

**B.Sc. (Honours) Examination 2018**  
**Semester – I (CBCS)**  
**Mathematics**  
**Course: CC-2**  
**( Algebra-I)**

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 60

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.  
 Notations and symbols have their usual meanings.  
 Answer *any six* questions.

1. a) Draw the column picture for the solution of the system of equations  
 $x + y = 5, x - y = -1.$  2

- b) Show that the following system of equations is inconsistent.

$$y - 4z = 8$$

$$2x - 3y + 2z = 1$$

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$$4x - 8y + 12z = 1$$

- c) Find an equation involving  $g, h, k$  that makes the following augmented matrix corresponds to a consistent system

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -4 & 7 & g \\ 0 & 3 & -5 & h \\ -2 & 5 & -9 & k \end{pmatrix}.$$

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- d) Find the reduced row echelon form of

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 3 & -6 & 6 & 4 & -5 \\ 3 & -7 & 8 & -5 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & -9 & 12 & -9 & 6 & 15 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence or otherwise list the free and basic variables of the corresponding system of equations. Also find its solution. 4

2. a) Suppose the coefficient matrix of a system of linear equations has a pivot position in every row. Explain why the system is consistent. 3

- b) Find the equation to describe geometrically,  $\text{span} \left( \{(1, 2, 1), (2, -3, 0)\} \right).$  2

- c) Express  $b = (7, 4, -3)$  as a linear combination of  $a_1 = (1, -2, -5)$  and  $a_2 = (2, 5, 6).$  2

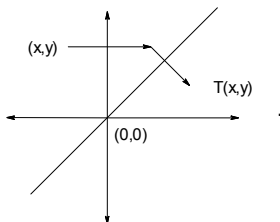
- d) Suppose  $A$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and  $b$  is a vector in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the property that  $Ax = b$  has a unique solutions. Explain why the columns of  $A$  must span  $\mathbb{R}^3.$  3

3. a) Examine if the columns of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -8 & 5 \\ 3 & -7 & 4 \\ -1 & 5 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  are linearly independent. 3

- b) Prove that a set of vectors  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_p\}$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is linearly dependent if and only if at least one of the vectors in  $S$  is a linear combination of the others. 4

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- c) Suppose that an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  has  $n$  pivot columns. Explain why for each  $b$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  the system  $Ax = b$  has at most one solution. 3
4. a) Find the linear transformation  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  which represents the following two consecutive reflections. 2



- b) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation given by  $T(e_1) = (2, -3, 1)$ ,  $T(e_2) = (0, -2, 5)$  and  $T(e_3) = (-1, 3, 4)$ . Find  $T(x, y, z)$ , where  $e_1, e_2$  and  $e_3$  are the standard basis vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Hence find the standard matrix of  $T$ . 2+2
- c) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation and  $A$  be the standard matrix of  $T$ . Prove that  $T$  maps  $\mathbb{R}^n$  onto  $\mathbb{R}^m$  if and only if the columns of  $A$  spans  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . 4
5. a) Let  $A$  be an  $m \times n$  matrix. If  $A$  is invertible, then show that the linear transformation  $x \rightarrow Ax$  is one-to-one. 3

- b) Find a basis for the null space of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 6 & 1 & 1 & -7 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -4 & 5 & 8 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ . 3

- c) Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  be a linear transformation. Show that  $\ker T$  is a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . 2
- d) What can you say about null  $B$ , when  $B$  is a  $5 \times 4$  matrix with linearly independent columns. 2

6. a) Determine the rank of the matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 5 & -3 & -4 & 8 \\ 4 & 7 & -4 & -3 & 9 \\ 6 & 9 & -5 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & -9 & 6 & 5 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{2}$$

- b) Find a basis and the dimension of  $W$  where  $W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 \mid x + 2y + 3z = 0\}$  3
- c) Find the eigen values of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -1 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 2 & -1 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

Also find the eigen space corresponding to the repeated eigen value, if any. 3

- d) Construct an example of a  $2 \times 2$  matrix which has only one eigen value. 2

7. a) Let  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  be two non zero complex numbers. If  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  be arguments of  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  respectively, then show that  $\theta_1 + \theta_2$  is an argument of  $z_1 z_2$ .

Does the result hold if one considers the principal arguments of complex numbers? Justify your answer. 2+2

- b) If  $n$  is a positive integer and  $(1+z)^n = a_0 + a_1 z + \dots + a_n z^n$ , then prove that

(i)  $a_0 - a_2 + a_4 - \dots = 2^{n/2} \cos n\pi/4$

(ii)  $a_1 - a_3 + a_5 - \dots = 2^{n/2} \sin n\pi/4$  3

- c) Show that the product of all values of  $(\sqrt{3} + i)^{3/5}$  is  $8i$ . 3

8. a) Let  $a, b, c, d$  be four positive real numbers, not all equal. Then show that the equation  $(x-a)^3 + (x-b)^3 + (x-c)^3 + (x-d)^3 = 0$  has only one real root. 4

- b) If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  be the roots of the equation  $2x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ , find the equation whose roots are  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} - \frac{1}{\gamma^2}, \frac{1}{\alpha^2} - \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}, -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$ . Hence find the value

of  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$ . 3+1

- c) Expand  $f(x) = x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2 + 6x - 2$  as a polynomial in  $x-2$  and then find  $f(x+2)$  2

9. a) If  $x, y, z$  are positive real numbers and  $x + y + z = 1$ , prove that

$$8xyz \leq (1-x)(1-y)(1-z) \leq \frac{8}{27}. \quad 3$$

- b) Solve  $x^3 + 6x^2 - 12x + 32 = 0$ . 4

- c) Express  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 10x - 3$  in the form  $(x^2 + px + q)^2 - (ax + b)^2$  and hence, solve the equation  $f(x) = 0$ . 3

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