Books, watches, notes or cell phones are not allowed. The only calculators allowed are the Sharp EL-531**. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1. (2 marks) Determine whether the following statement is true or false. If the statement is false provide a counterexample. If the statement is true provide a proof of the statement.

If the number of equations in a linear system exceeds the number of unknowns, then the system must be inconsistent.

Question 2. (3 marks) Find all values of k for which the given augmented matrix corresponds to a consistent linear system.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -4 & k \\ -6 & 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Question 2. (3 marks) Given the linear system $\begin{cases} x - y + z = b_1 \\ 2x - 2y - 2z = b_2 \text{. Determine the } b_i \text{ if the linear system has the particular solution } (3, -2, 1). \\ x + 3y - 5z = b_3 \end{cases}$

Question 3. (4 marks) Find the solution set of the linear equation by using parameters as necessary

$$3x_1 - 5x_2 + 4x_3 = 7$$

Also find two particular solutions.