

2019

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 90

Pass Marks : 41

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

The questions are of equal value.

Answer any six questions.

1. (a) Find the equation of the line of action of the resultant of a system of coplanar forces acting on a rigid body.
(b) Forces P, Q, R act along the sides of the triangle formed by the lines $x = 0$, $y = 0$ and $x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta = p$, axes being rectangular. Find the magnitude of the resultant and equation of its line of action.
2. (a) State and prove the principles of virtual work for a system of coplanar forces.
(b) The middle points of the opposite sides of a jointed quadrilateral are connected by light

rods of lengths ℓ and ℓ' . If T and T' be the tensions of these rods, then prove that

$$\frac{T}{\ell} + \frac{T'}{\ell'} = 0.$$

3. (a) Prove the following for a common catenary :
(i) $y = c \sec \psi$
(ii) $y^2 = s^2 + c^2$
(b) Show that the length of a heavy endless chain which will hang over circular pulley of radius a so as to be in contact with two third of the circumference is :

$$a \left[\frac{3}{\log(2 + \sqrt{3})} + \frac{4\pi}{3} \right]$$

4. Find the conditions of stability for a body with one degree of freedom.
5. (a) Define a simple harmonic motion. Prove that the time period of a S. H. M. is independent of its amplitude.
(b) A body moves from rest from a point O so that its acceleration after t seconds from O

is $\frac{1}{(t+2)^2}$. Find the distance described in 9

seconds and its velocity then.

6. (a) If V_1 and V_2 be the linear velocity of a planet when it is respectively nearest and farthest from the sun, then prove that $(1 - e)V_1 = (1 + e)V_2$. <https://www.lnmuonline.com>

(b) Prove that the extension of a heavy elastic string of weight w and natural length ℓ hanging from one end and supporting a

weight w' at the is $\frac{\ell}{\lambda}(w' + \frac{1}{2}w)$, where λ is

the modulus of elasticity of the string.

7. State D'Alembert's principle and prove that the rate of change of momentum of a body in any given direction is equal to the resolved part of the external forces in the same direction.

8. (a) Define minimum time of oscillator of a compound pendulum.

(b) Determine the motion of a rigid body acted on by the force of gravity only and moving about a fixed horizontal axis.

9. (a) Prove :

$$[\vec{a} + \vec{b}, \vec{b} + \vec{c}, \vec{c} + \vec{a}] = 2[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$$

(b) Prove :

$$b^2 \vec{a} = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b})\vec{b} + \vec{b} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b})$$

10. (a) If $\vec{v} \times \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} = 0$, then show that $\vec{v}(t)$ is a

constant vectors.

(b) Evaluate :

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(r \cdot \frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{r}}{dt^2} \right)$$

11. (a) Define divergence and curl of a vector field. prove :

$$\text{div}(\vec{a} \pm \vec{b}) = \text{div} \vec{a} \pm \text{div} \vec{b}$$

(b) Prove :

$$\text{Curl}(\text{grad} \cdot \phi) = 0$$

12. State and prove Stoke's theorem.

