



**IIT-JAM MATHEMATICS**

**Test : Linear Algebra**

**Time : 60 Minute**

**Date : 23-08-2015**  
**M.M. : 50**

**Instructions:**

- **Part-A** contains 10 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ). Each question has 4 choices (a), (b), (c) and (d), for its answer, out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct. For each correct answer you will be awarded **3 marks**. For each incorrect answered **1 mark** will be deducted.
- **Part-B** contains 5 Multiple Select Questions (MSQ). Each question has 4 choices (a), (b), (c) and (d) for its answer, out of which **ONE or MORE than ONE** is/are correct. For each correct answer you will be awarded **2 marks**, there is no negative marking in this section.
- **Part-C** contains 5 Numerical Answer Type (NAT) questions which contain **2 Marks** for each, and there is no negative marking. **Answer should be in between 0 to 9.**

**PART-A**

1. Let  $S : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  and  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be linear transformations such that  $TS$  is the identity map of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Then  
(a)  $ST$  is the identity map of  $\mathbb{R}^4$  (b)  $ST$  is one-one, but not onto  
(c)  $ST$  is onto but not one-one (d)  $ST$  is neither one-one, nor onto
2. Let  $V$  be a 3-dimensional vector space over the field  $F_3 = \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$  of 3 elements. The number of distinct 1-dimensional subspaces of  $V$  is  
(a) 13 (b) 26 (c) 9 (d) 15
3. Let  $f(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then rank of the  $4 \times 4$  matrix  $f(A)$  is

- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 4
4. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices. Then  $AB - BA = I$  exists if  
(a)  $A$  and  $B$  both are non-singular (b)  $A$  and  $B$  both are singular  
(c) Exactly one of them is singular (d) No such  $A$  and  $B$  exists



5. The system of linear equations  $x + 3y = 1$  has a unique solution if and only if
- $$\begin{aligned} 4x + py + z &= 0 \\ 2x + 3z &= b \end{aligned}$$
- (a)  $a = 10, b = -10$  (b)  $a = 12, b \in \mathbb{R}$   
 (c)  $a \neq 10, b \in \mathbb{R}$  (d)  $a \in \mathbb{R}, b \neq -10$
6. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^4$  be a linear transformation satisfying  $T^3 + 3T^2 = 4I$ , where  $I$  is the identity transformation. Then the linear transformation  $S = T^4 + 3T^3 - 4I$  is
- (a) One-one but not onto (b) Onto but not one-one  
 (c) Invertible (d) Non-invertible
7. A linear transformation  $T$  rotates each vector in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  clockwise through  $90^\circ$ . The matrix  $T$  relative to the standard ordered basis  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$  is
- (a)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (b)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (c)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  (d)  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
8. Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a linear transformation. Which of the following statements implies that  $T$  is bijective?
- (a) Nullity ( $T$ ) =  $n$  (b) Rank ( $T$ ) = Nullity ( $T$ ) =  $n$   
 (c) Rank ( $T$ ) + Nullity ( $T$ ) =  $n$  (d) Rank ( $T$ ) - Nullity ( $T$ ) =  $n$
9. Let  $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  be a linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V$  over the field  $Z_2$ . How many vectors are there in  $\text{span}(S)$ ?
- (a) 1 (b) 0 (c)  $2n$  (d)  $2^n$
10. Let  $A$  be a  $5 \times 5$  matrix with real entries such that the sum of the entries in each row of  $A$  is 1. Then the sum of all the entries in  $A^3$  is
- (a) 3 (b) 15 (c) 5 (d) 125

## PART-B

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11. Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite dimensional vector spaces over  $\mathbb{R}$  and let  $T_1 : V \rightarrow V$  and  $T_2 : W \rightarrow W$  be linear transformations whose minimal polynomials are given by,

$$f_1(x) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \text{ and } f_2(x) = x^4 - x^2 - 2$$

Let  $T : V \oplus W \rightarrow V \oplus W$  be the linear transformation defined by  $T(V, W) = (T_1(V), T_2(W))$  for  $(V, W) \in V \oplus W$  and let  $f(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $T$ . Then

- (a)  $\deg f(x) = 7$  (b)  $\deg f(x) = 5$   
 (c) Nullity ( $T$ ) = 1 (d) Nullity ( $T$ ) = 0

12. Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $V$  be an  $(n+1)$ -dimensional vector space over  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $\{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{n+1}\}$  is a basis of  $V$  and  $T: V \rightarrow V$  is the linear transformation satisfying

$$T(e_i) = e_{i+1} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n \text{ and } T(e_{n+1}) = 0$$

