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General Course  
3A12 COM : NUMERICAL SKILLS FOR BUSINESS

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

PART – A

Answer **all** questions. **Each** carries ½ mark :

1. In a \_\_\_\_\_ matrix, all the elements above the leading diagonal are zero.

- a) Upper triangular
- b) Lower triangular
- c) Diagonal
- d) Scalar

2. If  $125^{-2/3} =$  \_\_\_\_\_

- a) 1/5
- b) 1/25
- c) 1/50
- d) 1/125

3. If  $\sqrt{3^{x+2}} = 27$ , then  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 6

4. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 3 \\ 5 & -8 & 7 \\ 9 & 6 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , the trace of A is \_\_\_\_\_

- a) 29
- b) - 3
- c) 4
- d) - 8

(4x½=2)



## PART – B

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** carries **1** mark :

5. What is idempotent matrix ?
6. If  $4 : 9 = 12 : X$ , find  $X$ .
7. Mr. P can complete a work in 12 days while Mr. P and Mr. Q together can complete it in 4 days. How many days will be required for Mr. Q to complete the same work by himself ?
8. Rationalise the denominator of  $\frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{11}-\sqrt{7}}$ .
9. Two-third of a number decreased by 7 equals  $-1$ . Find the number.
10. If  $P : Q = 3 : 4$ ,  $Q : R = 5 : 6$  and  $R : S = 8 : 9$ , find  $P : Q : R : S$ . (4×1=4)

## PART – C

Answer **any six** questions (**not** exceeding **one** page). **Each** carries **3** marks :

11. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , find  $2A + 3B - 4C$ .

12. Verify De Morgan's Law for  $A = \{2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ ,  $U = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ .
13. Solve  $3^{x+3} = 9^{2x+1}$ .
14. A man buys 7 rabbits and 8 dogs for Rs. 8,695 and 4 rabbits and 9 dogs for Rs. 7,360. What is the cost of each ?
15. Mr. X borrowed Rs. 20,000 from a bank, but he could not repay any amount in a period of 4 years. So the bank demanded Rs. 26,500 from him. What is the rate of interest charged by bank ?
16. Explain the following with examples :
  - a) Power set
  - b) Singleton set
  - c) Disjoint sets
17. If  $\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ , show that  $x^2 - 10x + 1 = 0$ .
18. Construct the truth table to prove  $\sim(p \vee q) \equiv \sim p \wedge \sim q$ . (6×3=18)



## PART – D

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** carries **8** marks :

19. Solve the following linear equations using matrix method :

$$2x + 4y + z = 7$$

$$10x - 2y + 9z = 17$$

$$x + y + z = 3.$$

20. a) Simplify  $\frac{2\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2}}{(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})}$ .

b) If  $x = \sqrt{2} + 1$ , show that  $x^2 + 1/x^2 = 6$ .

21. a) A machine costs Rs. 50,000. Calculate its scrap value at the end of 8 years. Depreciation was charged @ 10% p.a. on the diminishing balance method.

b) How long would a sum of money take to double itself if allowed to accumulate at  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  compound interest payable yearly ? (2×8=16)

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