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**B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2016**

**Sixth Semester**

**Core Course—LINEAR ALGEBRA AND METRIC SPACES**

(2013 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A**

*Answer all questions each in a sentence or two.  
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. Define zero vector in a vector space.
2. Give an example of a linearly independent set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .
3. Define dimension of a vector space.
4. Give an example of an onto function.
5. Define nullity of a linear transformation.
6. Define the linear transformation 'projection'.
7. Give an example of a bounded function.
8. Show that empty set is an open set in any metric space.
9. Define closed set.
10. Give an example of a complete metric space.

(10 × 1 = 10)

**Part B (Short Notes)**

*Answer any eight questions.  
Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. Show that the additive inverse of a vector in a vector space  $V$  is unique.
12. Check whether the set of all  $3 \times 3$  real upper triangular matrices under standard matrix addition and scalar multiplication is a vector space.
13. Show that a subset of a vector space  $V$  consisting of the single vector  $u$  is linearly dependent if and only if  $u = 0$ .
14. Prove or disprove that the function  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by  $T[a, b] = [a, 1]$  is linear.
15. If  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a linear transformation, then prove that  $T(0) = 0$ .

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16. Let a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  have the property that the dimension of  $V$  equals the dimension of  $W$ . Then prove that  $T$  is one-to-one if and only if  $T$  is onto.
17. Let  $X$  be metric space. If  $\{x\}$  is a subset of  $X$  consisting of a single point, show that its complement  $\{x\}'$  is open.
18. Let  $X$  be a metric space. Then prove that any finite union of closed sets in  $X$  is closed.
19. Let  $X$  be an arbitrary metric space, and let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$ . If  $A = \bar{A}$  then prove that  $A$  is closed.
20. Show that the boundary of a set is closed.
21. Let  $X$  be a metric space with metric  $d$ . If  $\{x_n\}$  and  $\{y_n\}$  are sequences in  $X$  such that  $x_n \rightarrow x$  and  $y_n \rightarrow y$ , show that  $d(x_n, y_n) \rightarrow d(x, y)$ .
22. Define uniformly continuous function and give an example.

### Part C

(8 × 2 = 16)

*Answer any six questions.  
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. Show that the span of the set of vectors  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  in a vector space  $V$  is a subspace of  $V$ .
24. Show that every basis for a finite dimensional vector space must contain the same number of vectors.
25. Find a basis for the span of the vectors in  $S = \{t^2 + t, t + 1, t^2 + 1, 1\}$ .
26. Prove that a matrix  $A$  is similar to a matrix  $B$  then  $B$  is similar to  $A$ .
27. Show that the image of a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is a subspace of  $W$ .
28. Prove that a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is one to one if and only if the image of every linearly independent set of vectors in  $V$  is a linearly independent set of vectors in  $W$ .
29. Let  $X$  be a metric space. Prove that a subset  $G$  of  $X$  is open if it is a union of open spheres.
30. Define Cantor set and explain its construction.
31. Let  $X$  be a complete metric space, and let  $Y$  be a subspace of  $X$ . Then show that if  $Y$  is complete then it is closed.

(6 × 4 = 24)

**Part D (Essays)**

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. If  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for a vector space  $V$ , then show that any set containing more than  $n$  vectors is linearly dependent. Also determine the dimension of  $P^n$ .
33. Give an example of a linear transformation such that its Kernel contains only one element.  
Show that a linear transformation  $T: V \rightarrow W$  is one-to-one if and only if the kernel of  $T$  contains just the zero vector.
34. Let  $X$  be a metric space. Show that a subset  $F$  of  $X$  is closed if and only if its complement  $F'$  is open.
35. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be metric spaces and  $f$  a mapping of  $X$  into  $Y$ . Then show that  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  if and only if  $x_n \rightarrow x_0 \Rightarrow f(x_n) \rightarrow f(x_0)$ .

(2 × 15 = 30)