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VCE Specialist Mathematics ½

Vectors I [6.1]

Test

20.5 Marks. 1 Minute Reading. 16 Minutes Writing.

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Section A: Test Questions (20.5 Marks)

Question 1 (3.5 marks)

Tick whether the following statements are **true** or **false**.

Statement	True	False
a. Scalar quantity has a direction component whereas a vector quantity does not.		
b. If $\vec{OA} = \mathbf{a}$, $\vec{OB} = \mathbf{b}$, $\vec{CA} = \mathbf{u}$ and $\vec{CB} = \mathbf{v}$, then $\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{v} - \mathbf{u}$.		
c. The resultant vector is a sum of any number of vectors added together.		
d. Subtraction of a vector can be thought of adding a negative vector.		
e. Scalar multiplication does not change the direction of the vector.		
f. If the point A has coordinates $(1, 4)$ and the point B has coordinates $(3, 5)$ then the position vector of A is $2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$.		
g. The angle between two vectors is measured by joining one's head with another vector's tail.		

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Question 2 (4 marks)

The point A has coordinates $(2, 1, -3)$ and point B is such that $\overrightarrow{AB} = 3\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 5\mathbf{k}$.

- a.** Find the position vector of B . (2 marks)

- b.** Hence, find the distance of B from O . (2 marks)

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Question 3 (3 marks)

Consider the points $A: (1, 2)$ and $B: (2, -1)$.

It is known that $\overrightarrow{OA} + k\mathbf{j}$ and \overrightarrow{AB} are parallel to each other.

Find the value of k .

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Question 4 (4 marks)

The following information is given for two points which lie on the same plane.

$$\overrightarrow{OA} = \mathbf{i} + 4\mathbf{j} \text{ and } \overrightarrow{OB} = 5\mathbf{i} + 5\mathbf{j}$$

- a. Find the vector \overrightarrow{AB} and hence, state its length. (2 marks)

- b. Find $\cos(\theta)$, where θ is the angle AOB . (2 marks)

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Question 5 (6 marks)

Given the vectors:

$$\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + 3\mathbf{k}$$

$$\mathbf{b} = 2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$$

- a.** Evaluate $\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}$. (1 mark)

- b.** Calculate the dot product of \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} . (1 mark)

- c.** Find a unit vector in the direction of $-\mathbf{a}$. (1 mark)

- d.** Find $\sin(\theta)$, where θ is the angle between \mathbf{a} and the z-axis. (3 marks)

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