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UNIVERSITY

SUPPLEMENTARY / SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

MATH 124: GEOMETRY AND LINEAR ALGEBRA.

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 18/11/2020

8.30 A.M – 10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Attempt all the questions

QUESTION ONE: (30 MARKS)

- a. Find the slope and the inclination of the line L through the points $P_1(1,-1)$ and $P_2(4,2)$
(3 marks)
- b. Find the perpendicular bisector of the segment with and points $P_1(-4,3)$ and $P_2(2,-1)$
(3 marks)
- c. Let $\vec{a} = (2, -1, 3)$, $\vec{b} = (-1, 4, -2)$ and $\vec{c} = (1, 8, 7)$. Calculate vector $2\vec{a} + \vec{b} - \vec{c}$
and then find the magnitude (3 marks)
- d. Find the equation of the parabola with the point (1,1) as its focus and the line $x + y = -2$ as
its directrix
(6 marks)
- e. Find the eccentricity of the ellipse shown below (3 marks)
$$\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 0$$
- f. Find the distance between the point (3, 1) and the line $3x+4y-3=0$ (3 marks)

- g. Find the centre and radius of circle given by $x^2 + 4x + y^2 - 14y = 47$ (3 marks)
- h. Analyse the graph of the equation $\frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$ (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO: (20 MARKS)

- a. Write the equation, foci and the asymptotes of a hyperbola that has vertices $(\pm 3, 0)$ and passes through the point $P(5, 2)$ (8 marks)

- b. Find the determinant of the matrix $\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 & -3 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 & -4 \end{pmatrix}$, (4 marks)

- c. Solve for x and y in the system of equations below $3x + y = 5$ and $x - y = -1$ by matrix method (5 marks)

- d. Find the angle α between the lines $y = 3x - 1$ and $y = 1 - 2x$ (3 marks)

QUESTION THREE: (20 MARKS)

- a. Find the angle between the vectors $\tilde{\mathbf{a}} = \mathbf{i} - 2\mathbf{j}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{b}} = -4\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} - 2\mathbf{k}$ (3 marks)
- b. Find the area of parallelogram with consecutive vertices $A(1, 3, -2)$, $B(2, 1, 4)$ and $C(-3, 1, 6)$ (5 marks)
- c. Sketch the graph of polar equation $r = 4\sin\theta$ (4 marks)
- d. Solve the equation by inverse matrix method $2x + y + 2z = 5$, $4x + 2y + 3z = 9$, $2x + 2y + z = 3$ (5 marks)
- e. Find an equation of the line with slope $m = -1$ passing through point $P(2, -1)$ (3 marks)

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