

**B.Sc. 6th Semester (Honours) Examination, 2024 (CBCS)**  
**Subject : Physics**  
**Course : DSE-4:(8)**  
**(Astronomy and Astrophysics)**

**Time: 3 Hours****Full Marks: 60***The questions are of equal value.**The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words  
as far as applicable.***Group-A**

1. Answer *any ten* of the following questions:  $2 \times 10 = 20$
- (a) What is a spherical triangle?
  - (b) Does declination of a star depend on the position of the observer and the time? —Explain.
  - (c) What do you mean by “mean sun”?
  - (d) What is the apparent magnitude of a star, that is 40 times brighter than the faintest star, observed by naked eye?
  - (e) Define Angular Magnification of a Telescope.
  - (f) Write the name of two space telescopes operating in X-Ray and Infrared region of electromagnetic spectrum respectively.
  - (g) Using non-relativistic calculation, show that a star of mass M and radius R can trap a photon if  $\frac{2GM}{c^2R} > 1$ .
  - (h) What are Solar Prominence and Solar Flare?
  - (i) What is an exoplanet?
  - (j) What are the luminosity classes of star? Write in sequence of decreasing luminosity?
  - (k) Distinguish between globular clusters and open clusters of stars.
  - (l) Draw the rotation curve of Milky Way galaxy. Can you say something about the dark matter from the rotation curve?
  - (m) What are lenticular galaxies?

- (n) How does the Hubble's law change if we are in some other galaxy? Explain.
- (o) State the Virial Theorem for a closed, bounded and stable gravitational system.

**Group-B**2. Answer *any four* of the following questions:

5x4=20

- (a) Distinguish between solar day and sidereal day. Calculate the length of one sidereal day. 2+3
- (b) What do you mean by the effective temperature of a star? Calculate the effective temperature of the Sun. Given radius and luminosity of the Sun are  $6,96,340$  km and  $3.86 \times 10^{26}$  W. Value of the Stefan Constant is  $5.67 \times 10^{-8}$  Watt-m $^{-2}$ K $^{-4}$ . 2+3
- (c) What are the functions of Telescope Mounting? Explain the equatorial mount with diagram. 2+3
- (d) What are Van Allen Radiation Belts? How did they form? 2+3
- (e) Describe Hertzsprung-Russell (HR) diagram. Draw a sketch of the Hertzsprung-Russell (H-R) diagram, labeling the axes. Include in your sketch the approximate positions of the sun, the main sequence, white dwarfs, giants and the supergiants. 2+3
- (f) Describe briefly Hubble's morphological classification of galaxies.

**Group-C**3. Answer *any two* of the following questions:

10x2=20

- (a) Define the astronomical unit, the light year and the parsec. Write 1 (one) parsec in terms of astronomical unit and light year. If parallax of a star is measured to be 0.6 arc second, then calculate the distance of the star in both astronomical unit and light year. (1+1+2)+2+4
- (b) Write down the radiative transfer equation, explaining all of its terms. Obtain the general solution of that equation. Define Source function, optical depth, optically thick and optically thin objects. 2+4+1+1+1+1
- (c) Starting from the Maxwell Equations and the Ohm's law in conducting fluid, deduce the magnetic induction equation in Solar Plasma. 10
- (d) State Hubbles Law on Distance-Velocity Relation. Explain the principle of measurement of line of sight velocity of a galaxy. Galaxy NGC 123 has a velocity 1320 km/sec away from us. How far away is the galaxy? (Hubble Constant = 70km/sec/Mpc) 3+4+3

**Time: 2 hours***The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as applicable.*

2x5=10

1. Answer *any five* questions:

- (a) Define dynamical system. Give two examples of mechanical system which can be termed as first order dynamical systems.
- (b) Define "phase space".
- (c) What does the trajectory of a dynamical system in the phase space represent?
- (d) What is return map? Mention one way of detecting chaos from return map.
- (e) What is a discrete dynamical system?
- (f) What is a 'fluid parcel' corresponding to fluid dynamics?
- (g) What is computational fluid dynamics? What is its utility?
- (h) What is flow-dimensionality?

5x2=10

2. Answer *any two* questions:

- (a) Define the viscosity of a fluid. Define the thermal conductivity of a fluid. What is mass-diffusivity? 2+2+1
- (b) What is DLA? How is Sierpinski gasket formed? 2+3
- (c) What do you mean by a uniform and a non-uniform flow? What is an inviscid flow? Give two examples of inviscid flow. 2+1+2
- (d) What is deterministic fractal? What is the use of deterministic fractal? Give two examples of deterministic fractals. 2+1+2

## 3. Answer any two questions:

(a) What is the billiard model of dynamical systems? Describe in detail the Sinai billiard model.  
Write an example where the billiard is used to model a dynamical system. 3+5+2

(b) (i) What are fixed points?

(ii) What is a stable fixed point? Why are they called attractor? What are unstable fixed points? Why are they called repellers?

(iii) Find all fixed points for  $\dot{x} = f(x) = x^2 - 1$  and classify their stability.

2+(1+1+1+1)+4

(c) Consider the logistic equation,  $\frac{dp}{dt} = KP(N - P)$ , Where  $P$  is the population  $P \equiv P(t)$ ,  $K$  = constant and  $N$  is the carrying capacity of the system. If the initial population was  $P(0) = P_0$ , show that the solution to the logistic growth equation is—

$$P(t) = \frac{N}{\left(\frac{N-P_0}{P_0}\right)e^{-Kt} + 1}$$

(d) (i) Define fluid from the perspective of shear stress.

(ii) State and explain the continuum hypothesis.

(iii) Define 'steady' and 'unsteady' flow.

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