

M.Sc. PHYSICS
FIRST SEMESTER
CLASSICAL MECHANICS
MSP – 102 [REPEAT]

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[USE OMR SHEET FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

Duration : 3 hrs.

Full Marks : 70

(Objective)

Time: 30 min.

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

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- The Lagrangian of a charged particle in an electromagnetic field is (where T=kinetic energy, ϕ & A are the magnetic scalar and vector potential respectively)
 - $L=T+q\phi+q(V.A)$
 - $L=T- q\phi - q(V.A)$
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 - $L=T+q\phi - q (V.A)$
- The number of degree of freedom of a rigid body in d space-dimensions is
 - 2d
 - 6
 - $d(d+1)/$
 - d
- If the Lagrangian does not depend on time explicitly, then
 - The Hamiltonian is constant
 - The Hamiltonian is not constant
 - The kinetic energy is constant
 - The potential energy is constant
- If the generating function has the form $F=F(q_k, P_k, t)$ then
 - $p_k = \frac{\delta F}{\delta q_k}$ & $Q_k = \frac{\delta F}{\delta P_k}$
 - $p_k = -\frac{\delta F}{\delta q_k}$ & $Q_k = \frac{\delta F}{\delta P_k}$
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- Principle of Virtual work is analogous to
 - Newton's first law
 - Newton's Second law
 - Newton's third law
 - None
- D' Alembert's principle is analogous to
 - Newton's first law
 - Newton's second law
 - Newton's third law
 - None
- If $[F, H]=0$ then
 - F is a constant of motion
 - F does not depend on time explicitly
 - Only A
 - Only B
 - Both A & B
 - None
- In case of a rigid body, having N particles, the number of degrees of freedom is
 - Infinity
 - N
 - 3N
 - 3

9. The action and angle variables have the dimensions of
- Force and displacement
 - Angular momentum and angle
 - Energy and angle
 - Force and angle
10. The generalised momentum of a charge particle moving in an Electromagnetic field is
- $P = mv + qA$
 - $P = mv - qA$
 - $P = mv$
 - None
11. The poisson bracket $[J_x, P_z]$ equals to
- P_y
 - $-P_y$
 - 0
 - None
12. Principle of virtual work is applied to a system of
- Dynamic equilibrium
 - Static equilibrium
 - Both
 - None
13. The poisson bracket $[J_x, J_z]$ equals to
- J_y
 - $-J_y$
 - 0
 - J_x
14. Which one of the following is not a fictitious force?
- Centripetal force
 - Coriolis force
 - Centrifugal force
 - None of the above
15. Which of the following is the expression for Coriolis force?
- $-2m\vec{v}_r \times \vec{\omega}$
 - $-\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{\omega} \times \vec{R})$
 - $-\vec{\omega} \times (\vec{R} \times \vec{\omega})$
 - $-2m\vec{\omega} \times \vec{v}_r$
16. What is the expression for kinetic energy for 1-D oscillators?
- $\frac{1}{2} q m(q)^2$
 - $\frac{q^2}{2m(q)}$
 - $\frac{1}{2} m(q) q^2$
 - $\frac{m(q)}{2q^2}$
17. Which of the following is the expression for potential energy of a two-coupled pendulum?
- $mg l(1 - \cos \theta_1) + mg l \cos \theta_2 + \frac{1}{2} k(x_1 - x_2)^2$
 - $mg l(1 - \cos \theta_1) + mg l(1 - \cos \theta_2) + \frac{1}{2} k(x_1 - x_2)^2$
 - $mg l \cos \theta_1 + mg l(1 - \cos \theta_2) + \frac{1}{2} k(x_1 - x_2)^2$
 - $mg l(1 - \cos \theta_1) + mg l(1 - \cos \theta_2) + \frac{1}{2} k(x_1 - x_2)$
18. Which of the following indicates simple harmonic motion?
- $a = x \sin(\omega t + \phi)$
 - $a = x \sin(\omega \phi + t)$
 - $x = a \sin(\omega + t \phi)$
 - $x = a \sin(\omega t + \phi)$
19. How many principal moments of inertia can be defined?
- 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5

20. Which one of the following is the expression for generalized force?

a. $G_k = -\frac{\partial V}{\partial q_k}$

b. $G_k = \frac{\partial V}{\partial q_k}$

c. $G_k = -\int V dq_k$

d. $G_k = \int V dq_k$

(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 30mins.

Marks : 50

[Answer question no.1 & any four (4) from the rest]

1. Derive the Hamilton's equations of motion. If the Lagrangian of a harmonic oscillator is given by $L = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - \frac{1}{2}kx^2$ then find the equation of motion of the harmonic oscillator. 5+5=10

2. a. If $[\phi, \psi]$ is the Poisson bracket then prove that 5+5=10
$$\frac{\delta}{\delta t} [\phi, \psi] = \left[\frac{\delta \phi}{\delta t}, \psi \right] + \left[\phi, \frac{\delta \psi}{\delta t} \right]$$

b. If H is the Hamiltonian and F is any function depending on position, momentum and time then show that
$$\frac{dF}{dt} = \frac{\delta F}{\delta t} + [F, H]$$

3. Show that the transformations are canonical 4+6 =10
 - a. $q = \sqrt{2P} \sin Q, p = \sqrt{2P} \cos Q$
 - b. $q = P^2 + Q^2, p = \frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{P}{Q} \right)$

4. a. Obtain the expression for time period of a compound pendulum using Euler- Lagrange equation. 6+4 =10
b. Show that $[F, [G, H]] + [G, [H, F]] + [H, [F, G]] = 0$

5. a. Show that the shortest distance between two points in a plane is a straight line. 5+5=10
b. Show that for a conservative system the Hamiltonian represents the total energy of the system.

6. a. Find Euler's equations of motion for a rigid body. 6+4 =10
b. Obtain the expression for total force on a body for accelerated frame of reference.

7. a. Explain orthogonal transformation. 5+5=10
b. Find the equations of motion for a coupled oscillator system.

8. a. Write the simplified equation for potential energy for a coupled pendulum. 3+3+4 =10
Write the simplified equation for kinetic energy for a double pendulum system.
b. Define chaos. When do we call a differential equation to be non-linear?

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(ii) Show that the computed electric and magnetic fields satisfy the Maxwell's first two equations.

(iii) What is the charge density in the present case?

5. a. Event A happens at point $(x_A = 5, y_A = 3, z_A = 0)$ and at time t_A given by $ct_A = 15$; event B occurs at $(10, 8, 0)$ and $ct_B = 5$, both in system S . 2+2+3+
2+1=10

(i) What is the invariant interval between A and B ?

(ii) Is there an inertial system in which they occur simultaneously? If so, find its velocity (magnitude and direction) relative to S .

(iii) Is there an inertial system in which they occur at the same point? If so, find its velocity relative to S .

b. (i) Write down matrix form of the field tensor $F^{\mu\nu}$.

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(ii) Write down the Maxwell's equations in terms of the field tensor $F^{\mu\nu}$.

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