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**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
SCIENCE**

COURSE CODE: MATH 211

COURSE TITLE: LINEAR ALGEBRA I

STREAM: SESSION I

DAY: WEDNESDAY

TIME: 9.00 – 11.00 A.M.

DATE: 11/08/2010

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question ONE and any other TWO questions
- Begin each question on a separate page
- Show your workings clearly

PLEASE TURNOVER

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Find the determinant of $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$ (4 marks)
- b) Compute the inverse of the following matrices using row reduction method
- i) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ (3 marks) ii) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ (3 marks)
- c) Given $\mathbf{v} = (3, -1, -2)$ find the a unit vector that,
- i) Points in the same direction as \mathbf{v} (3 marks)
- ii) Points in the opposite direction as \mathbf{v} (2 marks)
- d) Find the angle between the vectors $\mathbf{p} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 4\mathbf{k}$ and $\mathbf{q} = 4\mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k}$ (5 marks)
- e) Determine if the following sets of vectors will span \mathbb{R}^3
- i) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (2, 0, 1)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (-1, 3, 4)$ and $\mathbf{v}_3 = (1, 1, -2)$ (5 marks)
- ii) $\mathbf{v}_1 = (1, 2, -1)$, $\mathbf{v}_2 = (3, -1, 1)$ and $\mathbf{v}_3 = (-3, 8, -5)$ (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Given $\mathbf{u} = (3, -1, 4)$ and $\mathbf{v} = (2, 0, 1)$ compute each of the following
- i) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v}$ and $\mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{u}$ (6 marks)
- ii) $\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{u}$ (2 marks)
- iii) $\mathbf{u} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$ and $\mathbf{v} \cdot (\mathbf{u} \times \mathbf{v})$ (4 marks)
- iv) Angle between \mathbf{u} and \mathbf{v} (4 marks)
- b) Find the rank of the following matrix
- $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ (4 marks)

