



Blue Print (As per PU Board)

Topic	1 mark questions	2 marks questions	4 marks questions	5 marks questions	Total Marks
Determinants	1	1	1	1	12

One mark questions

1. If A is a square matrix with $|A| = 6$, find the value of $|AA'|$.

Answer: $|AA'| = |A||A'| = 6 \times 6 = 36$. (1 mark)

2. If $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 \\ 18 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 6 & 2 \\ 18 & 6 \end{vmatrix}$, find the value of x .

Answer: $x^2 - 36 = 36 - 36 \Rightarrow x^2 = 36 \Rightarrow x = \pm 6$. (1 mark)

3. Find the adjoint of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Answer: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, $A_{11} = 4, A_{12} = -3, A_{21} = -2, A_{22} = 1$, $Adj A = \begin{bmatrix} A_{11} & A_{21} \\ A_{12} & A_{22} \end{bmatrix}$ (1 mark)

$Adj A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Two marks questions

4. Evaluate $\begin{vmatrix} 4321 & 4322 \\ 4323 & 4324 \end{vmatrix}$

Answer: $R_2 \rightarrow R_2 - R_1$

$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 4321 & 4322 \\ 4323 - 4321 & 4324 - 4322 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 4321 & 4322 \\ 2 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$ (1 mark)

$= 2 \begin{vmatrix} 4321 & 4322 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 2(4321 - 4322) = 2(-1) = -2$ (1 mark)

5. Solve $x + 3y = 5, 2x + 6y = 8$ using matrix method

Answer: The given equations can be written as $AX = B$ where

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$, $X = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$ (1 mark)

$|A| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} = 6 - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow A$ is singular.

Hence solution does not exist (1 mark)

6. Evaluate using property of determinants $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 65 \\ 3 & 8 & 75 \\ 5 & 9 & 86 \end{vmatrix}$.

Answer: $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 63 \\ 3 & 8 & 72 \\ 5 & 9 & 81 \end{vmatrix}$ (1 mark)

Taking 9 as common factor from C_3 .



$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 7 & 7 \\ 3 & 8 & 8 \\ 5 & 9 & 9 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad [\because C_2 = C_3] \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Four marks questions

7. If a, b, c are in A.P. Show that $\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Answer: Since a, b, c are in A.P we have $2b = a + c \dots(1)$ (1 mark)

LHS = $\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & x+3 & x+2a \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix}$ Apply $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 - 2R_2 + R_3$

$$= \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2a - 4b + 2c \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Using (1), $2a - 4b + 2c = 2(2b) - 4b = 0$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+2b \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+2c \end{vmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$\therefore \text{LHS} = 0 = \text{RHS}$ [\because all the elements in R_1 are zeros] (1 mark)

8. Using properties of determinant, prove that $\begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos(\alpha + \delta) \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos(\beta + \delta) \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos(\gamma + \delta) \end{vmatrix} = 0$

Answer: LHS = $\begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos(\alpha + \delta) \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos(\beta + \delta) \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos(\gamma + \delta) \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \cos \alpha \cos \delta - \sin \alpha \sin \delta \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & \cos \beta \cos \delta - \sin \beta \sin \delta \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & \cos \gamma \cos \delta - \sin \gamma \sin \delta \end{vmatrix}$ (1 mark)

Apply $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 + C_1 \sin \delta - C_2 \cos \delta$ (1 mark)

$$\text{LHS} = \begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \end{vmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

LHS = 0 = RHS [\because all the elements in C_3 are zeros] (1 mark)

9. Prove that $\begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} = (a+b+c)^3$

Answer: LHS = $\begin{vmatrix} a-b-c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix}$

Applying $R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 + R_3$

$$= (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2b & b-c-a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c-a-b \end{vmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

Applying $C_2 \rightarrow C_2 - C_1, C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_1$



$$\text{LHS} = (a+b+c) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2b & -(a+b+c) & 0 \\ 2c & 0 & -(a+b+c) \end{vmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$= (a+b+c)^3 \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2b & -1 & 0 \\ 2c & 0 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \quad (\text{Taking common } (a+b+c) \text{ from } C_1 \text{ and } C_3) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (a+b+c)^3 (1 \times -1 \times -1) \\ &= (a+b+c)^3 = \text{RHS} \quad (1 \text{ mark}) \end{aligned}$$

Five marks questions

10. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ verify that $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$.

$$\text{Answer: } |A| = 1, \text{ Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -7 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \therefore A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -7 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$|B| = -2, \text{ Adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -8 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \therefore B^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -8 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$AB = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 2 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 8 \\ 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 67 & 87 \\ 47 & 61 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$(AB)^{-1} = \frac{-1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 61 & -87 \\ -47 & 67 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(1) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$B^{-1}A^{-1} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -8 \\ -7 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -7 \\ -2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 61 & -87 \\ -47 & 67 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(2) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

From (1) and (2) $(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$

11. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$, Show that $A^2 - 5A + 7I = 0$, Hence find A^{-1} .

$$\text{Answer: } A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$5A = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 5 \\ -5 & 10 \end{bmatrix}, \quad 7I = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\text{Consider } A^2 - 5A + 7I = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 \\ -5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 5 \\ -5 & 10 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 0 & 7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 8-15+7 & 5-5+0 \\ -5+5+0 & 3-10+7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = 0. \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\therefore A^2 - 5A + 7I = 0 \times A^{-1}$$

$$A^2 A^{-1} - 5A A^{-1} + 7I A^{-1} = 0 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$A - 5I + 7A^{-1} = 0$$

$$\therefore 7A^{-1} = 5I - A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$7A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$



$$\therefore A^{-1} = \frac{1}{7} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

12. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$ verify that $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A = |A|I$.

$$\text{Answer: } \text{adj } A = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = -12 + 6 = -6 \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$|A|I = \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(1) \quad (1 \text{ mark})$$

$$\begin{aligned} A(\text{adj } A) &= \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(2) \quad (1 \text{ mark}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{adj } A)A &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & -3 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ -2 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -6 & 0 \\ 0 & -6 \end{bmatrix} \quad \dots(3) \quad (1 \text{ mark}) \end{aligned}$$

From (1), (2) and (3) we get $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A = |A|I$ (1 mark)