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PHYSICS (Honours)

Paper : II

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Time : 11 am – 3 pm

Full Marks : 100

[Use a separate Answer Book for each group]

Answer any two questions from each of the Groups A, B and C
and any four questions from Group D

Group – A

[20 marks]

1. Let $f(x)$ be a function of period 2π such that $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$ over the interval $0 < x < 2\pi$.
 - a) Sketch a graph of $f(x)$ in the interval $0 < x < 4\pi$. 2
 - b) Show that the Fourier series for $f(x)$ in the interval $0 < x < 2\pi$ is $\frac{\pi}{2} - \left[\sin x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x + \frac{1}{3} \sin 3x + \dots \right]$. 4
 - c) By giving an appropriate value of x show that $\frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \dots$. 2
 - d) Write Dirichlet conditions for Fourier series. 2
2. a) Consider the Maxwell's equation: $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E}(\vec{r}, t) = \frac{1}{\epsilon_0} f(\vec{r}, t)$. Let $\vec{E}(\vec{k}, t)$, $f(\vec{k}, t)$ are the fourier spatial transform of $\vec{E}(\vec{r}, t)$, $f(\vec{r}, t)$ respectively. Write the equation in reciprocal or Fourier space. 2
 - b) Find the Fourier transform of e^{-ax^2} and comment on result. Graphically draw both the functions (given and result) and show if any change. 3+1+1
 - c) Using properties of Dirac function show that $f(x) \delta(x-a) = f(a) \delta(x-a)$. 1½
 - d) Evaluate $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-5t} \delta(-z) dt$. 1½
3. Consider the Laplace's equation $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$. $u(x, y)$ is the steady state temperature at any point in the region $x > 0$, $0 < y < h$.
 - a) Assume a solution of the form $u(x, y) = F(x)G(y)$, and obtain two ordinary differential equations taking the separation constant to be σ .
Use the boundary conditions: $u(x, 0) = 0$, $u(x, h) = 0$, $x > 0$; to show that $G(0) = 0$ and $G(h) = 0$. 1+1
 - b) Show that $\sigma = 0$ and $\sigma < 0$ leads to trivial solutions. 2
 - c) Show that for $\sigma > 0$ the nontrivial solutions can take the form $G_n(y) = B_n \sin \frac{n\pi}{h} y$, $n = 1, 2, \dots$ 3
 - d) Solve $F'' - \sigma F = 0$ and show that a sequence of solutions $\{F_n(x)\}$ are obtained. 1
 - e) Consider $u_n = F_n G_n$. Use the limiting condition $u(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $0 < y < h$ to find u_n . 2

4. a) Solve by the method of separation of variables: $3\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + 2\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$; given that $u(x, 0) = 4e^{-x}$. 4
- b) Solve the wave equation $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ under the following conditions: $u(0, t) = 0$; $u(l, t) = 0$;
 $u(x, 0) = a \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{l}\right)$; $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = 0$. 6

Group – B

[20 Marks]

5. a) A particle of mass m moves in a central force-field, $\vec{F} = -\hat{r} \frac{k}{r^2}$, ($k > 0$, constant)
- Show that the total energy E is a constant of motion.
 - Write down equations of motion in plane polar coordinates (r, θ) and show that they can be reduced to a one-dimensional equation of motion in an effective field of force given by,
 $F_{\text{eff}}(r) = \frac{-k}{r^2} + \frac{mh^2}{r^3}$, where $h = r^2 \dot{\theta}$. Hence obtain the effective potential $u_{\text{eff}}(r)$. 2+2
- b) i) Sketch the graph of $u_{\text{eff}}(r)$ vs r , and use it to discuss the nature of the orbits for $E > 0$, $E = 0$ and $E < 0$, with suitable diagrams.
- Calculate the positions of the turning points for each of the above cases.
 - Hence, calculate the total energy of the particle moving in a circular orbit. 3+2+1
6. a) A Cartesian coordinate system R with unit vectors $(\hat{e}_1, \hat{e}_2, \hat{e}_3)$ rotates with respect to a stationary coordinate system S having common origin, with an angular velocity $\vec{\omega}$. The position vector of a moving particle is $\vec{r}$ in both S and R .
- Show that, if $\vec{u} = \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}\right)_R$ and $\vec{v} = \left(\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt}\right)_S$, are the velocities of the particle in R and S respectively, $\vec{v} = \vec{u} + \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$. [You may assume the result: $\left(\frac{d\hat{e}_i}{dt}\right)_S = \vec{\omega} \times \hat{e}_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$].
 - Hence obtain an expression for the acceleration of the particle as observed from S , and interpret clearly the various terms appearing therein. 2+3
- b) Use the results of 2(a) to write down the equation of motion of the particle in the rotating frame R , if $\vec{F}$ is the force on the particle. Explain the nature of the various terms in the expression. 3
- c) A bug crawls radially outwards from the centre of a disc rotating with an uniform angular velocity ω about a perpendicular axis through the centre. If it is to move with a constant speed v , what forces are necessary to keep it doing so? 2
7. a) The equation of motion of a projectile of mass m and instantaneous velocity $\vec{v}$, moving near the earth's surface is, $m\frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = m\vec{g} - 2m\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}$, where $\vec{\omega}$ is the uniform angular velocity of the earth about the N–S axis.
- Set up a suitable rotating coordinate system at any point P on the surface at latitude λ .
 - Solve the above equation in this coordinate system to find the position vector $\vec{r}$ as a function of time, with the initial conditions: at $t = 0$, $r = r_0$, $\vec{v} = \vec{u}_0$ (Neglect all ω^2 – terms). 2+3

