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MAIN REGULAR

COURSE CODE: WMB 9205

COURSE TITLE: VECTOR ANALYSIS

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM:

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

QUESTION ONE (30 marks)

- a) Show geometrically that addition of vectors is associative i.e. $\underline{P} + (\underline{Q} + \underline{R}) = (\underline{P} + \underline{Q}) + \underline{R}$ (5 marks)
- b) Find the unit vector \hat{a} in the direction of the vector $\vec{A} = 2\vec{B} + 3\vec{C}$ if $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{C} = \hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ (5 marks)
- c) Find the angle θ between the vectors $\vec{U} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$ and $\vec{V} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ (5 marks)
- d) Prove that the area of a parallelogram with sides \vec{A} and \vec{B} is $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$ (5 marks)
- e) If $\vec{A} = xz^3\hat{i} + 2x^2yz\hat{j} + 2yz^4\hat{k}$, find $\text{Curl } \vec{A}$ at $(1, -1, 1)$ (5 marks)
- f) If $\vec{A} = 2yz\hat{i} - x^2y\hat{j} + xz^2\hat{k}$ and $\phi = 2x^2yz^3$, find $(\vec{A} \cdot \nabla)\phi$ (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 marks)

- a) Given that $\vec{A} = A_1\hat{i} + A_2\hat{j} + A_3\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = B_1\hat{i} + B_2\hat{j} + B_3\hat{k}$.

$$\text{Show that } \vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ A_1 & A_2 & A_3 \\ B_1 & B_2 & B_3 \end{vmatrix} \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- b) Find the projection of the vector $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}$ on the vector $\vec{B} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ (4 marks)
- c) Prove that $\nabla \times (\nabla \times \vec{A}) = -\nabla^2 \vec{A} + \nabla(\nabla \cdot \vec{A})$ where $\vec{A} = A_1\hat{i} + A_2\hat{j} + A_3\hat{k}$ (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 marks)

- a) Find $\text{grad } \phi$ at the point $(1, -2, 1)$ if $\phi(x, y, z) = 3x^2y - y^3z^2$
- b) Given $\phi(x, y, z) = x^2yz^3$ and $\vec{A} = xz\hat{i} - xy^2\hat{j} + yz^2\hat{k}$, find $\frac{\partial^2(\phi\vec{A})}{\partial x \partial z}$ at the point $(1, -1, 1)$ (5 marks)
- c) Evaluate $(2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j}) \cdot [(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}) \times (3\hat{i} - \hat{k})]$ (4 marks)
- a) If $\vec{A} = 10x^3yz\hat{i} - 6xz^3y\hat{j} + 4xz^2k$ and $\vec{B} = 8z\hat{i} + 3y\hat{j} - 7x^2\hat{k}$, Find $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y}(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$ at $(3, 5, 2)$ (6 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 marks)

- a) Find a unit vector perpendicular to the plane of $\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $3\vec{i} + \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$, (6 marks)
- b) If $\vec{F} = (2y + 3)\hat{i} + xz\hat{j} + (yz - x)\hat{k}$, evaluate $\int_C \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{r}$ along the following paths c :
- (i) $x = 2t^2$, $y = t$, $z = t^3$ from $t = 0$ to $t = 2$ (4 marks)
- (ii) the straight lines from $(0, 0, 0)$ to $(0, 0, 1)$, then to $(0, 1, 1)$ and then to $(2, 1, 1)$ (6 marks)
- (iii) the straight line joining $(0, 0, 0)$ and $(2, 1, 1)$ (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 marks)

- a) Evaluate $\iint_S \vec{A} \cdot \hat{n} ds$, where $\vec{A} = 18z\hat{i} - 12\hat{j} + 3y\hat{k}$ and S is that part of the plane $2x + 3y + 6z = 12$ which is located in the first octant. (10 marks)
- b) Verify Stokes' theorem for $\vec{A} = (2x - y)\hat{i} - yz^2\hat{j} - y^2z\hat{k}$, where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and C is its boundary. (10 marks)