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NCSC 102: ALGEBRA

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question 1(Compulsory) and any other question

Credit will be awarded for logical, systematic and neat presentations

Question One

a

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -3 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -5 \\ 2 & 4 & 0 & 3 \\ -3 & 1 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{if } B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 \\ 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and } C = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -2 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Find CAB

[5 marks]

b. Find

i..the determinant and

ii. the inverse of matrix A [15 marks]

$$\text{if } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & 3 & -5 \\ 0 & 3 & 1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Question Two

a. Find all values of a for which the system below has a nontrivial solution

[15 marks]

$$1x - 1y + 2z = 0$$

$$-1x + x + 2z = 0$$

$$3x - 3y + az = 0$$

b. Solve the system of linear equations below using the Gauss-Jordan method

[15 marks]

$$\begin{cases} 2w - x + 5y + z = -3 \\ 3w + 2x + 2y - 6z = -32 \\ w + 3x + 3y - z = -47 \\ 5w - 2x - 3y + 3z = 49 \end{cases}$$

Question Three

a Consider $S = [2, -3, 4, -1]^T, [-6, 9, -12, 3]^T, [3, 1, -2, 2]^T, [2, 8, -12, 3]^T, [7, 6, -10, 4]^T$

- i. Is S linearly independent? [8 marks]
- ii. Construct a basis for $\text{span}(S)$. [7 marks]
- b. Show that in the space \mathbb{R}^3 the vectors $x = (1, 1, 0)$, $y = (0, 1, 2)$, and $z = (3, 1, -4)$ are linearly dependent [8 marks]
- c. Let $u = (0, 1, -8, 1)$ and $v = (1, -8, 1, 7)$. Find w such that $-2u + v - 3w = 0$. [7 marks]

END OF EXAMINATION