- b) A particle moves under the influence of a force field given by $\vec{F} = a (\hat{x} \sin wt + \hat{y} \cos wt)$. If the particle be initially at rest, prove that at an instant t ; work done on the particle is given by $\frac{a^2}{mw^2}(1 - \cos wt)$. (Do not ignore the initial conditions). 5
8. Consider a rotating rigid body. Axis of rotation ($\hat{n}$) passes through the origin of the body reference frame $OXYZ$. Let $\vec{r}_i$ be the position vector of i -th particle in the body.
- a) i) Draw a figure showing $OXYZ$, $\hat{n}$, $\vec{r}_i$ and write $\vec{r}_i$ in $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ basis.
 ii) Write $\hat{n}$ in terms of direction cosines.
 iii) Deduce the explicit expression for moment of inertia $I_{\hat{n}}$ about axis $\hat{n}$. 2+1+3
- b) Moment of inertia of a cube about an axis that passes through the center of mass and center of one face is I_0 . Find the moment of inertia about an axis through the center of mass and one corner of the cube. (Use the explicit expression you derived in a(iii)). 4

Group – C

[20 Marks]

9. a) State and prove Gauss's theorem of gravitation. 4
- b) A particle moves in a circular orbit under the action of a force $f(r) = -\frac{K}{r^2}$. If K is suddenly reduced to half its original value, show that the particle would move along a parabola. 3
- c) Derive an expression for gravitational field inside a sphere of radius R , when the mass density at a point is $\rho = a + br^2$, where a & b are constants and r is the distance of the point from the centre of the sphere. 3
10. a) Differentiate between angle of twist and angle of shear. 1
- b) Derive an expression for the couple required to bend a uniform straight metallic strip into an arc of a circle of small radius. 4
- c) A cylinder of radius r and length l is recast into a pipe of same length. If the pipe possesses torsional rigidity which is 19 times greater than that of the original cylinder, calculate the inner radius of the pipe. 2
- d) Find the amount of work done in twisting a steel wire of radius 1 mm and length 25 cm through an angle of 45° . Modulus of rigidity of steel being 8×10^{11} C.G.S. unit. 3
11. a) Define surface tension. Find the excess pressure acting on the curved surface of curved membrane. 1+3
- b) Explain why water is raised and mercury is depressed in a capillary tube. 2
- c) Two soap bubbles of radii r_1 and r_2 coalesce to form a single bubble of radius R . If the external pressure is P , prove that the surface tension T of the soap solution is given by $T = \frac{P(R^3 - r_1^3 - r_2^3)}{4(r_1^2 + r_2^2 - R^2)}$. 4
12. a) Derive coefficient of viscosity. 1
- b) What are the different forces one need to consider while studying fluid dynamics? By considering all the forces derive the Euler's equation for fluid dynamics. 6

- c) Water is flowing through a capillary tube 40 cm long and of 1 mm internal radius under a constant pressure head of 15 cm of water. Calculate the maximum velocity of water in the tube and verify that the flow is stream lined. Given: for water viscosity = 0.0098 poise. Reynold's number = 1000 and $g = 980 \text{ cm/sec}^2$. 3

Group – D

[40 Marks]

