

2020

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) Prove that any system of forces, acting in one plane upon a rigid body can be reduced to either a single force or a single couple.
- (b) Two system of forces P, Q, R and P', Q', R' act along the sides BC, CA, AB of a triangle ABC. Prove that their resultants will be parallel if $(QR' - Q'R) \sin A + (RP' - R'P) \sin B + (PQ' - P'Q) \sin C = 0$.

2. (a) Find the forces which may be omitted in forming the equation of virtual work.
- (b) Two equal uniform rods AB and AC, each of length 2b, are jointed at A and rest on a smooth vertical circle of radius a. Show that if 2θ be the angle between them then $b \sin^3 \theta = a \cos \theta$.

3. (a) Derive the equation of common catenary in the form $y = c \cosh \frac{x}{c}$.
- (b) If α and β be the angles which a string of length ℓ makes with the vertical at the points of support, show that the height of one point

above the other is
$$\frac{\ell \cos \frac{1}{2}(\alpha + \beta)}{\cos \frac{1}{2}(\beta - \alpha)}$$

4. Establish the energy test for stability. A solid frustum of a paraboloid of revolution of height h and latus rectum 4a rests with its vertex on the vertex of a paraboloid of revolution, whose latus rectum is 4b show that the equilibrium is stable if
$$h < \frac{3ab}{a + b}$$

5. (a) Find the amplitude and frequency of the combined motion of two simple harmonic motions of the same period and in the same straight line.

(b) A particle whose mass is m , is acted upon by a force $m\mu(x + \frac{a^4}{x^3})$ towards the origin O ; if it starts from rest at a distance a , show that it will arrive at the origin in time $\frac{\pi}{4\sqrt{\mu}}$.

6. State Kepler's law of planetary motion and deduce the third law from Newton's law of gravitation.

7. (a) Find the differential of the central orbit in polar co-ordinates.

(b) A particle describes the curve $v^n = a^n \cos n\theta$ under a force P to the pole. Find the law of force.

8. (a) Show that if no external forces act on the system of particle moving on a straight line, the centre of inertia is either at rest or moves with uniform velocity.

(b) Find the work done in extending a light elastic string to double its length.

9. (a) Define and interpret geometrically the scalar product of three vectors.

(b) Prove :

$$\vec{a} \times (\vec{b} \times \vec{c}) + \vec{b} \times (\vec{c} \times \vec{a}) + \vec{c} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = 0$$

10. (a) Show that the necessary and sufficient condition for the vector function \vec{V} of scalar variable t to have constant magnitude

$$\text{is } \vec{V} \cdot \frac{d\vec{V}}{dt} = 0$$

(b) If \vec{a} is a unit vector, prove $\left| \vec{a} \times \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \right| = \left| \frac{d\vec{a}}{dt} \right|$

11. (a) Prove : $\text{Curl}(\phi \vec{a}) = \phi \text{curl } \vec{a} + (\text{grad} \cdot \phi) \times \vec{a}$

(b) Prove : $\text{Div}(\text{Curl } \vec{V}) = 0$

12. State and prove Green's theorem.

