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JANUARY 2018 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

**COURSE CODE: BUS729**

**CREDIT UNIT: 2**

**COURSE TITLE: Business Mathematics**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2hrs**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other (2) questions.**
- 2. Question number 1 carries 30 marks, while the other two (2) questions carry 20 marks each.**
- 3. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner.**

1a. Define Cash flows

**7marks**

1b. A company wishes to spend #40000 for new equipment and decides to set up a sinking fund to accumulate this money over a 3 year period. If payments are to be made to the fund quarterly, with interest compounded quarterly at an annual rate of 5%, how large should the payments be?

**11marks**

c.) Let  $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$ ,  $B = \{2,4,6,8\}$  and  $C = \{3,4,5,6\}$ . Find

(i)  $A \cup B$       **3marks**

(ii)  $A \cap C$       **3marks**

(iii)  $B \cap C$       **3marks**

(iv)  $B \cup B$       **3marks**

2a). Discuss Simple and Compound Interest **10marks**

2b.) Suppose you invest #2000 at an annual interest rate of 6%. Find your balance at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> year if interest is compounded; a) Yearly b) Semiannually c) Quarterly d) Monthly

**10marks**

3a. Define the following with example

(i) Rational Numbers      **3marks**

(ii) Natural Numbers      **3marks**

(iii) Prime Numbers      **3marks**

(iv) Decimals and Real Numbers      **3marks**

(v) Absolute Value      **3marks**

3 b. State the basic principles of matrix or algebra **5marks**

4. The purchasing department of a big company has analysed the number of orders placed by each of the 5 departments in the company by type as follows: **20marks**

**Departmental Orders**

Type of Order	Department					
	Sales	Purchasing	Production	Accounts	Maintenance	Total
Consumables	10	12	4	8	4	38
Equipment	1	3	9	1	1	15
Special	0	0	4	1	2	7
Total	11	15	17	10	7	60

An error has been found in one of these orders. What is the probability that the incorrect order:

a) came from maintenance?

b) came from production?

c) came from maintenance or production?

d) came from neither maintenance nor production?

5a. Explain the requirements for Linear Programming **10marks**

5b). Discuss the following;

i. Coupon Rate   **4marks**

ii. Zero Coupon Bonds   **4marks**

iii. Floating Rate Bonds   **2marks**