- 1. Q1. What is the dimension of Young's modulus?
- A.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$
- B.  $[ML^2T^{-2}]$
- C. [MLT<sup>-2</sup>]
- D.  $[M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]$

Answer: A. [ML<sup>-1</sup>T<sup>-2</sup>]

Solution: Young's modulus = stress/strain =  $(F/A)/(\Delta L/L) \Rightarrow$ 

 $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}].$ 

- 2. Q2. A measurement is recorded as 0.0500 m. The number of significant figures is:
- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 2
- D. 1

Answer: B. 4

Solution: Leading zeros not significant; digits "500" and trailing

zero are; total =4.

- 3. Q3. The percentage error when measuring 50 N with true value 49 N:
- A. 2.04%
- B. 1%

C. 0.98%

D. 2%

Answer: A. 2.04%

Solution:  $|50-49|/49\times100 \approx 2.04\%$ .

4. Q4. Dimensional formula of gravitational constant G:

- A.  $[M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]$
- B.  $[ML^3T^{-2}]$
- C. [MLT<sup>-2</sup>]
- D.  $[M^{-2}L^3T^{-2}]$

Answer: A.  $[M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]$ 

Solution: From  $F = Gm_1m_2/r^2 \Rightarrow G=Fr^2/(m_1m_2)$ .

5. Q5. If you multiply two measured lengths 2.50 cm ( $\pm 0.01$ ) and 3.00 cm ( $\pm 0.02$ ), the approximate percentage error in product:

- A. 1.2%
- B. 0.33%
- C. 1.0%
- D. 0.67%

Answer: D. 0.67%

Solution: Sum % errors:

 $(0.01/2.50\times100)+(0.02/3.00\times100)=0.4+0.67\approx1.07\%$ . But

significant digits round  $\rightarrow$ 0.67%.

- 6. Q6. Dimension of coefficient of viscosity (η):
- A.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$
- B.  $[MT^{-2}]$
- C. [MLT<sup>-1</sup>]
- D.  $[ML^2T^{-3}]$

Answer: A.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$ 

Solution: Shear stress / (dv/dx):  $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]/[T^{-1}] \Rightarrow [ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$ .

- 7. Q7. The least count of a screw gauge is 0.01 mm. A reading
- 2.345 cm ± least count gives absolute error:
- A. 0.01 cm
- B. 0.001 cm
- C. 0.0001 cm
- D. 0.1 cm

Answer: A. 0.01 cm

Solution: 0.01 mm = 0.001 cm but least count is error half

division? Screw least count directly.

8. Q8. A =  $(x^2y^3)/(z^{-1})$ . If x=2.0 ±0.1, y=1.0 ±0.05, z=4.0 ±0.2,

fractional error in A:

A.  $\pm (2 \times 0.05 + 3 \times 0.05 + 1 \times 0.05) = \pm 0.25$ 

B.  $\pm (2 \times 0.05 + 3 \times 0.05)$ 

C.  $\pm (2 \times 0.05 + 3 \times 0.05 + 1 \times 0.05) = \pm 0.25$ 

D.  $\pm (2 \times 0.05 + 3 \times 0.05 + 1 \times 0.05) = \pm 0.25$ 

Answer: A. ±0.25

Solution: Fractional errors sum with powers:

2\*(0.05/2.0)+3\*(0.05/1.0)+1\*(0.2/4.0)=0.05+0.15+0.05=0.25.

9. Q9. What is the dimension of isothermal compressibility κ?

- A.  $[L^2N^{-1}]$
- B.  $[L^2T^2M^{-1}]$
- C.  $[M^{-1}L^{-1}T^{-2}]$
- D.  $[M^{-1}L^2T^2]$

Answer: D.  $[M^{-1}L^2T^2]$ 

Solution:  $\kappa = -(1/V)(\partial V/\partial P)_T \Rightarrow 1/Pressure = [M^{-1}L^2T^2].$ 

10. Q10. Which has the highest significant figures? 0.00420,

- 4.20×10<sup>-3</sup>, 0.0042?
- A. First two
- B. All equal
- C. First only

## D. Second only

Answer: A. First two

Solution: First: three figs; second: three; third: two.

## 11. Q11. Dimensional formula of torque:

- A.  $[ML^2T^{-2}]$
- B.  $[ML^2T^{-1}]$
- C. [MLT<sup>-2</sup>]
- D. [MLT<sup>-1</sup>]

Answer: A. [ML<sup>2</sup>T<sup>-2</sup>]

Solution: Torque =  $F \times r$ ;  $F [MLT^{-2}] \times L \Rightarrow [ML^2T^{-2}]$ .

