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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER**  
**SPECIAL EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN**  
**MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 824**

**COURSE TITLE: OPERATOR THEORY I**

**DATE: 27/07/2022**

**TIME: 8:00 AM -10:00 AM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question ONE and Any TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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### QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a. Define the following
- i. Inner product (3 mark)
  - ii. Norm (3 mark)
- b. Show that if  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on the complex vector space  $V$  then  $|\langle x, y \rangle|^2 \leq \langle x, x \rangle \langle y, y \rangle$  for every  $x, y \in V$  (6 marks)
- c. Show that if  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is an inner product on the complex vector space  $V$  then  $\|x\| = \langle x, x \rangle^{\frac{1}{2}}$  defines a norm on  $V$ . (8marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a. Define the following
- i. Open and closed sets (3 mark)
  - ii. Convergence (2 mark)
  - iii. Compactness (2marks)
- b. Let  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  be an inner product on the complex vector space  $V$ , with corresponding norm  $\|\cdot\|$ . Show that  $\langle x, y \rangle = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{n=0}^3 i^{-n} \|x + i^n y\|^2$  for every  $x, y \in V$  (4 marks)
- c. Show that if  $T \in B(H)$  is such that  $\langle x, Tx \rangle = 0$  for all  $x \in H$  then  $T = 0$ . (5 marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a. Define the following
- i. Cauchy sequence (3 mark)
  - ii. Bounded linear transformation (2marks)
- b. Let  $Y$  be a subspace of the Banach space  $X$ . Show that  $Y$  is closed if and only if  $Y$  is complete. (5marks)
- c. Show that a linear transformation  $T \in L(H; K)$  is continuous if and only if there exists  $M > 0$  such that  $\|Tx\| \leq M\|x\|$  for every  $x \in H$ . (6marks)
- d. Show that the set  $B(H; K)$  is a subspace of  $L(H; K)$  (4marks)

### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a. Define the following
- i. Kernel and range (4 mark)
  - ii. Orthogonal projection (2marks)
- b. Show that if  $T \in B(H; K)$  then  $\ker T$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ . (3marks)
- c. If  $D \subseteq H$  then  $D^\perp$  is a closed subspace of  $H$ . (5marks)
- d. Show that if  $L \subseteq H$  is a closed subspace of  $H$  then  $L = (L^\perp)^\perp$ . (6marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Define the following
- i. Invertible operator (2 mark)
  - ii. Spectrum of an operator (2marks)
- b. Show that the orthogonal projection  $P_L \in B(H)$  and is such that  $P_L^2 = P_L = P_L^*$ . (11 marks)
- c. Let  $T \in B(H; K)$ . Show that there exists at most one operator  $S \in B(K; H)$  such that  $ST = I$  and  $TS = I$ . (3marks)
- d. Let  $S \in B(H; K)^\times$  and  $T \in B(K; L)^\times$ . Show that the operator  $TS \in B(H; L)^\times$ , with  $(TS)^{-1} = S^{-1}T^{-1}$ . (2marks)