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*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the corresponding questions.  
Answer all questions:*

**1. Choose the correct answer from the following and rewrite it :** **1 × 3 = 3**

(i) Which of the following is a commutative ring with unity?

- (A) The ring of integers
- (B) The ring of  $3 \times 3$  matrices over integers
- (C) The ring of even integers
- (D) None of the above.

(ii) In the linear space  $\mathbb{R}^n$  ( $\mathbb{R}$ ), a basis subset consists of exactly

- (A) n vectors including the zero vector
- (B) (n+1) non zero vectors
- (C) (n-1) non zero vectors
- (D) n non zero vectors

(iii) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear transformation defined by

$$T(x, y, z) = (x, y + z, z - x).$$

The condition for  $(x, y, z) \in \text{Ker } T$  is

- (A)  $x = 0, y = 0, z \neq 0$
- (B)  $x = 0, y \neq 0, z = 0$
- (C)  $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$
- (D)  $x \neq 0, y = 0, z = 0$

**2. Write very short answer for each of the following:****1 × 6 = 6**

- (A) Give an example of a subring which is not an ideal.
- (B) Define an integral domain.
- (C) Is the union of two subspaces a subspace?
- (D) Write the statement of the fundamental theorem of vector space homomorphism.
- (E) When is a linear transformation  $T : V(F) \rightarrow W(F)$  said to be non-singular?
- (F) What is the zero vector of the vector space  $M_{m \times n}(\mathbb{R})$  of all  $m \times n$  rectangular matrices over  $\mathbb{R}$ ?

**3. Write short answer for each of the following:****3 × 5 = 15**

- (A) Let  $R$  be a ring with unity. Show that if 1 is of additive order  $n$  then  $\text{ch } R = n$  and if 1 is of additive order infinity then  $\text{ch } R = 0$ .
- (B) Show that a non-empty subset  $S$  of a ring  $R$  is a subring of  $R$  iff  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b, ab \in S$ .
- (C) Show that in  $V(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^4$ , the subset  $W_1 = \{(x, y, z, u) \mid x, y, z, u \in \mathbb{R}, x + z = y + u\}$  forms a subspace of  $V(\mathbb{R})$ .
- (D) Show that in a vector space  $V(F)$  every superset of a L.D. set is L.D.
- (E) Find a linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  such that the range of  $T$  is spanned by the set  $\{(1, 0, -1), (1, 2, 3)\}$ .

**4. Write short answer for each of the following:****4 × 5 = 20**

- (A) Prove that in a ring  $R$
- (i)  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0 \forall a \in R$ .
- (ii)  $a \cdot (-b) = (-a) \cdot b = -a \cdot b \forall a, b \in R$ .
- (iii)  $(-a) \cdot (-b) = a \cdot b \forall a, b \in R$ .
- (iv)  $a \cdot (b - c) = a \cdot b - a \cdot c \forall a, b, c \in R$ .
- (B) If  $A$  and  $B$  are two ideals of a ring  $R$  then show that  $A + B$  is an ideal of  $R$  containing both  $A$  and  $B$ .

(C) Show that the set  $\{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3, \varepsilon_4\}$  where

$$\varepsilon_1 = (1, 1, 2), \varepsilon_2 = (-3, 1, 0), \varepsilon_3 = (1, -1, 1), \varepsilon_4 = (1, 2, -3)$$

forms a linearly dependent (L.D) set of  $\mathbb{R}^3(\mathbb{R})$ .

(D) Let  $S = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  be a linearly independent subset of a vector space  $V(F)$  and let  $v \in V(F)$  be such that  $v \notin L(S)$ . Prove that  $S_1 = \{v, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is also linearly independent (L.I).

(E) Find range, rank, Kernel and nullity of the linear transformation  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  as defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 + x_2, x_1)$ .

**5. Answer any two (2) of the following:**

**6×2 = 12**

(A) Show that the centre of the ring  $R$ ,  $Z(R)$  is a subring of  $R$ . Further show that  $Z(R)$  is a field if  $R$  is a division ring.

(B) Show that a field is an integral domain. Further show that a non-zero finite integral domain is a field.

(C) Let  $R$  be the ring of all  $3 \times 3$  matrices over reals. Set

$$S = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} x & x & x \\ x & x & x \\ x & x & x \end{bmatrix} : x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

Show that  $S$  forms a subring of  $R$  and has unity different from that of  $R$ .

**6. Answer any two (2) of the following:**

**6×2 = 12**

(A) Prove that any two different bases of a FDVS have equal number of basis vectors.

(B) If  $W$  be a subspace of FDVS  $V(F)$ , prove that  $\dim \frac{V}{W} = \dim V - \dim W$ .

(C) If  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are two subspaces of a FDVS  $V(F)$ , prove that  $\dim(W_1 \oplus W_2) = \dim W_1 + \dim W_2$ , provided  $W_1 \cap W_2 = \{0\}$ .

**7. Answer any two (2) of the following:**

**6×2 = 12**

(A) Let  $T : V \rightarrow W$  be a linear transformation from a vector space  $V(F)$  into another vector space  $W(F)$ . Prove that  $\dim V(F) = \text{Rank } T + \text{Nullity } T$ .

(B) Let  $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ . The matrix of  $T$  in standard ordered basis

$$\{e_1 = (1, 0, 0), e_2 = (0, 1, 0), e_3 = (0, 0, 1)\} \text{ is } A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find bases for Range  $T$  and Ker  $T$ .

(C) Let  $T : \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2$  be defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1, 0)$

Let  $\beta = \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}$  and  $\beta' = \{(1, 1), (-1, 2)\}$ .

Find a non-singular matrix  $P$  such that  $[T]_{\beta'} = P^{-1}[T]_{\beta}P$ .

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