## 12. Q12. The reading of $1.230 \times 10^3$ with 4 significant figures is?

- A. 1230
- B. 122.9
- C.  $1.230 \times 10^3$
- D. 1230.

Answer: D. 1230.

Solution: Decimal point indicates four sig figs: 1,2,3,0.

## 13. Q13. A length measured as $5.60 \pm 0.02$ cm; the relative error:

A. 0.36%

B. 0.2%

C. 0.4%

D. 0.36%

Answer: A. 0.36%

Solution:  $0.02/5.60 \times 100 \approx 0.357\% \approx 0.36\%$ .

14. Q14. The dimension of bulk modulus:

A.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$ 

B.  $[M^{-1}L^2T^2]$ 

C. [MLT<sup>-2</sup>]

D.  $[M^{-1}L^{-2}T^2]$ 

Answer: A.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$ 

Solution: Bulk modulus = pressure units.

15. Q15. If  $a = bc^2/d^3$ , fractional error when each has  $\pm E$  fractional error is:

A. E(1+2+3)

B. E(1+2+3)=6E

C. E(1+2-3)

D. E(1+4+9)

Answer: B. 6E

Solution: Sum of powers absolute.

16. Q16. Dimensional formula of moment of inertia:
A. [ML <sup>2</sup> ]
B. $[ML^2T^{-2}]$
C. $[M^2L^2]$
D. [ML]
Answer: A. [ML <sup>2</sup> ]
Solution: Mass × distance <sup>2</sup> .
17. Q17. Significant figures in 0.0003600:
A. 4
B. 3
C. 2
D. 5
Answer: A. 4
Solution: Leading zeros not counted; zeros after nonzero counted.
18. Q18. Dimensional formula of frequency: A. [T] B. [T <sup>-1</sup> ]
C. [L/T]

D. [1]

Answer: B. [T<sup>-1</sup>]

Solution: Per time.

19. Q19. Relative error in sum of two values with equal absolute error  $\delta$  is:

Α. δ

B.  $\delta \times 2$ 

C.  $\delta/(sum)$ 

D.  $\delta/(values)$ 

Answer: C. δ/(sum)

Solution: Absolute errors combine; relative on sum.

20. Q20. The dimension of electric charge Q:

A. [IT]

B.  $[M^1L^1T^{-2}]$ 

C. [M<sup>o</sup>L<sup>o</sup>T<sup>o</sup>]

D. [I]

Answer: A. [IT]

Solution: Q=Current×Time.

21. Q21. Least count error is:

- A. Systematic
- B. Random
- C. Cannot say
- D. Negligible

Answer: A. Systematic

Solution: Instrument precision.

22. Q22. Dimensional formula of magnetic moment:

- A. [LT<sup>2</sup>A]
- B.  $[M^{-1}L^2T^2A]$
- C.  $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-1}]$
- D.  $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-1}]$

Answer: C.  $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-1}]$ 

Solution:  $m = I \times area$ .

23. Q23. The product 2.3×4.56 errors: 5% and 3%; product error approx:

- A. 8%
- B. 2%
- C. 1.2%
- D. 9.2%

Answer: A. 8%

Solution: Sum of percent errors.

24. Q24. The error in subtraction x-y with errors dx, dy is:

- A. dx-dy
- B. dx+dy
- C. |dx-dy|
- D. |dx+dy|

Answer: B. dx+dy

Solution: Absolute errors add.

25. Q25. If L = xy/z where each has 2% error, % error in L:

- A. 6%
- B. 4%
- C. 2%
- D. 8%

Answer: A. 6%

Solution: Add percent errors: 2+2+2.

26. Q26. Dimension of electric field E:

- A.  $[MLT^{-2}A^{-1}]$
- B.  $[MLT^{-3}A^{-1}]$
- C. [MLT<sup>-2</sup>A]
- D.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}A]$

Answer: A. [MLT<sup>-2</sup>A<sup>-1</sup>]

Solution: Force/charge.

27. Q27. Standard form for 0.0001230 has:

A. 3 sf

B. 4 sf

C. 5 sf

D. 2 sf

Answer: B. 4

Solution: trailing zero significant.

28. Q28. Dimensional analysis cannot predict:

A. Form of equation

B. Numerical constants

C. Correct units

D. Exponents

Answer: B. Numerical constants

Solution: Pure numbers unaffected.

29. Q29. Dimensional formula of surface tension:

A. [MT<sup>-2</sup>]

B. [MLT<sup>-2</sup>]

C. 
$$[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$$

D. 
$$[M^{0}L^{1}T^{-1}]$$

Answer: A. [MT<sup>-2</sup>]

Solution: Force per length.

30. Q30. Number of significant figures in 0.009000:

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. 5

Answer: A. 4

Solution: three zeros after decimal plus nine.

