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FACULTY OF SCIENCES

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Course Code:MTH401

Course Title: General Topology I

Credit Unit: 3

Time Allowed: 3Hours

Total Marks: 70%

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE(1) AND ANY FOUR (4)
 QUESTIONS (TOTAL = 5 QUESTIONS IN ALL)**

1(a) Let p be a prime number, and $d : \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow [0; +\infty)$ be a function defined by
 $d_p(x; y) = p^{-\max\{m \in \mathbb{N} : pm/x - y\}}$. **(4marks)**

1(b) Let (X, τ) be a topological and (Y, d) a metric space. If $f, g : X \rightarrow Y$ are continuous,
 show that the set $\{x_1 \in X; f(x) = g(x)\}$ is closed. **(4½marks)**

1(c) Let $(X; d)$ be a metric space and $F \subseteq X$ be a finite subset. Prove that F is closed in X . **(2½marks)**

1(d) Let \mathbb{R} be endowed with standard topology. Show that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$,
 $x + \varepsilon, \varepsilon > 0\}$ is a neighbourhood basis of x . **(4½marks)** $w = \{ (x - \varepsilon,$

1(e) Let τ_1 and τ_2 be two topologies on the same space X .

(i) Show that $\tau_1 \subseteq \tau_2$ if and only if given $x \in \tau_1$ there exists $v \in \tau_2$ such that $x \in v \subseteq U$ **(2½marks)**

(ii) Show also that $\tau_1 = \tau_2$ if and only if given $x \in U \in \tau_1$ there exists $v \in \tau_2$ and $x \in v \subseteq U$ and
 given $x \in U \in \tau_2$, we can find $U \in \tau_1$ such that $x \in v \subseteq U$. **(4marks)**

(TOTAL=22marks)

2(a) Consider the interval $[0, 1]$ with the Euclidean metric and $A = [0, 1] \cap \mathbb{Q}$ with the inherited
 metric. Exhibit, and prove, a continuous map $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (where \mathbb{R} has the standard metric) such
 that the set $\{x_1 \in X; f(x) = g(x)\}$ is closed **(6marks)**

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2(b) Let $(X; d)$ be a metric space and $Y \subseteq X$ be a subspace. Then $U \subseteq Y$ is open (closed) in Y if and only if there exist $V \subseteq X$ open (closed) in X such that $U = V \cap Y$. **(6marks)**

3(a) Consider (\mathbb{R}, τ) with the standard (Euclidean) topology, then show that a set E is compact if and only if it is closed, and bounded (that is, there exists an M such that

$$|x| \leq M \text{ for all } x \in E) \quad \textbf{(6marks)}$$

3(b) Let $(X; d)$ be a metric space and $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq X$. Prove that the function $X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $x \rightarrow d(x; Y)$ is a continuous function. **(6marks)**

4(a) If (X, τ) and (Y, σ) are Hausdorff topological spaces, then show that $X \times Y$ with the product topology is also Hausdorff. **(4marks)**

4(b) Show that the product of two Hausdorff spaces is Hausdorff **(4marks)**

4(c) Prove that a discrete metric space is compact if and only if its underlying set is finite **(4marks)**

5(a) Let $\{X_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in J}$ be an indexed family topological spaces. Assume that the topology on each X_α is given by a basis B_α . Show that the family $\{\prod_{\alpha \in J} B_\alpha : B_\alpha \in \mathcal{B}_\alpha \text{ and } B_\alpha = X_\alpha \text{ for all but finitely many } \alpha \in J\}$ is a basis for the product topology $\prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$ **(7marks)**

5(b) Let X be a set and $T = \{U \subseteq X : U = \emptyset ; \text{ or } X \setminus U \text{ is countable}\}$. Prove that T is a topology on X **(5marks)**

6(a) Let X be a set and B be a basis for a topology on X . Prove that the topology generated by B is indeed a topology. **(3marks)**

6(b) Let X be the set of all sequences $x: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ converging to zero. Show that: **(3marks)**

(i) The function $d: X \times X \rightarrow [0, +\infty]$ defined by $d(x_n, y_n) = \sup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (x_n, y_n)$ is a metric on X **(3marks)**

(ii) The metric space (X, d) is separable. **(3marks)**