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**B. Sc. (Hons.)-M. Sc. Dual Degree EXAMINATION, 2021**

(First Semester)

(B-Scheme) (Main & Re-appear)

MATHEMATICS

DMT211B

Algebra

Time : 2½ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 75

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**Note :** Attempt *Four* questions in all. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) If A and B are symmetric matrices, prove that AB is symmetric if and only if  $AB = BA$ .  
(b) Prove that if two vectors are linearly dependent, then one of them is the scalar multiple of the other.  
(c) Prove that transpose of a unitary matrix is unitary.  
(d) Solve the equation  $4x^3 + 16x^2 - 9x - 36 = 0$ , the sum of two of the roots being zero.  
(e) Show that the equation  $x^{2n} - 1 = 0$  has only one real root.
2. (a) Find non-singular matrices P and Q such that PAQ is in the normal form :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 6 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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- (b) Show that every square matrix can be expressed in one and only one way as  $P + iQ$  where  $P$  and  $Q$  are Hermitian matrices.

3. (a) Use Cayley-Hamilton theorem to find  $A^{-1}$ , if :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- (b) Express  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  as the product of elementary matrices.

4. (a) Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  for which the following system of linear equations :

$$2x + by - z = 3$$

$$5x + 7y + z = 7$$

$$ax + y + 3z = 0$$

has an infinite number of solutions.

- (b) Find the value of  $k$  such that the system of equations :

$$x + ky + 3z = 0$$

$$4x + 3y + kz = 0$$

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

has a non-trivial solution.

5. (a) If  $A$  is a real skew-symmetric matrix such that  $A^2 + I = 0$ , show that  $A$  is orthogonal and is of even order.

- (b) Diagonalize the quadratic form :

$$4x^2 + 10y^2 + 11z^2 - 4xy + 12zx - 12yz = 0$$

6. (a) Solve the equation :

$$x^4 + 15x^3 + 70x^2 + 120x + 64 = 0$$

whose roots are given to be in G.P.

- (b) Find the condition that the two roots of the equation  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$  be equal.
7. (a) Remove the second term from the equation  $x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x - 2 = 0$  and solve it.
- (b) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ ; form an equation whose roots are  $\frac{\beta + \gamma}{\alpha}, \frac{\gamma + \alpha}{\beta}, \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\gamma}$ .

8. (a) Solve the equation :

$$x^3 - 12x + 8 = 0$$

by Cardan's method.

- (b) Solve the equation :

$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 10x - 3 = 0$$

by Descartes's method.

9. (a) Solve the equation :

$$x^4 - 4x^3 - 4x^2 - 24x + 15 = 0$$

by Ferrari's method.

- (b) Show that the equation :

$$2x^7 + 3x^4 + 3x + k = 0$$

has at least four imaginary roots for all values of  $k$ .