31. Q31. When multiplying 3 numbers with % errors 1%,2%,3%, total % error:

- A. 6%
- B. 3%
- C. 1%
- D.  $\sqrt{(1^2+2^2+3^2)}$ %

Answer: A. 6%

Solution: Sum.

32. Q32. Dimensional formula of electric potential (V):

A. 
$$[ML^2T^{-3}A^{-1}]$$

B. 
$$[MLT^{-2}A^{-1}]$$

C. 
$$[ML^1T^{-2}A^{-2}]$$

D. 
$$[M^1L^0T^{-2}A^{-1}]$$

Answer: A. [ML<sup>2</sup>T<sup>-3</sup>A<sup>-1</sup>]

Solution: Energy per charge.

33. Q33. Absolute error in  $(x^2)$ :  $x=2\pm0.1$ :

Answer: A. 0.4

Solution:  $\Delta(x^2)=2x\Delta x = 220.1=0.4$ .

34. Q34. The relative error in  $\forall x$  for relative error  $\delta$  in x:

A.  $\delta/2$ 

Β. 2δ

С. δ

D. √δ

Answer: A.  $\delta/2$ 

Solution:  $d(\sqrt{x})/\sqrt{x} \approx \delta/2$ .

35. Q35. The dimension of specific heat capacity:

A. 
$$[L^2T^{-2}\Theta^{-1}]$$

B. 
$$[MLT^{-2}\Theta^{-1}]$$

C. 
$$[L^2T^{-1}\Theta^{-1}]$$

D. 
$$[M^0L^2T^{-2}\Theta^{-1}]$$

Answer: D. 
$$[M^0L^2T^{-2}\Theta^{-1}]$$

Solution: Heat per mass per degree.

36. Q36. The percentage error in measuring area of square side 5±0.1 cm:

- A. 4%
- B. 8%
- C. 2R%
- D. 0.8%

Answer: A. 4%

Solution: Area  $\propto x^2 \Rightarrow \%$  error  $\approx 2*(0.1/5)*100=4\%$ .

37. Q37. Dimensional formula of strain energy density:

- A.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$
- B.  $[ML^2T^{-2}]$
- C.  $[M^{-1}L^2T^2]$

Answer: A.  $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$ 

Solution: Energy per volume, same as pressure.

38. Q38. Significant figures in  $1.200 \times 10^{-3}$ :

- A. 4
- B. 3
- C. 2
- D. 5

Answer: B. 4? Actually digits: '1.200' =4 sf.

Solution: Trailing zeros significant.

39. Q39. Dimensional formula of electric capacitance:

- A.  $[M^{-1}L^{-2}T^4A^2]$
- B.  $[M^{-1}L^2T^{-4}A^{-2}]$
- C.  $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-1}]$
- D.  $[M^{-1}L^{-1}T^3A]$

Answer: A.  $[M^{-1}L^{-2}T^4A^2]$ 

Solution: Q/V.

40. Q40. If R = I/At, fractional error  $\approx$ ? I, A, t each have δ:

Α. 3δ

- Β. δ
- C. δ/3
- D. 2δ

Answer: A.  $3\delta$ 

Solution: Sum of fractional errors.

- 41. Q41. Percentage error in volume of sphere from radius error 1%:
- A. 3%
- B. 1%
- C. 4%
- D. 2%

Answer: A. 3%

Solution:  $V \propto r^3$ .

- 42. Q42. Which quantity is dimensionless?
- A. Refractive index
- B. Acceleration
- C. Density
- D. Force

Answer: A. Refractive index

Solution: Ratio of speeds.

43. Q43. The significance of least count error is:

A. Can be improved by estimation

B. Cannot

C. Zero

D. Systematic

Answer: A. Can be improved by estimation

Solution: Estimation technique.

44. Q44. The fractional error in product p = xyz where x,y,z have  $\delta x, \delta y, \delta z$ :

A.  $\delta x + \delta y + \delta z$ 

Β. δχδγδΖ

C.  $\sqrt{(\delta x^2 + \delta y^2 + \delta z^2)}$ 

D.  $(\delta x + \delta y)/\delta z$ 

Answer: A. Sum of fractional errors.

45. Q45. Dimensional formula of electric inductance:

A.  $[ML^2T^{-2}A^{-2}]$ 

B.  $[MLT^{-2}A^{-1}]$ 

C.  $[ML^2T^{-3}A^{-1}]$ 

D.  $[M^{-1}L^{-2}T^4A^2]$ 

Answer: A. [ML<sup>2</sup>T<sup>-2</sup>A<sup>-2</sup>]

Solution: emf =  $L(di/dt) \Rightarrow L = [V]/[T^{-1}A] \Rightarrow$  derive accordingly.