

## ONLINE NATIONAL TEST

**Course: UPSC – CSE - Mathematics Optional**

**Subject: Linear Algebra**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Total Questions: 12**

**Total Marks: 100**

Q1.  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & a^3 - 1 \\ b & b^2 & b^3 - 1 \\ c & c^2 & c^3 - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  in which a, b, c are different, show that  $abc = 1$ .

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Q2. Prove that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1+d \end{vmatrix} = abcd(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d})$

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Q3. Using the partition method, find the inverse of  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & -1 \\ 3 & 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$ .

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Q4. Find the values of  $\lambda$  for which the equations

$$(\lambda - 1)x + (3\lambda + 1)y + 2\lambda z = 0$$

$$(\lambda - 1)x + (4\lambda - 2)y + (\lambda + 3)z = 0$$

$$2x + (3\lambda + 1)y + 3(\lambda - 1)z = 0$$

Are consistent, and find the ratios of  $x:y:z$  when  $\lambda$  has the smallest of these values.

What happens when  $\lambda$  has the greatest of these values.

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Q5. Find  $e^A$  and  $4^A$  if  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 3/2 \end{bmatrix}$

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Q6. For the three dimensional space  $R^3$  over the field of real numbers  $R$ , determine if the set  $\{(2, -1, 0), (3, 5, 1), (1, 1, 2)\}$  is a basis.

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Q7. Let  $f$  be a linear transformation from a vector space  $U$  into a vector space  $V$ . If  $S$  is a subspace of  $U$ , prove that  $f(S)$  will be a subspace of  $V$ .

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Q8. Show that the mapping  $T: V_3(R) \rightarrow V_2(R)$  defined as  $T(a_1, a_2, a_3) = (3a_1 - 2a_2 + a_3, a_1 - 3a_2 - 2a_3)$  is a linear transformation from  $V_3(R)$  into  $V_2(R)$ .

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Q9. Find the general solution of the system whose augmented matrix is given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -3 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Q10. Solve the following homogeneous system of linear equations by using Gauss- Jordan elimination

$$\begin{cases} 2x_1 + 2x_2 - x_3 + x_5 = 0 \\ -x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 - 3x_4 + x_5 = 0 \\ x_1 + x_2 - 2x_3 - x_5 = 0 \\ x_3 + x_4 + x_5 = 0 \end{cases}$$

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Q11. Find the inverse of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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Q12. Prove that the set of all solutions  $(a, b, c)$  of the equation  $a+b+2c = 0$  is a subspace of the vector space  $V_3(R)$ .

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