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School of Applied Sciences
Assignment II, PH10001
Section A34

Full marks – 20

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Answer any four questions including Question No.1 which is compulsory

All parts of a question should be answered at one place only

1. Answer the following questions [5x1]
 - a. The equation of a progressive wave is given by $y = 4\sin\pi(0.1x - 2t)$, where x is in cm and t is in seconds. Calculate the wavelength and speed of the wave.
 - b. Why are the interference fringes circular in Newton's rings experiment?
 - c. The time period of a simple harmonic oscillator is 2 seconds. Find the time period of oscillation if it is subjected to a damping force with damping coefficient 1second^{-1} .
 - d. The equation of motion of an oscillator is given by: $3\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + 6\frac{dx}{dt} + 12\pi^2x = 9\cos 2\pi t$. Identify the type of oscillation and find out the natural frequency of oscillation of the oscillator.
 - e. Why soldiers are advised to break their steps while marching on a bridge?
2. [4+1]
 - a. A weakly damped oscillator is subjected to a sinusoidal force of frequency ' p '. Set up the differential equation under this condition. Solve it to find out the steady state solution.
 - b. Draw a comparative displacement versus time graph showing under damping, over damping and critical damping.
3. [5]

Two identical simple pendulums of mass ' m ' and length ' l ' are connected by a mass less spring of force constant ' k '. Set up the differential equations and compare between Q1 and Q2 modes of oscillations with suitable diagram. Also, write down the frequency of each mode.
4. [4+1]
 - a. Prove that the diameters of the dark Newton's rings are proportional to the square root of any natural number in reflected light.
 - b. State one condition under which the centre of Newton's ring pattern appears bright.
5. [5]

Consider a wedge shaped thin film of refractive index μ . If a ray of monochromatic light is incident on it, find out the condition of maxima in reflected light.