4, 0, 2], [2, -1, 3]\}$  form a basis for the subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  that the vectors span (5mks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

a) Let  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  and  $w = (w_1, w_2)$  be any vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and let  $k$  and  $m$  be any two scalars in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Prove the following properties

i)  $v + w = w + v$

ii)  $(k + m)w = kw + mw$

(6mks)

b) Find the standard matrix representation of the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  where  $T([x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4]) = [x_2 - 3x_3, 2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_4, 8x_1 - 4x_2 + 3x_3 - x_4]$

(4mks)

c) Find the values of  $a, b, c, d, e$  and  $f$  elements in the  $4 \times 4$  matrix below so that the matrix is symmetric

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & -6 & a & 8 \\ b & 3 & c & d \\ -2 & 1 & 0 & 4 \\ e & 11 & f & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(4mks)

d) Write down the given matrix below in echelon form.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -4 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -4 & 3 & -4 \\ 4 & -8 & 3 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

(6mks)