

M.Sc. (Maths) Semester - 2 (CBCS) Examination
August/September -2020 [NEW COURSE]
Classical Mechanics – 2 (Elective)

Time: 2:00 Hours

Marks: 56

Instructions:

1. Figure to the right indicate marks.
2. There are five questions in the question paper.
3. Answer any four of the following questions.

Q-1 Answer any **Seven** of the following questions in short. (14)

- (1) State the expression of total angular momentum of a rigid body with one point stationary.
- (2) What is Lagrangian of a heavy symmetrical top with one point fixed?
- (3) State the vector form of Lorentz transformation.
- (4) What is meant by an event?
- (5) Define Minkowski force.
- (6) Define Legendre transformation.
- (7) State principle of least action.
- (8) Define Poisson bracket.
- (9) State Jacobi identity for Poisson brackets.
- (10) For a system of n-degrees of freedom evaluate $[q_1, p_2]$, notations being usual.

Q-2 Answer any **Two**. (14)

- (a) In usual notations derive the relation $T = \frac{1}{2} I \omega^2$.
- (b) Obtain all constants of motion for a heavy symmetrical top with one point fixed.
- (c) Three equal mass points are located at points $(a, 0, 0)$, $(0, a, 2a)$ and $(0, 2a, a)$. Find the principal moments of inertia about the origin. Also find a set of principal axes.

Q-3 Answer the following.

- (a) Using Legendre transformation derive Hamilton's equations of motion from Lagrange's equations of motion. (7)

- (b) Lagrangian of a system is given by $L = \dot{q}_1^2 + \frac{\dot{q}_2^2}{a+bq_1^2} + k_1 q_1^2 + k_2 \dot{q}_1 \dot{q}_2$, (7)

where a, b, k_1, k_2 are constants. Find Hamiltonian.

OR

Q-3 Answer the following.

- (a) State Hamilton's modified principle and hence derive Hamilton's equations of motion. (5)

- (b) Show that a coordinate cyclic in Lagrangian is also cyclic in Hamiltonian. (4)

- (c) Lagrangian for a system is given by $L = \frac{m}{2} (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2) - \frac{k}{r}$. Obtain Routhian. (5)

Q-4 Answer any **Two**. (14)

- (a) State Lorentz transformation and hence show that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - c^2 t^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x'^2 + y'^2 + z'^2 - c^2 t'^2 = 0$.
- (b) Show that Lorentz transformation can be regarded as a rotation.
- (c) Write a note on covariant formulation.

Q-5 Answer any **Two**. (14)

- (a) Define Poisson brackets. Obtain expressions of all type of fundamental Poisson brackets.
- (b) Describe Hamilton-Jacobi theory for solving the problem of simple harmonic oscillator.
- (c) If $A = q_1 + q_2$, $B = \frac{p_1 - p_2}{q_2 - q_1}$ compute $[A, B]$, $[A, [A, B]]$.
- (d) Define canonical transformation. What is meant by a generating function? Describe canonical transformation generated by a function of F_3 type.
