

CUET Mathematics Test

Chapter: Unit II: Algebra (Matrices and Determinants)

General Instructions

1. Total Questions: **20**
2. Duration: **60 Minutes**
3. All questions are compulsory.
4. Each question carries **5 marks**.
5. For each correct answer: **+5 marks**.
6. For each incorrect answer: **-1 mark**.
7. No negative marking for unanswered questions.
8. Use of calculator or electronic devices is strictly prohibited.
9. Choose the most appropriate answer from the given options.

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1. If A is a square matrix such that $A^2 = A$, then $(I + A)^3 - 7A$ is equal to:
(A) A
(B) $I - A$
(C) I
(D) $3A$
2. If the order of matrix A is 2×3 and the order of matrix B is 3×2 , then the order of matrix $(AB)^T$ is:
(A) 3×3
(B) 2×2
(C) 2×3
(D) 3×2
3. For what value of k is the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & k \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ singular?
(A) $10/3$
(B) $6/5$
(C) $15/2$
(D) 1
4. If A is a 3×3 non-singular matrix such that $|A| = 5$, then $|\text{adj}(A)|$ is:
(A) 5
(B) 25
(C) 125
(D) $1/5$
5. The system of equations $x + y + z = 2$, $2x + y - z = 3$, $3x + 2y + kz = 4$ has a unique solution if:
(A) $k \neq 0$
(B) $k \neq -1$
(C) $k = 0$
(D) $k = 1$
6. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$, then $A^T A$ is equal to:
(A) O
(B) I
(C) A
(D) $2I$
7. If A and B are symmetric matrices of the same order, then $AB - BA$ is a:
(A) Symmetric matrix
(B) Skew-symmetric matrix
(C) Null matrix
(D) Identity matrix
8. Let A be a square matrix of order 3 such that $|A| = 2$. The value of $|2A|$ is:
(A) 4
(B) 8
(C) 16
(D) 6
9. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, then A^{-1} is:

- (A) $\begin{bmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 1.5 & -0.5 \end{bmatrix}$
 (B) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (C) $\begin{bmatrix} -4 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (D) $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$

10. The area of a triangle with vertices $(2, 7)$, $(1, 1)$ and $(10, 8)$ using determinants is:

- (A) 25
 (B) 23.5
 (C) 47
 (D) 50

11. If A is an invertible matrix of order 2, then $\det(A^{-1})$ is equal to:

- (A) $\det(A)$
 (B) $1/\det(A)$
 (C) 1
 (D) 0

12. If $\begin{bmatrix} x+y & 2 \\ 5+z & xy \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$, then the values of x, y, z respectively are:

- (A) 4, 2, 0
 (B) 2, 4, 0
 (C) Both (A) and (B)
 (D) 3, 3, 1

13. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ and $f(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{10}$, then $f(A)$ is:

- (A) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (B) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
 (C) $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
 (D) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

14. If A is a skew-symmetric matrix of order 3, then $|A|$ is:

- (A) 1
 (B) -1
 (C) 0
 (D) 3

15. In a system of linear equations $AX = B$, if $|A| = 0$ and $(adj A)B \neq O$, then the system has:

- (A) Unique solution
 (B) Infinitely many solutions
 (C) No solution
 (D) Trivial solution

16. If $A = [a_{ij}]_{3 \times 3}$ where $a_{ij} = i - j$, then A is a:

- (A) Symmetric matrix
- (B) Skew-symmetric matrix
- (C) Diagonal matrix
- (D) Scalar matrix

17. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ such that $ad - bc \neq 0$, then $\text{adj}(A)$ is:

(A) $\begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix}$

(B) $\begin{bmatrix} d & c \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$

(C) $\begin{bmatrix} a & c \\ b & d \end{bmatrix}$

(D) $\begin{bmatrix} -d & b \\ c & -a \end{bmatrix}$

18. If A and B are square matrices of order n such that $A^2 - B^2 = (A - B)(A + B)$, then:

- (A) $AB = BA$
- (B) $A = B$
- (C) $A = O$ or $B = O$
- (D) $A^2 = B^2$

19. The trace of a matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ is:

- (A) 15
- (B) 45
- (C) 1
- (D) 0

20. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$, then the value of A^k is given by:

(A) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2k & -4k \\ k & 1 - 2k \end{bmatrix}$

(B) $\begin{bmatrix} 3k & -4k \\ k & -k \end{bmatrix}$

(C) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 + 3k & -4k \\ k & 1 - k \end{bmatrix}$

(D) $\begin{bmatrix} 3^k & (-4)^k \\ 1^k & (-1)^k \end{bmatrix}$

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