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FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

AND BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

COURSE CODE: MAT 401

COURSE TITLE: TOPOLOGY I

DATE: 01/10/18

TIME: 11.30 AM -1.30 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION 1 (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms: limit point, interior point, closed set, boundary point and adherent point. (5 marks)
- b) Show that the intersection $\tau_1 \cap \tau_2$ of any two topologies τ_1 and τ_2 on X is also a topology on X . (5 marks)
- c) Consider the topology $\tau_1 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$ on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$.
Determine B' , the derived set of $B = \{b\} \subset X$. (6 marks)
- d) Define a homeomorphism. (2 marks)
- e) Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Show that $\beta = \{\{1, 2\}, \{2, 3\}\}$ cannot be a base for any topology X . (6 marks)
- f) If $A \subset B$, then $\bar{A} \subset \bar{B}$. Prove. (6 marks)

QUESTION 2 (20 MARKS)

- a) Define a topological space. (3 marks)
- b) The class $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$ is a topology on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$.
i. List the closed subsets of X . (2 marks)
ii. Determine the closure of the sets $\{a\}$, $\{b\}$ and $\{c, e\}$. (6 marks)
iii. Which sets in (ii) are dense in X ? (1 mark)
- c) Prove that if $A \subset B$, then every limit point of A is a limit point of B . (8 marks)

QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)

- a) Define a Hausdorff space. (3 marks)
- b) Prove that all metric spaces are Hausdorff spaces. (7 marks)
- c) Let $\tau = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$ be a topology on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$. Find the neighbourhood system of:
i. The point e . (2 marks)
ii. The point c . (2 marks)
- d) A set G is open if and only if it is a neighbourhood of each of its points. Prove. (6 marks)

QUESTION 4 (20 MARKS)

- a) Define continuity of a function between topological spaces. (2 marks)
- b) Let X, Y, Z be topological spaces, and let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ and $g: Y \rightarrow Z$ be continuous functions. Prove that the composition $g \circ f: X \rightarrow Z$ of the functions f and g is continuous. (9 marks)
- c) Let $\{\tau_i\}$ be a collection of topologies on a set X . If a function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is continuous with respect to each τ_i , prove that f is continuous with respect to the intersection topology $\tau = \bigcap_i \tau_i$. (9 marks)

QUESTION 5 (20 MARKS)

- a) Let $\tau_1 = \{X, \emptyset, \{a\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{a, b, c, d\}, \{a, b, e\}\}$ be a topology on $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$.
Let $A = \{a, b, c\} \subset X$. Find
i. $\text{Int}(A)$, the interior of A . (4 marks)
ii. $\text{Ent}(A)$, the exterior of A . (4 marks)
iii. $\partial(A)$, the boundary of A . (4 marks)
- b) Let A be a subset of a topological space X and \bar{A} be the closure of A . Show that $\bar{A} = \text{Int}(A) \cup \partial(A)$. (8 marks)