Then

- (a) trace of  $T$  is non-zero (b) rank of  $T$  is  $n$   
 (c) nullity of  $T$  is 1 (d)  $T^n = T \circ T \circ T \circ \dots \circ T$  ( $n$  times) is the zero map
13. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $n \times n$  real matrices such that  $AB = BA = 0$  and  $A + B$  is invertible. Which of the following are always true?
- (a)  $\text{rank}(A) = \text{rank}(B)$  (b)  $\text{rank}(A) + \text{rank}(B) = n$   
 (c)  $\text{nullity}(A) + \text{nullity}(B) = n$  (d)  $A - B$  is invertible

14. Let  $A \in M_{10}(\mathbb{C})$ , the vector space of  $10 \times 10$  matrices with entries in  $\mathbb{C}$ . Let  $W_A$  be the subspace of  $M_{10}(\mathbb{C})$  spanned by  $\{A^n \mid n \geq 0\}$ . Choose the correct statements.

- (a) For any  $A$ ,  $\dim(W_A) \leq 10$  (b) For any  $A$ ,  $\dim(W_A) < 10$   
 (c) For some  $A$ ,  $10 < \dim(W_A) < 100$  (d) For some  $A$ ,  $\dim(W_A) = 100$

15. Which of the following are subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ?

- (a)  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 0\}$  (b)  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 - y^2 = 0\}$   
 (c)  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : xy = 0\}$  (d)  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y = 3x\}$

### PART-C

16. Let  $T_1, T_2: \mathbb{R}^5 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be linear transformations such that  $\text{Rank}(T_1) = 3$  and  $\text{Nullity}(T_2) = 3$ . Let  $T_3: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  be a linear transformation such that  $T_3 T_1 = T_2$ . Then the  $\text{Rank}(T_3)$  equals .....
17. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two real matrices of size  $4 \times 6$  and  $5 \times 4$ , respectively. If  $\text{Rank}(Q) = 4$  and  $\text{Rank}(QP) = 2$ , then  $\text{Rank}(P)$  is equal to .....
18. For a fixed  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , the dimension of the subspace of  $P_5(\mathbb{R})$  (vector space of all polynomials of degree  $\leq 5$ ) defined by  $\{f \in P_5(\mathbb{R}) : f(a) = 0\}$  is .....
19. Let  $M_3(\mathbb{R})$  denote the space of all  $3 \times 3$  real matrices. If  $T: M_3(\mathbb{R}) \rightarrow M_3(\mathbb{R})$  is a linear transformation such that  $T(A) = 0$  whenever  $A \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$  is symmetric or skew-symmetric, then  $\text{Rank}(T)$  equals.....
20. Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  be a linear transformation such that  $T(1, -1) = (1, 0)$ ,  $T(2, -1) = (0, 1)$ . Then  $T(-3, 2)$  equals to .....



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**ANSWER KEY**

**PART-A**

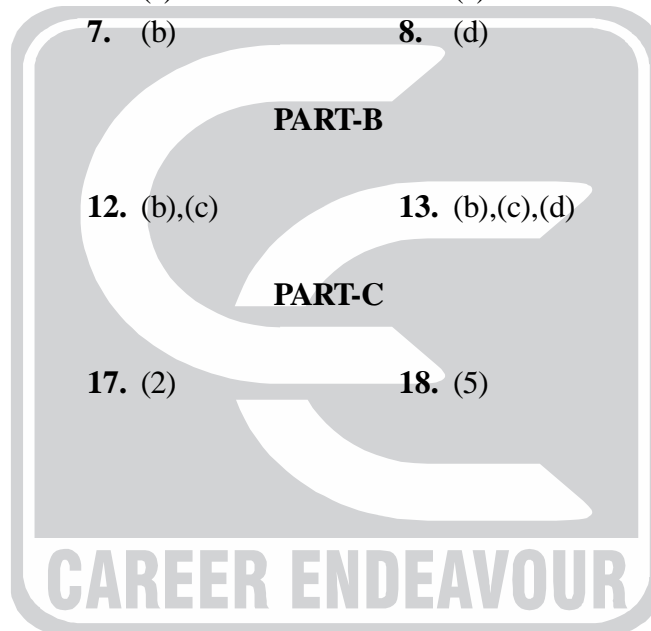
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|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1. (d) | 2. (a) | 3. (a) | 4. (d) | 5. (c)  |
| 6. (d) | 7. (b) | 8. (d) | 9. (d) | 10. (c) |

**PART-B**

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| 11. (b),(d) | 12. (b),(c) | 13. (b),(c),(d) | 14. (a) | 15. (a),(d) |
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**PART-C**

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| 16. (2)      | 17. (2) | 18. (5) | 19. (zero) |
| 20. (-1, -1) |         |         |            |



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