

M.Sc. PHYSICS
FIRST SEMESTER
CLASSICAL MECHANICS
MSP – 102 [SPECIAL REPEAT]
[USE OMR FOR OBJECTIVE PART]

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Duration: 3 hrs.

Full Marks: 70

Time: 30 min.

(Objective)

Marks: 20

Choose the correct answer from the following:

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- The special Theory of Relativity was given in which year?
a. 1906
b. 1905
c. 1907
d. 1908
- The special relativity proves the existence of
a. Speed of light in vacuum is constant
b. Time is absolute
c. Ether medium
d. Speed of light is variable
- A double pendulum consist of two point unequal masses m_1 and m_2 , respectively. The KE of the double pendulum is-
a. $\frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{y}_1^2 + \dot{y}_2^2)$
b. $\frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{x}_2^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{y}_1^2 + \dot{y}_2^2)$
c. $\frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{y}_1^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{y}_2^2)$
d. $\frac{1}{2} m_1 (\dot{x}_1^2 + \dot{y}_1^2) + \frac{1}{2} m_2 (\dot{x}_2^2 + \dot{y}_2^2)$
- Hamiltonian H is in general
a. $H(q, \dot{q}, t)$
b. $H(p, \dot{q}, t)$
c. $H(q, \dot{p}, t)$
d. $H(q, p, t)$
- The total number of variables in the Lagrangian $L(x, t)$
a. N+1
b. 2N
c. N-1
d. 2N+1
- For a monatomic molecules, the number of degrees of freedom-
a. 2
b. 3
c. 4
d. 5
- Two point masses m_1 and m_2 are connected by a mass-less string hanging over a smooth pulley (Atwood Machine). The equation of motions-
a. $\ddot{x} = \left(\frac{m_1 - m_2}{m_1 + m_2}\right) g$
b. $\ddot{x} = \left(\frac{m_1}{m_1 + m_2}\right) g$
c. $\ddot{x} = \left(\frac{-m_2}{m_1 + m_2}\right) g$
d. $\ddot{x} = \left(\frac{2m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}\right) g$
- If the poisson bracket $\{x, p\} = 1$, then the poisson bracket $\{x^2, p\}$ is?
a. 2x
b. 2p
c. 1
d. 0

9. Hamilton's canonical equations of motion for a conservative system are
- $\dot{q}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}, \dot{p}_i = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$
 - $\dot{q}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_i}, \dot{p}_i = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_i}$
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10. A constant force F is applied on a relativistic scalar particle of mass m . If the particle is at rest at $t=0$, then the velocity at any instant will be
- $\frac{F t}{\sqrt{F^2 t^2 + m^2 c^2}}$
 - $\frac{F c t}{\sqrt{F^2 t^2 + m^2 c^2}}$
 - $\frac{F c t}{\sqrt{F^2 c^2 t^2 + m^2 c^2}}$
 - $\frac{F t}{\sqrt{F^2 + m^2 c^2}}$
11. The angular momentum in two body problem is
- $p_\theta = \mu r \dot{\theta}$
 - $p_\theta = \mu r \dot{\theta}^2$
 - $p_\theta = \mu r^2 \dot{\theta}$
 - $p_\theta = \mu r^2 / \dot{\theta}$
12. If a dynamical variable F is explicitly independent of time t , then the variable satisfies
- $\{H, F\} = \frac{dF}{dt}$
 - $\{H, F\} = -\frac{dF}{dt}$
 - $\{F, H\} = 1$
 - $\{F, H\} = 0$
13. A charge particle q is moving in an electromagnetic field with a velocity \vec{v} . The generalized potential U is-
- $q \Phi - \frac{q}{c} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{v})$
 - $\frac{1}{2m} [q \Phi - \frac{q}{c} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{v})]$
 - $\frac{1}{2m} q \Phi$
 - $q \Phi$
14. Two photon approach each other. Their relative velocity will be
- 0
 - c
 - $2c$
 - $-c$
15. The Lagrange's equations of motion are second degree, then the degree's of freedom will be?
- $2N+1$
 - N
 - $2N-1$
 - $N+1$
16. The generalized coordinate q_k of a classical system with Lagrangian L is said to be cyclic if
- $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = \dot{q}_k$
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = 0$
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \left(\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_k} \right)$
 - $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_k} = 0$
17. The kinetic energy of a particle moving in free space is
- $T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$
 - $T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + r^2 + \dot{z}^2)$
 - $T = \frac{1}{2} m (\dot{r}^2 + \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$
 - $T = \frac{1}{2} m (r^2 \dot{\theta}^2 + \dot{z}^2)$
18. The rocket ship contracted to its length by 99%. Its velocity will be
- $0.1c$
 - $0.2c$
 - $0.3c$
 - $0.9c$

19. The Hamiltonian H is in general

a. $H(q, p, t)$

c. $H(\dot{q}, p, t)$

b. $H(q, \dot{q}, t)$

d. $H(p, t)$

20. The value of the bracket $\{A, \{B, C\}\} + \{B, \{C, A\}\} + \{C, \{A, B\}\}$

a. 0

c. -1

b. 1

d. 2

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(Descriptive)

Time : 2 hrs. 30 mins.

Marks : 50

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

1. A Lagrangian for a particular system

8+2=10

$$L = \frac{m}{2}(a\dot{x}^2 + 2b\dot{x}\dot{y} + c\dot{y}^2) - \frac{K}{2}(ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2),$$

where a, b, c are arbitrary constants?

(a) What are the equations of motion for x-coordinate?

(b) Examine the cases $a = b = c$

2. Show that Poisson bracket $\{A, \{B, C\}\} + \{B, \{C, A\}\} + \{C, \{A, B\}\} = 0$.

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3. Write down the Lorentz transformation relations for inertial frame of reference. Using this transformation show that $ds^2 = -dt^2 + dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2$ is invariant.

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4. Show that the following transformations are canonical. 5+5=10
- (a) $P = \frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2), Q = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)$
- (b) $P = q \cot p, Q = \log\left(\frac{1}{q} \sin p\right)$
5. (a) What are the postulates of Special Relativity? 4+6=10
 (b) Using special theory of relativity, derive the relativistic energy relation $E^2 = p^2 c^2 + M_0^2 c^4$ where symbols have their usual meanings.
6. Construct the Lagrangian of a simple pendulum. Find the equations of motions and its time-period. 10
7. Using Hamilton-Jacobi equation derive Kepler's Law of orbit. 10
8. Two small blocks, each of mass M , attached to two identical springs of spring constant $k/2$. One of the springs is attached to a wall and other with block. The masses slide along the surface and the friction is negligible. Find the frequency of normal modes of the system. 10

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