13. a) What are the characteristic features of stationary waves? Distinguish between stationary and travelling waves. 2
- b) State and explain the superposition principle and linearity. 2
- c) For a wave in medium, the angular frequency ω and the wave vector $\vec{k}$ are related by:

$$\omega^2 = c^2 k^2 (1 + \alpha k^2).$$

where c and α are constants. Prove that the product of group velocity and phase velocity is given by:

$$v_g \cdot v_p = c^2 (1 + 2\alpha k^2). \quad 3$$

- d) A particle is subjected to two SHMs represented by the equations $x = a_1 \sin \omega t$, $y = a_2 \sin(2\omega t + \delta)$ in a plane acting at right angles to each other. Discuss the formation of Lissajons' figures due to superposition of these two vibrations. 3

14. a) Obtain an expression for velocity of longitudinal waves propagating through a medium of density ρ and bulk modulus of elasticity χ . 4

- b) The intensity of sound in a normal conversation is about $3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W/m}^2$, and the frequency of normal human voice is about 1 KHz. Find the amplitude of waves, assuming that the air is at standard conditions (density $\approx 1 \text{ kg/m}^3$, speed of sound in air $\approx 340 \text{ m/s}$). 2

- c) Transverse waves are generated in two uniform steel wires A and B of diameters 10^{-3} m and $0.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$, respectively; by attaching their free end to a vibrating source of frequency 500 Hz. Find the ratio of wavelengths if they are stretched with the same tension. 2

- d) Using adiabatic gas laws show that the velocity of sound waves through gases is given by $v = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma RT}{M}}$, where $\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v}$, ratio of principal heat capacities. 2

15. a) The general expression for transverse displacement $\eta(x, t)$ of a plucked string (clamped at $x = 0$ & $x = L$) is given by:

$$\eta(x, t) = \sum_n c_n \sin \frac{n\pi x}{L} \cos \frac{n\pi vt}{L},$$

where v is the speed of transverse waves on the string.

If the string is plucked at $x = a$, through a height h , so that the initial displacement $\eta(x, 0)$ is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(x, 0) &= \frac{h}{a} x, \text{ for } 0 < x < a \\ &= \frac{h}{L-a} (L-x), \text{ for } a < x < L, \end{aligned}$$

then find the coefficients c_n .

Hence prove that the energy of transverse vibration of the string, plucked at $x = \frac{L}{3}$, is given by:

$$E_{total} = \frac{\mu}{L} \left(\frac{9hv}{2\pi} \right)^2 \sum_n \frac{1}{n^2} \sin^2 \frac{n\pi}{3},$$

where μ is the mass per unit length of the string.

4+3

- b) Suppose a source, emitting waves of frequency ν and an observer move in the same direction with velocities u and v , respectively. Show that the frequency registered by the observer is given by:

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$$\nu' = \frac{\nu(c-v)}{c-u} \quad (c \text{ being the wave velocity}).$$

16. a) What are temporal and spatial coherence?

2

- b) Obtain the ratio of coherence lengths of two laser sources having frequency widths 2×10^2 Hz and 3×10^2 Hz.

2

- c) Explain the formation of coherent sources in the case of Fresnel biprism using a neat diagram.

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- d) In Newton's rings experiment the diameter of 10th ring changes from 1.5 cm to 1.4 cm when a liquid is introduced between the lens and the plate. Calculate the refractive index of the liquid.

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17. a) Derive Airy's formula for the intensity distribution of the transmitted beam in case of Fabry-Perot interferometer. Explain the sharpness of fringes obtained with the interferometer in terms of fringe half width.

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- b) Fringes of equal inclination are observed in a Michelson interferometer. As one of the mirrors is moved back 1 mm, 3663 fringes move out from the centre of the pattern. Calculate the wavelength of the light.

2

- c) What is the smallest resolvable wavelength difference for a Fabry-Perot interferometer, if the reflectivity of the plates is 95%? (Assume the central wave length to be 5000 Å.)

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18. a) Find the intensity expression for the Fraunhofer diffraction pattern of the double slit. Deduce the conditions for maxima and minima.

4+2

- b) Find the missing orders in the double slit diffraction pattern if the width of each slit is half of the separation of two consecutive slits.

2

- c) A plane transmission grating having 3000 lines/cm gives an angle of diffraction of a line by 30° in third order. Find the wavelength.

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19. a) What is meant by the resolving power of optical instruments? Explain Rayleigh criterion for resolution.

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- b) What are half period zones? Obtain the expression for area of the n^{th} zone.

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- c) Obtain the expression for resolving power of a plane diffraction grating. Hence find the width of a grating of 2000 lines/cm to resolve the sodium D₁ and D₂ lines in second order.

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