

2019

MATHEMATICS

( Major )

Paper : 5.4

( Rigid Dynamics )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following questions : 1×7=7
- (a) Write down the moment of inertia of a solid sphere of radius  $a$  and mass  $M$  about a diameter.
  - (b) Define equimomental systems.
  - (c) State the theorem of parallel axes on moment of inertia.
  - (d) Define the centre of oscillation of a compound pendulum.
  - (e) What is the principle of conservation of energy?
  - (f) A particle moving freely in space requires three coordinates  $(x, y, z)$ , to specify its position. What is the degree of freedom of the particle?
  - (g) What are generalized coordinates?

2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

(a) A particle of mass 4 units is placed at the point  $(-1, -1, 1)$ . What is the product of inertia of the particle about  $OX - OY$ ; and  $OY - OZ$ ?

(b) A particle of mass 3 units is located at the point  $(2, 0, 0)$ . The particle rotates about  $O$  with angular velocity  $\vec{\omega} = \hat{k}$ . Find the angular momentum of the particle about  $O$ .

(c) A rigid body with one point fixed rotates with angular velocity  $\vec{\omega}$  and has angular momentum  $\vec{\Omega}$ . Prove that the kinetic energy is given by

$$T = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{\Omega})$$

(d) A particle of mass  $m$  moves in a conservative force field. Write the Lagrangian function.

3. Answer the following questions : 5×3=15

(a) Show that the moment of inertia of a rectangular lamina of mass  $M$  and sides  $2a, 2b$  about a diagonal is

$$\frac{2M}{3} \frac{a^2 b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$$

Or

Find the product of inertia of a semi-circular wire about diameter and tangent at its extremity.

- (b) State and prove d'Alembert's principle.
- (c) Show that the momental ellipsoid at the centre of an elliptic plate is

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \left( \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) z^2 = \text{constant}$$

Or

Show that a uniform rod of mass  $M$  is kinetically equivalent to three particles, rigidly connected and situated one at each end of the rod and its middle point, the masses of the particles being  $\frac{1}{6}M$ ,

$$\frac{1}{6}M \text{ and } \frac{2}{3}M.$$

4. A rod of length  $2a$ , is suspended by a string of length  $l$ , attached to one end, if the string and rod revolve about the vertical with uniform angular velocity and their inclinations to the vertical be  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  respectively, show that

$$\frac{3P}{a} = \frac{(4 \tan \theta - 3 \tan \phi) \sin \phi}{(\tan \phi - \tan \theta) \sin \theta}$$

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Or

- (a) A rough uniform board of mass  $m$  and length  $2a$ , rests on a smooth horizontal plane and a man of mass  $M$  walks on it from one end to the other. Find the distance through which the board moves in this time.

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- (b) A circular board is placed on a smooth horizontal plane and a body runs round the edge of it at a uniform rate. What is the motion of the board? 4

5. (a) Prove that the time of complete oscillation of a compound pendulum is

$$2\pi \sqrt{\frac{k^2}{gh}}$$

where  $k$  is the radius of gyration of the body about a fixed axis and  $h$  is the distance of centre of inertia of the body from the fixed axis. 5

- (b) Set up the Lagrangian for a simple pendulum and obtain an equation describing its motion. 5

6. A uniform sphere rolls down an inclined plane, rough enough to prevent any sliding. Discuss the motion. 10

Or

Obtain the equation of motion of a rigid body under impulsive forces. 10

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