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**SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF
 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND APPLIED STATISTICS**
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MATH 210: LINEAR ALGEBRA I

STREAM: Y2S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: WEDNESDAY, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

DATE: 29/03/2023

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.**
- 2. Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions.**

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Calculate the determinant of the following matrices:

$$i) A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{1}{1} & -\frac{3}{5} \end{pmatrix} \quad ii) A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 & -2 \\ 3 & -1 & 4 \\ -3 & 6 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7\text{marks})$$

- b) Find the eigen values of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 9 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(4marks)

- c) Use Cramer's rule to solve:

$$i) 12u + 8a = 52$$

$$-16u + 6a = -36$$

(3marks)

$$ii) a + 2b - 3c = 3$$

$$2a - b - c = 11$$

$$3a + 2b + c = -5$$

(6marks)

- d) Find the vector equation of a line which passes through the points $A(4, 3, 1)$ and $B(2, 1, 1)$.

(5marks)

- e) Find the distance between the vectors $u = (1, 2, 3)$ and $v = (1, 4, -1)$

(5marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

- a) Use Gauss-Jordan method to solve:

$$\begin{aligned}x + y + z &= 4 \\2x - 3y + 4z &= 33 \\3x - 2y - 2z &= 2\end{aligned}\quad (6\text{marks})$$

b) Reduce the matrix to canonical form:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & -2 \\ -5 & 3 & 2 \\ -2 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7\text{marks})$$

Find the area of the triangle having the vertices at the points $A(1, 0)$, $B(2, 2)$ and $C(4, 3)$ (7marks)

QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

a) Use the augmented matrix to find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7\text{marks})$$

b) Solve the equation $\begin{vmatrix} 4 & -x \\ 5 & 2x \end{vmatrix} = 4$ (3marks)

c) Find the adjoint of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7\text{marks})$$

d) Determine the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 4 \\ -1 & -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ (3marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

a) Find the co-factors of the matrix A, if:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 5 & 4 \\ 5 & 7 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8\text{marks})$$

b) Find the value of m for $\begin{vmatrix} m+1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & m & 3 \\ 2 & 8 & m+5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ (7marks)

c) Show that the vectors $\mathbf{u} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j}$ and $\mathbf{v} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j}$ are orthogonal. (5marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

a) Define a linear transformation and hence show that $T: R^3 \rightarrow R^2$ defined by:

$$T \begin{bmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 + X_2 \\ X_2 - X_3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is a linear transformation.} \quad (8\text{marks})$$

b) i) Define the term a symmetric matrix.. (2marks)

ii) Prove that a symmetric matrix of order 2 is diagonalizable. (5marks)

c) Find the point of intersection of the lines whose parametric equations are:

$$l_1: x = 3 - 2t, \quad y = 4 + t$$

$$l_2: x = 1 + 4t, \quad y = 5 + 2t \quad (5\text{marks})$$