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Second Semester

Mathematics — Core

CLASSICAL MECHANICS

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 1 = 10$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

1. The moment of force about 0 is defined by $N =$
_____.

(a) $\mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{F}$

(b) $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{F}$

(c) $\mathbf{r} \times \mathbf{P}$

(d) None

2. The scalar quantity $mv^2/2$ is called the
_____.

(a) Kinetic energy

(b) Potential energy

(c) Torque

(d) Mass

3. The Lagrangian function $L =$ _____.
 (a) $T - V$ (b) $T + V$
 (c) TV (d) $T \div V$
4. The equation of motion is _____.
 (a) $F_i - p_i = 0$ (b) $F_i - t_i$
 (c) $F_i \delta r_i$ (d) F_{ij}
5. Generalized momentum conjugate to a cyclic co-ordinate is _____.
 (a) conserved (b) variable
 (c) zero (d) none
6. Curves that give the shortest distance between two points on a given surface are called the _____ of the surface.
 (a) perpendicular (b) geodesics
 (c) torque (d) mass
7. Conservation of total energy $T + V =$ _____.
 (a) 0 (b) 1
 (c) constant (d) none

8. All point transformations are _____.
(a) canonical (b) non-canonical
(c) both (d) none
9. The potential force under inverse square law of force is _____.
(a) $-\frac{K}{r^2}$ (b) $-\frac{K}{r}$
(c) Kr (d) Kr^2
10. The nature of orbit when $e=1$ and $E=0$ is _____.
(a) elliptic (b) parabola
(c) hyperbola (d) circle

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, by choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) State and prove conservation theorem for total angular momentum.

Or

- (b) Prove that if the total force F is zero then $P=0$ and the linear momentum P is conserved.

12. (a) Derive D'Alembert principle.

Or

- (b) Write about the Atwood's machine.

13. (a) Explain about the Brachistochrone problem.

Or

- (b) Show that the minimum surface of revolution is a catenary.

14. (a) Find the total number of integral exponents resulting in elliptic functions.

Or

- (b) Prove that the central force motion of two bodies about their centre of mass can always be reduced to an equivalent one body problem.

15. (a) Derive the Kepler's equation $wt = \psi - e \sin \psi$.

Or

- (b) Derive the condition $E = \frac{-mK^2}{2e^2}$ for circular motion.

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, by choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) State and prove conservation theorem for the angular momentum of a particle.

Or

- (b) Show that for a single particle with constant mass the equation of motion implies the following differential equation for the kinetic energy $\frac{dT}{dt} = F \cdot V$ while if the mass varies with time the corresponding equation is $\frac{d(mT)}{dt} = F \cdot P$.

17. (a) Derive Lagrange's equation from D'Alembert's principle.

Or

- (b) Derive equation of motion in terms of Lagrangian and Dissipation function.

18. (a) Find the shortest distance between two points in a plane.

Or

- (b) Derive Lagrange's equation from Hamilton's principle for nonholonomic system.

19. (a) Discuss about the equivalent one dimensional problem.

Or

- (b) State and prove virial theorem.

20. (a) Discuss Kepler Problem.

Or

- (b) Explain about Laplace Runge Lenz Vector.
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