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**FIRST YEAR SEMESTER TWO EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)**

**SMA 103- LINEAR ALGEBRA I**

**TIME- 2HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one (compulsory) and any other two questions**

**QUESTION ONE (30MARKS)**

- a) Consider the following systems of linear equations;

$$x + 2y = 4$$

$$2x - y = 3$$

$$3x + y = k$$

Find the value of  $k$  for which the system is consistent (3mks)

- b) Use Gauss- Jordan Elimination method to solve the following systems of linear equations (6mks)

$$x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 = 8$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 = -1$$

$$3x_1 - 7x_2 + 4x_3 = 10$$

- c) Find the values of  $\lambda$  for which the determinant of the matrix below is equal to zero

$$\begin{bmatrix} \lambda + 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & \lambda & 3 \\ 2 & 8 & \lambda + 5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (5\text{mks})$$

- d) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & -3 & 10 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ , find the adjoint of  $A$  and hence determine the value of  $A^{-1}$ . (8mks)

e) i) State the Cramer's rule (2mks)

ii) Use Cramer's rule to solve the following systems of linear equations;

$$\begin{aligned} -x_1 + 2x_2 - 3x_3 &= 3 \\ 2x_1 + x_3 &= 0 \\ 3x_1 - 4x_2 + 4x_3 &= 6 \end{aligned} \quad (6\text{mks})$$

### QUESTION TWO ( 20 MARKS )

a) i) Define the term Basis of a vector space  $V$  (2mks)

ii) Let  $S = \{ V_1=(1,2,1), V_2=(2,9,0), \text{ and } V_3=(3,3,4) \}$ . Show that the set  $S$  is a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  (5mks)

b) Show that  $\langle u, v \rangle = u_1v_1 + 2u_2v_2$  where  $u = (u_1, u_2)$ ,  $v = (v_1, v_2)$  is an inner product on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (6mks)

c) i) Define the term Linear transformation (1mk)

ii) Show that  $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + x_2 \\ x_2 - x_1 \end{bmatrix}$  is a linear transformation (6mks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) i) Define the term a symmetric matrix (1mk)

ii) Prove that a symmetric matrix of order 2 is diagonalizable (4mks)

iii) State the Cayley – Hamilton's theorem and use it to verify for the matrix

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

b) i) Show that the determinant of a second order matrix with identical rows is zero (2mks)

ii) Consider the matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -4 \\ 4 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  determine whether these matrices

Commute and hence find the commutator (4mks)

d) Use Cramer's rule to find the point of intersection of the three planes defined by;

$$\begin{aligned} x + 2y - z &= 4 \\ 2x - 2y + 3z &= 3 \\ 4x + 3y - 2z &= 5 \end{aligned} \quad (5\text{mks})$$

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Calculate the area of the triangle whose vertices are A(1,0), B(2,2) and C(4,3) by use of the method of determinants (4mks)
- b) Consider the vectors  $u = (1, -3, 7)$  and  $v = (8, -2, -2)$ . Find  $u \cdot v$  and the angle between them (5mks)
- c) i) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  with standard operations and  $S = \{ (1, 2, 3), (0, 1, 2), (-2, 0, 1) \} \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ . Does S Span V? (3mks)
- ii) Let  $V = \mathbb{R}^3$  and  $S = \{ (-4, -3, 4), (1, -2, 3), (6, 0, 0) \}$ . Determine whether S is linearly independent. (4mks)
- d) Find the basis and dimension for the solution space of the homogeneous system

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 &= 0 \\ x_1 + 5x_3 &= 0 \\ x_2 + x_3 &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4\text{mks})$$

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Apply the Gram-Schmidt process to construct an orthonormal basis set for  $B = \{ (1, 1, 0), (1, 2, 0), (0, 1, 2) \}$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . (7mks)
- b) Show that the transformation  $T(x) = 2x + I$  is not a linear transformation (3mks)
- c) Find the eigen values of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 9 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  (5mks)
- d) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine whether or not A is diagonalisable (5mks)