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MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Year 12 MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST

TEST 2: VECTORS

DATE: 3rd March 2016

Name _____

Reading Time: 3 minutes

SECTION ONE: CALCULATOR FREE

TOTAL: 25 marks

EQUIPMENT: Pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighter, eraser, ruler, SCSA formula sheet.

WORKING TIME: 25 minutes (maximum)

SECTION TWO: CALCULATOR ASSUMED

TOTAL: 28 marks

EQUIPMENT: Pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, highlighter, eraser, ruler, drawing instruments, templates, up to 3 Calculators,

1 A4 page of notes (one side only), SCSA formula sheet.

WORKING TIME: 25 minutes (minimum)

SECTION 1 Question	Marks available	Marks awarded	SECTION 2 Question	Marks available	Marks awarded
1	5		6	9	
2	6		7	7	
3	4		8	12	
4	6				
5	4				
Total	25			28	

Section One: Calculator-free**[25 marks]**

This section has **five (5)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided

Question 1 [5 marks]

A straight line passes through the points $P'(2, -3)$ and $Q'(5, 3)$.

(a) Find the vector equation of the line in the form $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{b}$. [2]

(b) Find the equation of the line through P and Q in parametric form. [1]

(c) Find the equation of the line through P and Q in Cartesian form. [2]

Question 2 [6 marks]

The point A lies on the line with equation $\mathbf{r} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \lambda(2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j})$ and the point B has position vector $4\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$. Use a method involving a dot product to determine the position vector of A so that the distance from A to B is a minimum. [6]

Question 3 [4 marks]

Point A has position vector $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$ and point B has position vector $\begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 5 \\ -6 \end{pmatrix}$. Find the position vector of the point P that divides AB internally in the ratio $2:3$.

Question 4 [6 marks]

- (a) Find a vector perpendicular to the two vectors:

$$\overrightarrow{OP} = i - 3j + 2k$$

$$\overrightarrow{OQ} = -2i + j - k$$

[3]

- (b) If \overrightarrow{OP} and \overrightarrow{OQ} are position vectors for the points P and Q , use your answer

to part (a), or otherwise, to find the area of the triangle OPQ .

[3]

Question 5 [4 marks]

Points P and Q have coordinates $(3, 1, -2)$ and $(4, 2, -1)$ respectively.

(a) Write a vector equation for the line passing through P and Q . [2]

(b) Show that the vector $2i - j - k$ is perpendicular to the line through P and Q . [1]

(c) Write down a vector equation of the plane containing P and Q with $2i - j - k$ as its normal vector. [1]

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Section Two: Calculator-assumed

[25 marks]

This section has **three (3)** questions. Answer **all** questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided

Question 6 [9 marks]

Two rockets are fired from different positions at the same time. Rocket 1 leaves from position $-7i + 9j - 5k$ km at a velocity of $5i - 4j + 2k$ km/min and Rocket 2 leaves from position $-6i - 5j + 2k$ km at a velocity of $9i + 6j - 3k$ km/min. Each rocket leaves a trail of smoke and, although the rockets do not collide, their smoke trails do intersect.

(a) Find the coordinates of the point at which the smoke trails intersect. [4]

(b) Find the position of Rocket 1 three minutes after firing. [1]

- (c) Find the shortest distance of Rocket 1 from the smoke trail of Rocket 2, three minutes after firing. Give your answer to the nearest metre. [4]

Question 7 [7 marks]

- (a) The equation of a sphere is given by $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 6x + 4y + 8z = 153$. Determine the vector equation of the sphere. [3]

- (b) Determine the position vector(s) of the points of intersection between the sphere and the line $r = -3i + 5j + k + \lambda(-2i + j - 2k)$. [4]

Question 8 [12 marks]

Let $\mathbf{r} = \begin{pmatrix} 2t+5 \\ -2t-1 \\ t \end{pmatrix}, t \in \mathbb{R}$, be an equation of line L .

The plane P has a normal vector $\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ -4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and passes through the point $A(-1, 0, 4)$.

(a) Show that the point $B(9, -5, 2)$ lies on the line L . [2]

(b) Give the normal vector equation of the plane P . [2]

(c) Find the shortest distance that plane P is from the origin. [2]

(d) Show that the line L meets the plane P at the point $C(1, 3, -2)$. [3]

(e) Find the angle between the line L and the plane P . (Give your answer correct to 1 decimal place.) [3]

END OF QUESTIONS