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F17CC *Each question part is worth 5 marks.*

1. (a) A set  $X$  contains 15 elements. How many subsets does it have?
- (b) Write the complex number  $\frac{1}{6+4i}$  in the form  $a + bi$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers.
- (c) Carry out the following matrix multiplication

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ -5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (d) Find the angle to the nearest degree between the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  where

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}.$$

2. (a) How many committees of 5 people can be formed from 120 bureaucrats?
- (b) Find the square roots of  $-16 - 30i$  and show that your solutions work.
- (c) Solve the following system of linear equations. You **must** use elementary row operations. Show that your solutions work.

$$\begin{aligned} x - 2y + 3z &= 7 \\ 2x + y + z &= 4 \\ -3x + 2y - 2z &= -10. \end{aligned}$$

- (d) Calculate the vector product  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  of the vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  where

$$\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + 3\mathbf{j} + 2\mathbf{k} \text{ and } \mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}.$$

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3. (a) Factorize  $x^4 + x^2 + 1$  as a product of two real irreducible quadratic polynomials.
- (b) Find the 4th roots of 3.
- (c) Find the inverse of the matrix below **by first finding its adjugate**, and show that your answer works

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (d) Find the Cartesian equation of the plane that passes through the point with position vector  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and has  $\mathbf{d} = \mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$  as its normal.
4. (a) Show that the set of solutions to the following system of linear equations

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + y - 3z &= 0 \\ 4x + 2y - 6z &= 0 \\ x - y + z &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

forms a line through the origin.

- (b) Prove by induction that  $\sum_{r=1}^n r^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$ .
- (c) Prove that for complex numbers  $u$  and  $v$  we have that  $|u||v| = |uv|$ .
- (d) Prove Pythagoras' theorem using vectors.

**End of paper**

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section and page numbers refer to my book

1. (a)  $2^{15}$ . [page 75]  
(b)  $\frac{3}{26} - \frac{1}{13}i$ . [page 168]  
(c)
$$\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 9 & 9 \\ 13 & 14 & -1 \\ -4 & 21 & 30 \end{pmatrix}$$
[pages 221–224]  
(d)  $73^\circ$ . [page 228, page 297, Question 1(e) of Exercises 9.2]
2. (a)  $\binom{120}{5}$ . [page 77]  
(b)  $\pm(3 - 5i)$ . One mark for showing that solutions work. [page 170]  
(c)  $x = 2, y = -1, z = 1$ . One mark for showing that solutions work. [Section 8.3]  
(d)  $5\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} - 8\mathbf{k}$ . [pages 291–292, page 297]
3. (a)  $(x^2 - x + 1)(x^2 + x + 1)$ . This question requires a little thought and there are a number of ways of solving it. A clever way is to notice that  $x^4 + x^2 + 1 = (x^2 + 1)^2 - x^2$ . Alternatively, you could put  $y = x^2$  and find both roots of  $y^2 + y + 1$  and then find the square roots of the two answers. Finally, write  $x^4 + x^2 + 1 = (x^2 + ax + b)(x^2 + cx + d)$  and solve for  $a, b, c, d$ . [Section 4.3, page 186]  
(b) The 4th roots of unity are  $\pm 1, \pm i$ . The principal 4th root of 3 is  $\sqrt[4]{3}$ . Thus the 4th roots of 3 are:  $\pm\sqrt[4]{3}, \pm\sqrt[4]{3}i$ . [Section 7.5]  
(c) The inverse of the matrix is
$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & -1 \\ 3 & -1 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
One mark for showing that solution works. [pages 253–260]  
(d)  $x + 2y + 3z = 6$ . [pages 307–308]
4. (a) The solution set is the line through the origin with parametric equation  $\lambda(2\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k})$ . [Section 8.3]

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- (b) Base case: formula works when  $n = 1$ . The induction step amounts to showing that  $(n + 1)^3 + \frac{1}{4}n^2(n + 1)^2 = \frac{1}{4}(n + 1)^2(n + 2)^2$ . [Section 3.8]
- (c) Let  $u = a + bi$  and  $v = c + di$ . Then the proof amounts to showing that  $(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = (ac - bd)^2 + (ad + bc)^2$ . [Lemma 6.1.6]
- (d) Let the legs of the perpendicular be  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  and let the longest side be  $\mathbf{c}$  where  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{c}$ . Take inner products of both sides to get  $\mathbf{a}^2 + 2\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^2 = \mathbf{c}^2$ . But  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$ , since triangle is right-angled. Now observe that  $\mathbf{x}^2$  is just the length of  $\mathbf{x}$  squared. [Example 9.1.7]