

# CUET (UG) – MATHEMATICS

Chapter Test - 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  $A = [a_{ij}]$  is a square matrix of order  $n \times n$  such that  $a_{ij} = 0$  for  $i \neq j$  and  $a_{ij} = k$  (where  $k$  is a non-zero constant) for  $i = j$ , then  $A$  is called a:
  - (A) Identity matrix
  - (B) Scalar matrix
  - (C) Diagonal matrix
  - (D) Unit matrix
2. 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)  $3A$
3. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $3 \times 3$  non-zero skew-symmetric matrices and  $C$  be a  $3 \times 3$  non-zero symmetric matrix. Which of the following is a skew-symmetric matrix?
  - (A)  $A^4B^3 - B^3A^4$
  - (B)  $A^9 - B^9$
  - (C)  $C^2$
  - (D)  $A^{23} + B^{23}$
4. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|A^3| = 125$ , then the value of  $\alpha$  is:
  - (A)  $\pm 3$
  - (B)  $\pm 2$
  - (C)  $\pm 5$
  - (D)  $0$
5. If  $A$  is an invertible matrix of order 3 and  $|A| = 5$ , then  $|\text{adj}(A)|$  is:
  - (A) 5
  - (B) 125
  - (C) 25
  - (D) 625
6. The number of all possible matrices of order  $3 \times 3$  with each entry 0 or 1 is:
  - (A) 27
  - (B) 18
  - (C) 81
  - (D) 512
7. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^2 - 5A$  is equal to:
  - (A)  $2I$
  - (B)  $-2I$
  - (C)  $I$
  - (D)  $0$
8. If  $A$  and  $B$  are symmetric matrices of the same order, then  $AB - BA$  is a:
  - (A) Symmetric matrix
  - (B) Skew-symmetric matrix
  - (C) Zero matrix
  - (D) Identity matrix
9. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^4$  is:
  - (A)  $A$
  - (B)  $I$
  - (C)  $-A$
  - (D)  $-I$

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

10. For what value of  $k$  the following system of equations has no solution?

$$\begin{aligned} x + y + z &= 2 \\ x + 2y + 3z &= 5 \\ x + 3y + kz &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

- (A) 4  
 (B) 5  
 (C) 6  
 (D) 0
11. If  $A$  is a square matrix of order 3 such that  $|\text{adj}(\text{adj}(A))| = |A|^k$ , then the value of  $k$  is:  
 (A) 2  
 (B) 4  
 (C) 8  
 (D) 9

12. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^{-1}$  is:

- (A)  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$   
 (B)  $\begin{bmatrix} -\cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$   
 (C)  $\begin{bmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta \\ \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \end{bmatrix}$   
 (D)  $\begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$

13. Total number of elements in a matrix having 12 elements can be represented by how many possible orders?

- (A) 4  
 (B) 6  
 (C) 5  
 (D) 3

14. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -3 \\ -4 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $\text{adj}(A)$  is:

- (A)  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & 3 \\ 4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 (B)  $\begin{bmatrix} 7 & -3 \\ -4 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$   
 (C)  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 3 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

(D)  $\begin{bmatrix} -7 & -3 \\ -4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

15. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix such that  $|A| = 2$ . Then  $|3A|$  is:

- (A) 6
- (B) 18
- (C) 54
- (D) 27

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

- (A) 1
- (B) -1
- (C) 0
- (D) Any non-zero real number

17. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & b & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^2$  is:

- (A) Unit matrix
- (B) Null matrix
- (C)  $A$
- (D)  $-I$

18. Given  $2x - y + 3z = 9$ ,  $x + y + z = 6$ ,  $x - y + z = 2$ . The value of  $y$  using Matrix method is:

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

19. If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of order 3 such that  $|A| = -1$  and  $|B| = 3$ , then  $|3AB|$  is:

- (A) -9
- (B) -81
- (C) -27
- (D) 81

20. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda & 1 \\ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^n$  is:

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

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