

**B.Sc.DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2020**  
**III Year VI Semester**  
**Linear Algebra**

**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max.marks :75**

**Section A** ( $10 \times 2 = 20$ ) Marks

Answer any **TEN** questions

1. If  $V$  is a vector space over  $F$  then prove that
  - (i)  $\alpha 0 = 0$  for  $\alpha \in F$ .
  - (ii)  $0v = 0$  for  $v \in V$
2. Define Quotient space.
3. If  $\dim_F V = m$  then, prove that  $\dim_F \text{Hom}(V, F) = m$ .
4. Define annihilator.
5. Define inner product space of a vector space.
6. Define orthonormal set in vector space.
7. Define an algebra over a field.
8. Define an characteristic root.
9. Define an invariant under transformation.
10. When a linear transformation is said to be similar?
11. If  $\{v_i\}$  is an orthonormal set, then prove that the vectors in  $\{v_i\}$  are linearly independent.
12. Define dual space.

**Section B** ( $5 \times 5 = 25$ ) Marks

Answer any **FIVE** questions

13. If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  are in  $V$  then either they are linearly independent or some  $v_k$  is a linear combination of the preceding ones,  $v_1, \dots, v_{k-1}$ .
14. If  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  is a basis of  $V$  over  $F$  and if  $w_1, \dots, w_m$  in  $V$  are linearly independent over  $F$ , then prove that  $m \leq n$ .
15. State and prove Schwarz inequality.
16. If  $\lambda \in F$  is a characteristic root of  $A(V)$ , then prove that for any polynomial  $q(x) \in F[x]$ ,  $q(\lambda)$  is a characteristic root of  $q(T)$ .

17. If  $V$  is  $n$ -dimensional over  $F$  and if  $T \in A(V)$  has the matrix  $m_1(T)$  in the basis  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  and the matrix  $m_2(T)$  in the basis  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  of  $V$  over  $F$ , then prove that there is an element  $C \in F_n$  such that  $m_2(T) = C m_1(T) C^{-1}$ .
18. If  $V$  is  $n$ -dimensional over  $F$  and if  $T \in A(V)$  has all its characteristic roots in  $F$ , then prove that  $T$  satisfies a polynomial of degree  $n$  over  $F$ .
19. If  $V$  and  $W$  are of dimensions  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively, over  $F$ , then prove that  $\text{Hom}(V, W)$  is of dimension  $mn$  over  $F$ .

**Section C** ( $3 \times 10 = 30$ ) Marks

Answer any **THREE** questions

20. (a) Prove that  $L(S)$  is a subspace of  $V$ .  
 (b) If  $V$  is the internal direct sum of  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  then prove that  $V$  is isomorphic to the external direct sum of  $U_1, \dots, U_n$ .
21. If  $V$  is finite-dimensional and if  $W$  is a subspace of  $V$ , then prove that  $W$  is finite-dimensional,  $\dim W = \dim V$  and  $\dim V/W = \dim V - \dim W$ .
22. Let  $V$  be a finite – dimensional inner product space; then prove that  $V$  has an orthonormal set as a basis.
23. If  $V$  is finite - dimensional over  $F$  then prove that for  $S, T \in A(V)$ 
  - a.  $\gamma(ST) \leq \gamma(T)$ ;
  - b.  $\gamma(TS) \leq \gamma(T)$
  - (and so,  $\gamma(ST) \leq \min \gamma(T), \gamma(S)$ )
  - c.  $\gamma(ST) = \gamma(TS) = \gamma(T)$  for  $S$  regular in  $A(V)$ .
24. If  $T \in A(V)$  has all its characteristic roots in  $F$ , then prove that there is basis of  $V$  in which the matrix of  $T$  is triangular.