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SECOND YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR
THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION SCIENCE

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THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

SMA 3250: VECTOR ANALYSIS

DATE: AUGUST 2023

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two questions

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

a) Distinguish between a vector and a scalar (2 marks)

b) Given the vectors $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = \hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{C} = 4\hat{i} + 3\hat{k}$. Find the magnitude of $3\vec{A} + 2\vec{B} - \vec{C}$ (4 marks)



- c) Determine the value of P such that $\vec{A} = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 2\hat{i} + P\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ are perpendicular (3 marks)
- d) Find the angle between \vec{P} and \vec{Q} given $\vec{P} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ and $\vec{Q} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ (4 marks)
- e) If A and B are differentiable functions of scalar u, prove (4 marks)
- $$\frac{d}{du}(\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}) = \vec{A} \cdot \frac{d\vec{B}}{du} + \frac{d\vec{A}}{du} \cdot \vec{B}$$
- f) If $\vec{A} = 2t\hat{i} + 5t^2\hat{j} - 6\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = \cos t \hat{i} + \sin t \hat{j}$, find $\frac{d}{dt}(\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$ (5 marks)
- g) If $\vec{R}(u) = (u - u^3)\vec{i} + 2u\vec{j} + 5u\vec{k}$. (3 marks)
- Find
- $$\int_1^3 \vec{R}(u) du$$
- h) If $\phi(x, y, z) = 2xy^2 + x^3z^3$, find $\nabla \phi$ at the point (-1, 2, -1) (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) $\vec{A} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 5\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 3\hat{k}$ compute (6 marks)
- (i) $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$
- (ii) $\text{prod}_{\vec{A}} \vec{B}$
- b) Verify Green's theorem in the plane for $\oint_c (xy + y^2)dx = x^2 dy$ where c is closed curve of the region bounded by $y = x$ and $y = x^2$ (14 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) If $\vec{A} = (3x^2 + 6y)\hat{i} - 14yz\hat{j} + 20xz^2\hat{k}$, evaluate $\int_c \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{r}$ from (0,0,0) to (1,1,1) along the curve $x = t, y = t^2$ and $z = t^3$ (4 marks)
- b) Find the total work done in moving a particle in a force given by $\vec{t} = 3xy\hat{i} - 5z\hat{j} + 10x\hat{k}$ along the curve $x = t^2 + 1, y = 2t^2, z = t^3$ from $t = 1$ to $t = 2$ (7 marks)
- c) Evaluate $\iint_c A \, nds$, where $A = 18z\vec{i} - 12\vec{j} + 3y\vec{k}$ and S is that part of the plane $2x + 3y + 6z = 12$ which is located in the first octant (9 marks)



QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) A particle moves along the curve $x = 2t^2$, $y = t^2 - 4t$, $z = 3t - 5$, where t is the time. Find the components of its velocity and acceleration at time $t = 1$ in the direction $\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$ (8 marks)
- b) If $\vec{A} = xz^2\vec{j} - 2x^2yz\vec{j} + z^4\vec{k}$, find $\text{curl } \vec{A}$ (6 marks)
- c) Find the volume of the parallelepiped with side $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{k}$, $\vec{b} = \hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{c} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ (6 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Show that the vectors $\vec{A} = 3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{B} = \hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$, $\vec{C} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$ form a right angled triangle (5 marks)
- b) Prove that the area of a parallelogram with sides \vec{A} and \vec{B} is $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$ (4 marks)
- c) A particle moves along the curve $x = 2t^2 + t$, $y = t^2 - 3t$, $z = 5t - 5$, where t is the time. Find the components of its velocity and acceleration at $t = 1$ in the direction $2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ (4 marks)
- d) Find a function $f(x, y, z)$ so that $\frac{2xy}{z^3}\hat{i} + \left(2y + z^2 + \frac{R^2}{z^3}\right)\hat{j} - \left(4z^3 - 2yz - \frac{3x^2y}{z^4}\right)\hat{k}$ (7 marks)

