

Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology, Shibpur  
 B.Tech. (All groups) 2nd Semester Mid Semester Examination, February 2024  
 Subject: Mathematics - II (MA-1201 )

Full Marks : 30

Time : 2 hours

Answer any FIVE questions.

$[5 \times 6 = 30]$

1. (a) Let  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$  be a basis of the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then show that for any nonzero real number  $c$ ,  $\{\alpha + c\beta, \beta, \gamma\}$  is also a basis of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . [2]

- (b) Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the field of real numbers. Justify whether the following sets form a subspace over  $\mathbb{R}$  or not: [1+1]

(i)  $S_1 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x, y \text{ and } z \text{ are rational numbers}\},$

(ii)  $S_2 = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : 2x + y + 5z = 1, x + y + z = 0\}.$

- (c) Prove or disprove: If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are two subspaces of the vector space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , then  $W_1 \cup W_2$  is also a subspace of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . [2]

2. (a) Find the basis and dimension of the following subspace  $W$  of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  [1+1]

$$W = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + 2y + z = 0, 2x + y + 3z = 0\}.$$

- (b) Determine the rank of the matrix  $AA^T$ , where  $A$  be non zero column matrix of order  $n \times 1$ . [1]

- (c) Reduce the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & -3 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  in its normal form. [3]

3. (a) Investigate for what values of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , the following linear equations

$$x + 2y + 3z = 6, \quad x + 3y + 5z = 9, \quad 2x + 5y + \lambda z = \mu$$

have (i) no solution (ii) unique solution (iii) infinite number of solutions. Find the solutions in cases (ii) and (iii). [3+3]

4. (a) Prove or disprove: The following system of linear equations

$$2x + 3y + z = 0, \quad x + 2y - 3z = 0, \quad 4x - y - 2z = 0$$

has a non-zero solutions. [2]

- (b) Prove that  $r^n \vec{r}$  is an irrotational vector for any value of  $n$  but is solenoidal only if  $n + 3 = 0$ , where  $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$  and  $r = |\vec{r}|$ . [2+2]

5. (a) Find the shortest distance between the lines  $\vec{r} = \vec{\alpha} + t\vec{\beta}$  and  $\vec{r} = \vec{\gamma} + s\vec{\delta}$  in terms of  $k$ , where  $\vec{\alpha} = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\vec{\beta} = (2, 3, 4)$ ,  $\vec{\gamma} = (k, 3, 4)$  and  $\vec{\delta} = (3, 4, 5)$ . Also determine the value of  $k$ , if the lines are coplanar. [2+1]

(b) Find the moment of a force represented by  $\overrightarrow{PQ}$  acting at the point  $P$  about an axis through the point  $A(3, 1, 0)$  in the direction of the vector  $(2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k})$ , where the position vectors of  $P$  and  $Q$  are  $(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$  and  $(3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$  respectively. [3]

6. (a) For the scalar point functions  $u = x + y + z$ ,  $v = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$  and  $w = xy + yz + zx$ , show that  $\vec{\nabla}u$ ,  $\vec{\nabla}v$ , and  $\vec{\nabla}w$  are coplanar vectors. [2]

(b) Prove that  $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\hat{i} + x^2\hat{j} + 3xz^2\hat{k}$  is a conservative force field. Calculate the corresponding scalar potential of  $\vec{F}$  and hence determine the work done by the force in moving an object from  $(1, -2, 1)$  to  $(3, 1, 4)$ . [1+2+1]

7. (a) If  $\vec{F} = (5x^2 + 6y)\hat{i} - (3x + 2y^2)\hat{j} + 2xz^2\hat{k}$ , then evaluate the line integral  $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$  from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 1, 1)$  along the path  $C$  given by the straight lines from  $(0, 0, 0)$  to  $(1, 0, 0)$ , then to  $(1, 1, 0)$  and then to  $(1, 1, 1)$ . [3]

(b) Evaluate  $\iint_S \vec{F} \cdot \hat{n} dS$ , where  $\vec{F} = 18z\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} + 3y\hat{k}$ ,  $S$  is the surface of the plane  $2x + 3y + 6z = 12$  in the first octant and  $\hat{n}$  is the unit outer normal vector of the surface  $S$ . [3]

