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**VI Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – Reg./Supple./Imp.)**  
**Examination, May 2018**  
**CORE COURSE IN MATHEMATICS**  
**6B10MAT : Linear Algebra**  
**(2014 Admn. Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Marks : 48

**SECTION – A**

All the **first 4** questions are **compulsory**. They carry **1 mark each**.

1. Prove or disprove: If there exists a linearly dependent set  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in the vector space  $V$ , then  $\dim(V) \leq n$ .
2. What is the dimension of the vector space of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?
3. There is not a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  such that  $T(1, 0, 3) = (1, 1)$  and  $T(-2, 0, -6) = (2, 1)$ . Why?

4. Find the algebraic multiplicity of the eigenvalue of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ . **(1x4=4)**

**SECTION – B**

Answer **any 8** questions from among the questions 5 to 14. These questions carry **2 marks each**.

5. Determine whether the following vectors span  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Justify your answer.  
 $u = (1, 1, 1), v = (2, 3, 1), w = (3, 4, 2)$ .
6. Let  $T : F^2 \rightarrow F^2$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(a_1, a_2) = (a_1 + a_2, a_1)$ . Determine whether  $T$  is one-to-one and onto.
7. Construct a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that  $T(1, 1) = (1, 0, 2)$  and  $T(2, 3) = (1, -1, 4)$ .



8. Find the eigenvalues of the matrix  $R_\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & -\sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$ .
9. True or False? Justify: If  $v$  is an eigenvector of both  $A$  and  $B$ , then it is an eigenvector of the sum  $A + B$ .
10. Show that if  $A$  is a matrix such that  $A^4 = I$ , then the only possible eigenvalues of  $A$  are  $1, -1, i$  and  $-i$ .
11. Determine the null space of the (a) Zero matrix and the (b) Identity matrix.
12. True or False? Justify: If  $A$  is a  $5 \times 6$  matrix of rank 4, then the nullity of  $A$  is 1.
13. Determine whether  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \in M_{2,2}(\mathbb{R})$  is diagonalizable or not.
14. Using Gauss elimination, solve:  
 $2x + y + z = 10, 3x + 2y + 3z = 18, x + 4y + 9z = 16.$  (2x8=16)

## SECTION - C

Answer **any 4** questions from among the questions **15 to 20**. These questions carry **4** marks **each**.

15. Suppose that  $\{v_1, v_2, v_3\}$  is a linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V$ . Show that  $\{v_1, v_1 + v_2, v_1 + v_2 + v_3\}$  is also linearly independent.
16. a) Let  $\alpha$  be a scalar and  $u$  be a vector in a vector space  $V$ . If  $\alpha u = 0$  then show that either  $\alpha = 0$  or  $u = 0$ .
- b) Prove that if  $u \neq 0$  and  $\alpha u = \beta u$  in a vector space  $V$ , then  $\alpha = \beta$ .
17. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces and  $T: V \rightarrow W$  be linear. Show that  $N(T)$  and  $R(T)$  are subspaces of  $V$  and  $W$  respectively.
18. Find the characteristic roots and the corresponding characteristic vectors of the matrix,  $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 & 2 \\ -2 & 3 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ .



19. Find a basis of the solution space of the following system of equations.  
 $x + y - z + t = 0, x - y + 2z - t = 0, 3x + y + t = 0.$
20. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$  defined by  $T(f(x)) = f'(x)$ . Show that  $T$  is not diagonalizable. (4x4=16)

## SECTION - D

Answer **any 2** questions from among the questions **21 to 24**. These questions carry **6** marks **each**.

21. Let  $V$  be a vector space with dimension  $n$ . Prove the following:
- Any finite generating set for  $V$  contains at least  $n$  vectors and a generating set for  $V$  that contains exactly  $n$  vectors is a basis for  $V$ .
  - Any linearly independent subset of  $V$  that contains exactly  $n$  vectors is a basis for  $V$ .
  - Every linearly independent subset of  $V$  can be extended to a basis for  $V$ .
22. Let  $h(x) = 3 - 2x + x^2$ . Let  $U: P_2(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by  $U(a + bx + cx^2) = (a + b, c, a - b)$ . Let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be the standard ordered bases of  $P_2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  respectively. Compute  $[U]_\beta^\gamma$ ,  $[h(x)]_\beta$  and  $[U(h(x))]_\gamma$  and verify that  $[U]_\beta^\gamma [h(x)]_\beta = [U(h(x))]_\gamma$ .
23. Find all the values of  $a$  and  $b$  so that the following system of equations has
- no solution
  - a unique solution and
  - infinitely many solutions.
- $x - y + 2z = 4, 3x - 2y + 9z = 14, 2x - 4y + az = b.$
24. Using Gauss elimination method, find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ .

(6x2=12)