

**SMA 403 TOPOLOGY I**  
**Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO questions**

**QUESTION ONE(30MARKS)**

(a) Define the following terms.

(i) Limit point of a subset  $E$  of  $X$ .

(ii) An interior point of a set  $E$ .

(4MARKS)

(b) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{c, d\}, \{a, c, d\}, \{b, c, d, e\}, X\}$  be a topology on  $X$ . Let  $E = \{a, d, e\}$ . Determine;

(i) The derived set of  $E$ .

(4MARKS)

(ii) The interior of  $E$ .

(3MARKS)

(iii) Prove that every  $T_1$  space is hereditary.

(4MARKS)

(c)(i) Define what is meant by a function

$$f : (X, \tau) \rightarrow (Y, \tau^*)$$

is continuous at  $x \in X$ .

(2MARKS)

(ii) Prove that a constant function is continuous relative to any topology.

(3MARKS)

(d)(i) Define a homeomorphism.

(2MARKS)

(ii) Using the definition in (i) above, show that  $[0, 1]$  is homeomorphic to  $[a, b]$ .

(5MARKS)

(e)(i) State the  $T_o$  axiom.

(2MARKS)

(ii) Prove that every subspace of a  $T_2$  space is a  $T_2$  space.

(5MARKS)

**QUESTION TWO(20MARKS)**

(a)(i) Prove that if  $A \subset B$  then  $A' \subset B'$

(4MARKS)

(ii) Prove that a composition of two continuous functions is continuous.

(6MARKS)

(b) Prove that every metric space is a  $T_3$ -space.

(6MARKS)

**QUESTION THREE(20MARKS)**

(a)(i) State the  $T_1$  axiom.

(2MARKS)

(ii) Prove that  $X$  is a  $T_1$  space if and only if every singleton subset of  $X$  is closed.

(8MARKS)

(b) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, \}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{b, c\}, X\}$  be a topology on  $X$ . Determine whether or not ;

(i)  $(X, \tau)$  is a regular space.

(2MARKS)

(ii)  $(X, \tau)$  is a  $T_2$  space.

(2MARKS)

(iii) What conclusion would you make from the computation of (i) and (ii) above.

(1MARKS)

(c) Let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a function such that  $f^{-1} : Y \rightarrow X$  exist. Let  $E \subset Y$  and define  $f^{-1} = \{x \in X : f(x) \in E\}$ . Using this definition prove that  $f^{-1}(A \cap B) = f^{-1}(A) \cap f^{-1}(B)$ .

(5MARKS)

**QUESTION FOUR(20MARKS)**

(a) Prove that a function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is continuous if for every subset  $A$  of  $X$   $f(\overline{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$ .

(9MARKS)

(b)(i) Define a local base of a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ .

(3MARKS)

(ii) Show that if  $X = \{a, b, c\}$  then  $\beta = \{\{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}\}$  forms a basis for discrete topology.

(3MARKS)

(c)(i) Define a cover for a space  $X$

(2MARKS)

(ii) Construct a cover for  $X$  which is not an open cover if  $X = \{a, b, c, d\}$

(2MARKS)

**QUESTION FIVE(20MARKS)**

(a)(i) State the Tietze's characterization of normality.

(3MARKS)

(ii) Prove that every metric space is normal.

(6MARKS)

(b) Let  $X = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$  and  $\tau = \{\emptyset, \{a\}, \{e\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, b, e\}, X\}$  be a topology on  $X$ . Determine;

(i)  $Ext(A)$  if  $A = \{b, c, e\}$

(2MARKS)

(ii)  $Bound(A)$  given  $A = \{b, c, e\}$

(4MARKS)

(iii) If  $\beta = \{\{a, b\}, \{b, c\}\}$  forms a basis for the topology.

(1MARKS)

(c) Write short notes on product topology.

(4MARKS)