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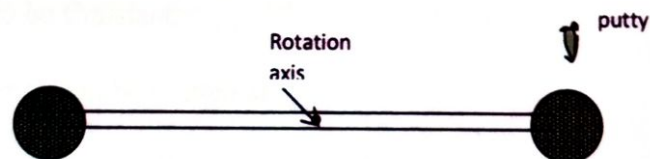
Instructions:

1. Carefully read through ALL the questions before attempting
2. Attempt **ANY** five questions
3. All Questions carry equal marks
4. No names should be written anywhere on the examination book.
5. Ensure that your **Reg number** is indicated on all pages of the examination answer booklet.
6. Ensure your work is **clear and readable**. Untidy work shall be penalized
7. Any type of examination Malpractice will lead to automatic disqualification
8. Do not write anything on the questions paper.

Where necessary assume

Planck's constant	$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$
Boltzmann's constant	$K_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$
Mass of electron	$m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$
Electronic charge	$e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
Speed of light	$c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$
Avogadro's number	$N_A = 6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Luminosity	$L_0 = 3.9 \times 10^{33} \text{ erg/s}$ $L_0 = 3.9 \times 10^{26} \text{ J/s}$
Luminosity Mass	$M_0 = 1.99 \times 10^{30} \text{ Kg}$
Luminosity Radius	$R_0 = 6.96 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$
Luminosity Temperature	$T_0 = 5780 \text{ K}$
Astronomical Unit	$AU = 1.496 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$
Universal gas constant	$R = 8.31 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$
Acceleration due to gravity	$g = 9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$
1 standard atmosphere	$= 1.01 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$
Radius of Earth	$R_e = 6.38 \times 10^6 \text{ m}$
Solar constant	$S = 1.37 \times 10^3 \text{ Js}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}$

1. (a) Define moment of inertia of a body. [1]
- (b) A uniform bar has length l , mass M , and rectangular ends of dimensions $a \times b$.
 - (i) Determine the moment of inertia about an axis through the centre of mass. [6]
 - (ii) Use the parallel axis theorem to determine the moment of inertia through an axis perpendicular to the length of the bar, a distance one quarter of the length of the bar from the centre of the mass. [4]
- (c). Two 2.0kg ballas are attached to the ends of a thin rod of length 50cm and Negligible mass. The rod is free to rotate in a vertical plane without fricion about a horizontal axis through its centre. With the rod initially horizontal, a 50.0g wad of wet putty drops onto one of the balls, hitting it with a speed of 3.0ms⁻¹, and then sticking on it.



- (i) What is the angular speed of the system just after the putty wad hits the ball? [6]
 - (ii) What is the ratio of the kinetic energy of the system after the collision to that of the puttywad before collision? [4]
2. (a) Define the following terms as applied to classical mechanics;
 - (i) Number of degree of freedom. [1]
 - (ii) Holonomic constraint. [1]

(b) A simple pendulum consists of a mass of a m attached to massless string of length l . The mass is displaced through an angle θ between the vertical and the length of the string, and released. Determine the;

(i) Number of degree for the mass using the Euler-Larange formalism. [2]

(ii) Lagrangian for the system. [6]

(iii) Equation for the mass using Euler-Lagrange formalism. [4]

(c) Define an ignorable coordinate and illustrate with an example, a system with ignorable coordinate. [3]

(d) In a plane, the point (x,y) are written in polar coordinates as (r,θ) , write expressions relating the two corresponding points and list the generalised coordinates. [3]

3. (a) State the condition that must be satisfied in order for the Hamiltonian of a system to be Constant. [2]

(b) Hamiltonian can be written as

$$H = \sum_k \dot{q}_k p_k - L$$

the symbols carry their usual meaning.

(i) Show that the summation term equals to twice the kinetic energy. [4]

(ii) Derive the expression for the Hamiltonian in terms of kinetic and potential energy. [3]

(c) A particle of mass m is moving in a plane under an attractive force, $\mu m/r^2$ towards the origin, Determine the potential energy for mass. [2]

(d) A mass m oscillates horizontally on a spring of constant k .

(i) Set up the Hamiltonian for the system. [3]

- (ii) Determine the Hamilton's equation. [3]
- 4 (a) Define a transverse wave. [1]
- (b) A transverse wave is given by the equation $y = 0.050 \cos(\pi x + 4\pi t)$. Use the wave equation to determine the velocity of the waves. [3]
- (c) A string whose ends are fixed at both ends is plucked in the middle and released.
- (i) Explain how a stationary wave pattern results on the string. [2]
- (ii) State the boundary condition at the ends of the string. [1]
- (d) If the string in 1(c) above has linear density of 5.0 g/m and the tension in the string is 8.0N, Given that a 100Hz wave with amplitude of 2.0mm results after plucking, determine the ;
- (i) Spacing between adjacent nodes. [3]
- (ii) The amplitude at the antinodes. [2]
- (e) (i) Define beats as applied to sound waves [1]
- (ii) Two open pipes of length 60cm and 61 cm are played at the same time in their **fundamental nodes**, Determine the beats frequency [4]
- (f) (i) Define Doppler effect. [1]
- (ii) A source emits sound of frequency 440Hz , and moves in a straight line towards a stationary with a speed of 30m/s. If the observer hears sound of frequency 484Hz , determine the speed of sound. [2]
5. (a) (i) State the Principle of Relativity [1]
- (ii) State the Principle of invariance of speed of light [1]
- (b) A pipe 1.20m long is closed at one end. A stretched wire is placed near the open end. The wire is 0.330m long and has a mass of 9.60g. It is fixed at both

ends and oscillates in its fundamental mode. By resonance it sets the air column in the pipe into oscillation at the column's fundamental frequency.

Find,

- (i) The column's fundamental frequency. [2]
 - (ii) The tension in the wire. [4]
- (c) A space ship moving with speed $0.80c$ fires a missile with a speed of $0.70c$ in the same direction as the direction in which the space ship is travelling. Find the speed of the missile relative to ground. [3]
- (d) (i) State three properties of a system moving in a central force field [3]
- (ii) The relationship between cartesian coordinates and polar coordinates is $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$. If e_r is the radial component which points away from the origin, and e_θ is the normal to e_r in the direction of increasing θ , State the cartesian components of e_r and e_θ . [2]
- (c) A planet moves in an elliptical orbit about the sun as its focus. Show that acceleration of planet in polar coordinate system is
- $$\bar{a} = (\ddot{r} - r\dot{\theta}^2)e_r + (r\ddot{\theta} + 2\dot{r}\dot{\theta})e_\theta$$
- [6]
6. (a) (i) Consider a particle which moves with a constant velocity v , so that in a time t it has covered a distance vt . Derive the wave equation [5]
- (ii) A string is stretched horizontally between two points a distance, L , apart.
- The string is pulled at its mid-point through a small vertical distance, h and released. Find the displacement of the string at any subsequent time. [6]
- (b) The phase velocity of optical waves propagating in a medium of refractive index, n is given by,

$$v_p = \frac{c}{n}$$

Where n is dependent upon the wavelength. Find the group velocity. [2]

(c) Define an inertial reference frame. [1]

(d) The relationship between proper time interval Δt_0 and greater time interval Δt is $\Delta t = \gamma \Delta t_0$; where the Lorentz factor $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1 - (v/c)^2}$; and other symbols carry their usual meanings.

(i) Differentiate between proper time interval and greater time interval. [2]

ii. Explain the effect of γ on time measurements at low and high values of v . [4]

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