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V Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – Reg./Sup./Imp.)
Examination, November 2020
(2014 Admn. Onwards)
CORE COURSE IN PHYSICS
5B08 PHY – Classical Mechanics and Relativity

Max. Marks : 40

Time : 3 Hours

SECTION – A

(Very short answer type – **Each** question carries **1** mark. Answer **all** questions).

1. A rigid body has _____ number of degrees of freedom.
2. Write down an example for inertial and non inertial frame of reference.
3. The expression for escape velocity is _____.
4. The presence of which elementary particle on earth's surface experimentally verified time dilation ? (4×1=4)

SECTION – B

(Short answer type – **Each** question carries **2** marks. Answer **7** questions out of 10).

5. Explain the terms “Proper length” and “proper time”.
6. What is central force ? Give two examples for central force.
7. Explain D'Alembert principle.
8. What is meant by an equipotential surface ?
9. Derive Galilean transformation equations.
10. Write down Kepler's laws of planetary motion.
11. Explain pair production and pair annihilation.



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- 12. Explain "relativity of simultaneity".
- 13. Write a short note on cyclic or ignorable coordinates. Explain its significance.
- 14. Two photons approach each other. What is the velocity of one photon with respect to the other ? (7×2=14)

SECTION – C

(Short essay/problem type – **Each** question carries **3** marks. Answer **any 4** questions out of 6).

- 15. Solve Simple pendulum using Lagrange equation of motion.
- 16. Four particles of masses 2 kg, 4 kg, 5 kg and 8 kg are placed in order at the corners of a square of side 0.2 m. Locate the center of mass.
- 17. What are constraints ? Write a note on the classification of constraints.
- 18. Derive an expression for the escape velocity for a body of mass m from the surface of a planet of mass M and radius R . Hence evaluate the escape velocity for earth. Given the radius of earth $R = 6.4 \times 10^6$ m.
- 19. Derive the relation $E^2 = p^2c^2 + m^2c^4$.
- 20. Prove that the force given by $\vec{F} = (2xy + yz^2)\hat{i} + (x^2 + xz^2)\hat{j} + (2xyz)\hat{k}$ is a conservative force. (4×3=12)

SECTION – D

(Long essay type – **Each** question carries **5** marks. Answer **2** questions out of 4).

- 21. Solve the problem of a bead sliding on a uniformly rotating wire in a force free space using Lagrangian formulation.
- 22. Derive Kepler's Laws of planetary motion.
- 23. Establish the relationship between displacements, velocities and angles in the Lab and Centre of mass frame of reference.
- 24. Derive Lorentz transformation equations. Explain its significance. (2×5=10)