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**B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – STATISTICS**

**THIRD SEMESTER – APRIL 2018**

**ST 3506– MATRIX AND LINEAR ALGEBRA**

Date: 07-05-2018  
Time: 01:00-04:00

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Max. : 100 Marks

## Part – A

Answer ALL the Questions

(10 x 2 = 20 marks)

- 1) Define skew symmetric matrix with an example.
- 2) Define minor of an element in a matrix. Find the minor of  $a_{21}$  in the following matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 3) Mention any two properties of the determinant of a matrix.

4) Find the value  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 9 & 16 \end{vmatrix}$

- 5) Establish the uniqueness of the inverse of a non-singular matrix.

6) Find the rank of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

- 7) Define Linear Independence of vectors.
- 8) Define a linear transformation.
- 9) Define the characteristic equation of a matrix.

10) Find the characteristic roots of  $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

## Part – B

Answer any FIVE Questions

(5 x 8 = 40 marks)

- 11) If matrices A and B commute in multiplication, show that

$$(A + B)^n = \sum_{i=1}^n C_i A^i B^{n-i} \text{ for every positive integer 'n'.$$

- 12) Show that every square matrix can be uniquely expressed as the sum of a symmetric matrix and a skew-symmetric matrix.

- 13) Find the inverse of the following matrix by step-by-step reduction of  $[A : I]$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

14) (a) Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (a - b)(b - c)(c - a)$ .

(b) Show that  $\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & x+3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & x+4 \end{vmatrix} = x^2(x+9)$  (4 + 4)

15) State and prove a necessary and sufficient condition for a square matrix to possess an inverse.

16) If the coefficient matrix A is non-singular, show that the system  $Ax = 0$  of n homogeneous linear equations in n unknowns has only a trivial solution.

17) In a vector space of dimension 'n', show that any vector x is a linear combination of linearly independent vectors  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  if and only if  $x, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k$  are linearly dependent.

18) Show that the product of two matrices is associated to composition of linear transformations.

**Part – C**

**Answer any TWO Questions**

**(2 x 20 = 40 marks )**

19) a) Establish that  $\text{Tr}(AB) = \text{Tr}(BA)$  with the following matrices:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b) Applying the properties of a determinant, find the value of the following determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 & 4 & 1 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ (10 + 10)}$$

20) a) Obtain the expression for the inverse of a matrix in partitioned form.

b) Find inverse of the following matrix by partitioning:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (10 + 10)}$$

21) a) State and prove Cayley-Hamilton Theorem.

b) Show that the following matrix satisfies Cayley-Hamilton Theorem:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{ (10 + 10)}$$

22) a) Show that the characteristic roots of two similar matrices are the same.

b) Using Cramer's rule to solve the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 - x_4 &= 1, & x_1 + x_2 - x_4 &= -1 \\ 3x_2 + x_3 + x_4 &= 3, & x_1 + x_3 - x_4 &= 0 \end{aligned} \text{ (5 + 15)}$$

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