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**FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**  
**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**Course Code: Business Mathematics**

**Course Title: BUS729**

**Credit Unit: 2**

- Instructions:**
1. Indicate your Matriculation Number clearly
  2. Attempt Question 1 and any other two (2) questions
  3. Question 1 is compulsory and carries 30 marks while the other 2 questions carry 20marks each
  4. Present all your points in coherent and orderly manner

**Time Allowed: 2 Hours**

1. In a group of 70 students in a science school, 37 students like reading in the Science library, 52 students like reading in the Art library and each student likes at least one of the two libraries. How many students like reading in both Science and Art library? 20  
 Marks

1b. Let A and B be any two-multiplication conformable/compatible matrices such that  $AB = 0$ . Is AB zero matrix as stated? 10 Marks

2. Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6$ . Find  $f(A)$ , if  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  20 Marks

3. Given  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3+a & 2b+a \\ 1+b & a & 5 \\ b^2 & 1 & a \end{pmatrix}$  20 Marks

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & c \\ 4 & a-1 & 5 \\ b^2 & 1 & a-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and I (the 3 x 3 identity matrix). Find the values of the constants a, b, c respectively, such that  $A = B + I$

4a. Find the number of ways the letters of the MISSISSIPPI can be arranged 10 Marks

4b. Let  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & n \\ \frac{1}{4} & 7 & \frac{1}{2} \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

The minor of entry  $B_{23}$  of the matrix B above is? 10 Marks