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Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt any Five questions.
3. Question No. 1 is compulsory.
4. Use of Non-programmable scientific calculator is allowed.

1. Attempt any five of the following questions :

- (i) A galaxy moves away from the earth at $0.2c$. What is the natural wavelength of a spectral line whose wavelength measured in a laboratory is 600 nm ?
- (ii) Calculate the minimum velocity with which a body may be projected so that it may become a satellite of the earth assuming it takes a circular orbit around earth.
- (iii) A particle executing a S.H.M. has a maximum displacement of 4 cm and its acceleration at a distance of 1 cm from its mean position is 3 cm/s^2 . What will its velocity be when it is at a distance of 2 cm from its mean position ?

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- (iv) Two objects, one initially at rest, undergo a one dimensional elastic collision. If half the kinetic energy of the initially moving object is transferred to the other object, what is the ratio of their masses ?
- (v) Show that the force field $F = (y^2z^3 - 6xz^2)\mathbf{i} + 2xyz^3\mathbf{j} + (3xy^2z^2 - 6x^2z)\mathbf{k}$ is a conservative force field. Hence, find the work done in moving a particle from the point A $(-2, 1, 3)$ to $(1, -2, -1)$ in the given force field.
- (vi) Find the centre of mass of a homogeneous semi-circular plate of radius R.
- (vii) Distinguish between inertial and gravitational mass of a body.
- (viii) A hoop of radius 100cm and mass 19 Kg is rolling along a horizontal surface, so that its centre of mass has a velocity of 20 cms^{-1} . How much work will have to be done to stop it ? (5×3)
2. (i) Setup the differential equation of motion of a damped harmonic oscillator subjected to a sinusoidal force, $F = F_0 \sin \omega t$. Discuss its steady state solution and obtain an expression for its maximum amplitude.
- (ii) What is sharpness of resonance ? Explain the effect of damping on sharpness of resonance. (12,3)
3. (i) What is reduced mass ? Reduce two body problem to one body problem and obtain equation of motion for equivalent one body problem for two masses.
- (ii) A uniform sphere of mass M and radius R and a uniform cylinder of mass M and radius R are released simultaneously from rest at the top of an inclined plane. Which body reaches the bottom first if both roll without slipping ? Find the velocity of both at the bottom. (9,6)

4. (i) What are Inertial and Non-Inertial frames ? Explain giving an example of each.
- (ii) How does the rotation of Earth about its axis affect the acceleration due to gravity experienced by a body at rest at a point on the surface of earth ? Support your answer with a suitable derivation and diagram. (6,9)
5. (i) Deduce the mathematical expression for the law of addition of relativistic velocities. Hence, show that in no case the resultant velocity of a material particle can be greater than c and that the Lorentz velocity transformation equations reduce to Galilean ones for values of $v \ll c$.
- (iii) A spaceship moving away from the earth with velocity $0.6c$ fires a rocket (whose velocity relative to the spaceship is $0.7c$),
- (a) away from the earth
- (b) towards the earth.
- What will be the velocity of the rocket, as observed from the earth in the two cases. (10,5)
6. (i) A projectile launched at an angle θ to the horizontal reaches a maximum height h . Show that its horizontal range is $4h/\tan\theta$.
- (ii) Prove that in the Centre of mass frame of reference, magnitude of velocities of the two particles remain unaltered in an elastic collision between them.
- (iii) A head-on elastic collision between two particles with equal initial speeds v leaves the more massive particle at rest. Find the ratio of the particle masses. (6,4,5)

7. (i) Obtain expressions for gravitational potential at a point inside and outside a thin uniform spherical shell of radius R and mass M . Also depict your results graphically.
- (ii) (a) Find the moment of inertia of a solid cylinder of length L , radius R and mass M about an axis passing through its centre and perpendicular to its geometrical axis.
- (b) Calculate the radius of gyration of the solid cylinder of length 34, length 24 cm and radius 8 cm about an axis through its centre and perpendicular to its geometrical axis. (7,6,2)