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**Problem Set - 5**

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**Marks-40**

**Q.1.** Find the equation of motion of the charge using Lagrange's method in an electrical circuit (having no resistance) with components of an inductor of inductance  $L$  is connected to the capacitor of capacitance  $C$ . Initially the capacitor has charge  $Q$ . Compare the equation of motion with usual methods in electrodynamics. (4)

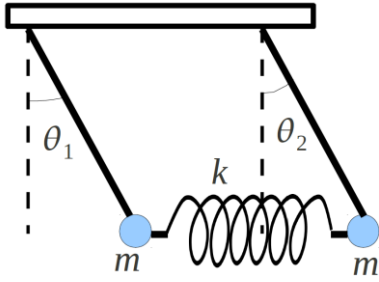
**Q.2.** Find the Lagrangian and Lagrange's equation of motion for a spring mass system (simple harmonic oscillator). (4)

**Q.3.** Find the Lagrangian and Lagrange's equation of motion for a simple pendulum of length  $L$ . (4)

**Q.4.** A solid cylinder with radius  $a$  is rolling on the rough inside surface of fixed cylinder with center  $O$  and radius  $b$ ,  $b > a$ . Find the Lagrange's equation of motion and deduce the period of the small oscillations. (7)

**Q.5.** Two masses each of mass  $m$  are connected by a spring to each other and by springs to fixed position spring 1, 2, and 3 have spring constants  $k, k_{12}$ , and  $k$  respectively. Find the eigenfrequencies of the system using the Lagrangian method, assuming that oscillations are small. (7)

**Q.6.** Determine the eigenfrequencies and describe the normal mode motion for two pendulum of equal length  $b$  and equal masses  $m$  connected by a spring of force constant  $k$  (as shown in the figure below). Choose the generalized coordinates and solve using Lagrangian method for small oscillations. (7)



**Q.7.** Determine the eigen-frequencies and describe the normal mode motions of a symmetrical linear triatomic molecule similar to  $CO_2$  (as shown in the figure below). The central atom has mass  $M$  and the symmetrical atoms have masses  $m$ . (7)

