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M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION - MATHEMATICS

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MT 3812 - CLASSICAL MECHANICS

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Time : 9:00 - 12:00

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Answer **ALL** the questions

01. a. i. Classical dynamics restricted to those systems of interacting bodies for which quantum mechanical effects are ----
ii. Nature is the work by ---- that people think of when they think of physics.
iii. Newton invented the branch of mathematics ----- in order to solve difficult mathematical problems
iv. ----- is an abstract physical quantity that is not easily perceived by humans.
v. The law of conservation of energy was first hypothesized by -----

OR

- b. State and prove the principle of virtual work

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- c. Derive the Lagrange's equation of motion and find the differential equation of motion of a simple pendulum of length l .

OR

- d. State and prove the Variational principle and Prove that the shortest distance between two points in a plane is a straight line.

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02. a. i. Generalized momenta: $p_k =$

ii. Relation between the Lagrangian L and the Hamiltonian H is -----

iii. For a simple dynamical system, $H = KE +$ ----

iv. Hamilton's canonical equations of motion: $\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_k} =$ ---- and $\frac{\partial H}{\partial p_k} =$ -----

v. An ignorable coordinate is one which is absent from -----

OR

- b. Find the Routh's function for the motion of a particle in the central force field.

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- c. i. State Hamilton's principle and deduce Lagrange's equation from Hamilton's principle. And hence find the equation of one dimension Harmonic oscillator.

[7+8]

OR

- d. State and prove Hamilton's principle of least action

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03. a. i. If both q, p are periodic function of time with same frequency then the periodic motion is known as-----

ii. -----has both kinds of periodicity.

iii. The angles θ, ϕ, ψ are known as -----

iv. If the dynamical system have one degree freedom, then $pdq - PdQ =$ -----

v. $G_2 = \sum_j q_j P_j$ generates an ----- transformation.

OR

b. Show that $Q = (2q)^{1/2} e^k \cos p, P = (2q)^{1/2} e^{-k} \sin p$ is a canonical transform.

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c. Discuss about the motion of a top by using

i. Lagrange's method

ii. Hamilton's method

[7+8]

OR

d. State and prove Integral invariant theorem of Point care

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04. a. i. The solution of $H(q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_n, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_1}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_2}, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_3}, \dots, \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial q_n}, t) + \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial t} = 0$ is known as ----

ii. If u is a function of q_i, p_i, t then $\frac{du}{dt} = [u, H] + \dots$

iii. $v[u, w] + w[u, v] = \dots$

iv. If q_i is cyclic, then p_i is a -----

v. $\sum_{l=1}^{2n} \{u_l, u_j\} [u_l, u_j] = \dots$

OR

b. Derive the transformation equation for infinite decimal contact transformation in terms of Poisson bracket [5]

c. Derive the conservation theorem of angular momentum using infinite decimal contact transformation

OR

d. State and prove Jacobi's Identity

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05. a. i. The *Complete* integral W of Hamilton–Jacobi equation $H(q_k, \frac{\partial W}{\partial q_k}) = \alpha_1$ is called -----

ii. Separation of variables in Hamilton Jacobi's equation is possible only if -----

iii. For a conservative dynamical system in which the generalized coordinates θ, ϕ are cyclic and r is noncyclic, then the solution is given by -----

vi. If the variables $q_k, k = 1, \dots, n$ are cyclic, then the solution is of the form -----

v. If W_k denotes characteristic function, then $J_k = \int \frac{\partial W_k}{\partial q_k} dq_k$ is known as -----

OR

b. Discuss the motion of a particle moving in a plane under the action of central [5]

c. Discuss the Harmonic Oscillator problem using Hamilton Jacobi equation

OR

d. Discuss Kepler's problem using action angle variable.

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