

**2020**  
**MATHEMATICS**  
**[HONOURS]**  
**Paper : VI**

Full Marks : 100

Time : 4 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.**Notations and Symbols have their usual meanings.*

1. Answer any **ten** questions from the following: 2×10=20
- i) Define angular momentum of a system of n particles about a point O.
  - ii) State D'Alembert's principle.
  - iii) Show that the distance between any two points is invariant under Galilean Transformations.
  - iv) State the theorem of perpendicular axes.
  - v) Write down the stress matrix at a point in a fluid in equilibrium.
  - vi) State the energy test of stability.
  - vii) What is the form of inertia matrix with respect to principal axes?

- viii) Write down the dimensions of shearing stress and torque.
  - ix) What is equi-pressure surface? Write down its equation.
  - x) State the principle of virtual work under coplanar forces.
  - xi) Distinguish between ideal fluid and viscous fluid.
  - xii) What are the conditions of equilibrium for freely floating bodies?
  - xiii) Write down the work done by a force  $\vec{F}$  in a moving particle round a closed curve C. What happens, when the force field is conservative?
  - xiv) What is Poinsot's Central axis? Write down its Cartesian equation.
  - xv) Define centre of pressure of a plane lamina.
  - xvi) What do you mean by specific heat at constant volume and specific heat at constant pressure?
2. Answer any **five** questions: 8×5=40
- a) i) Show that the angular momentum of a system of n particles about a fixed point is equal to the angular momentum of the total mass concentrated at the centre of

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mass plus the angular momentum of the system about its centre of mass.

ii) Obtain the inertia matrix for a homogeneous rectangular lamina of mass  $M$  bounded by  $x = \pm a, y = \pm b$  with respect to the coordinate axes. 4+4

b) i) The lengths  $AB$  and  $AD$  of the sides of a rectangle  $ABCD$  are  $2a$  and  $2b$ . Show that the inclination to  $AB$  of one of the principal axes at  $A$  is

$$\frac{1}{2} \tan^{-1} \frac{3ab}{2(a^2 - b^2)}.$$

ii) Show that the kinetic energy of a rigid body moving in two dimensions is

$$\frac{1}{2} Mv^2 + \frac{1}{2} MK^2 \dot{\theta}^2,$$

the notations involved are to be explained by you. 4+4

c) A uniform rod is held at an inclination  $\alpha$  to the horizon with one end in contact with a horizontal table whose coefficient of friction is  $\mu$ . If it be then released, show that it will commence to slide if

$$\mu < \frac{3 \tan \alpha}{1 + 4 \tan^2 \alpha}. \quad 8$$

d) A uniform solid cylinder is held at rest with its axis horizontal on a plane whose inclination to the horizon is  $\alpha$ . If it be then released to roll down a length  $L$  of the slope, show that the velocity of its centre of mass is then

$$\sqrt{\frac{4}{3} g L \sin \alpha}. \quad 8$$

e) A sphere is projected with an underhand twist down a rough inclined plane. Show that it will turn back in the course of its motion, if

$$2a\omega(\mu - \tan \alpha) > 5u\mu,$$

where  $u, \omega$  are the initial linear and angular velocities of the sphere,  $\mu$  being the coefficient of friction and  $\alpha$  the inclination of the plane to the horizon. 8

f) Find the condition that a given straight line may be a principal axis at any point on the line, and if so then determine the other two principal axes. 8

g) Explain the concept of momental ellipsoid and then find the equation of the momental ellipsoid at the centre of an elliptic plate. 4+4

3. Answer any **two** questions:  $8 \times 2 = 16$

a) A heavy uniform flexible string is hanging between two fixed points in a vertical plane. Obtain the cartesian equation of the curve in which the string hangs. Explain the significance of the parameter of the curve.  $6+2$

b) A force parallel to the axis of  $z$  acts at the point  $(a, 0, 0)$  and an equal force perpendicular with the axis of  $z$  acts at the point  $(-a, 0, 0)$ . Show that the central axis lies on the surface

$$z^2(x^2 + y^2) = (x^2 + y^2 - ax)^2. \quad 8$$

c) Two uniform rods  $AB, BC$  of weights  $W$  and  $W'$  are smoothly jointed at  $B$  and their middle points are joined across by a cord. The rods are tightly held in a vertical plane with their ends  $A, C$  resting on a smooth horizontal plane. Show by the principle of virtual work that the tension of the cord is

$$\frac{(W + W') \cos A \cos C}{\sin B}. \quad 8$$

4. Answer any **three** questions:  $8 \times 3 = 24$

a) Show that a mass of fluid is at rest under the forces

$$X = (y + z)^2 - x^2$$

$$Y = (z + x)^2 - y^2$$

$$Z = (x + y)^2 - z^2$$

and  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2yz - 2zx - 2xy = \text{constant}$  are the equations of the equi-pressure surfaces.

$4+4$

b) A triangular lamina  $ABC$  is immersed with side  $AB$  in the surface of a liquid and side  $AC$  vertical in the liquid whose density varies as the depth. If  $AB=a$  and  $AC=b$ , show that the position of the centre of pressure is  $\left(\frac{a}{5}, \frac{3b}{5}\right)$  referred to  $AB$  and  $AC$  as the coordinate axes.

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c) Obtain the necessary and sufficient condition of equilibrium of a fluid of the form

$$\vec{F} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}) = 0,$$

the symbols are to be explained by you.

$8$

d) ABC is a triangular lamina immersed vertically in water with C in the surface and the sides AC, BC are equally inclined to the surface. Prove that the vertical through C divides the triangle into two others, the thrusts on which are in the ratio  $(b^3 + 3ab^2):(a^3 + 3a^2b)$ . 8

e) i) A gas satisfying Boyle's law  $p = k\rho$  is acted on by forces

$$X = -\frac{y}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad Y = -\frac{x}{x^2 + y^2}$$

Show that density varies as  $e^{\frac{\theta}{k}}$ , where

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}.$$

ii) A gas is in equilibrium under the laws  $p = k\rho^\gamma = R\rho T$ , where  $p$ ,  $\rho$ ,  $T$  are the pressure, density and absolute temperature respectively, and  $k$ ,  $\gamma$ ,  $R$  are constants. Prove that temperature decreases upward at a constant rate.

$$\frac{\gamma - 1}{\gamma} \cdot \frac{g}{R}. \quad 4+4$$