

LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHYSICS

FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2022

UPH 4601 – ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

Date: 23-06-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

PART – A

Q. No **Answer ALL questions** **(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

- 1 What is sidereal day?
- 2 Mention at least four bright stars which are visible in the night sky at your place.
- 3 Mention the various celestial coordinate systems.
- 4 The absolute magnitude of the star is $M = -2$ and apparent magnitude of the star is $m = 8$. What is its distance from the earth?
- 5 Define luminosity and mention its unit.
- 6 Define the resolving power of a telescope.
- 7 The nearest star Proxima centauri has parallax $p = 0.76$ arc sec. Find its distance from earth in parsec.
- 8 What are binary stars?
- 9 State Hubble's law.
- 10 What is dark matter?

PART – B

Answer any FOUR questions **(4x7.5 = 30 Marks)**

- 11 Describe the i) apparent motion of celestial objects, ii) solar and sidereal Days, iii) light year in terms of kilometre and iv) equinoxes and solstices.
- 12 Classify the various types of telescopes.
- 13 Explain the zones and seasons of earth with the help of earth's revolution.
- 14 Give a detailed note on (a) Life cycle of the star (b) HR diagram
- 15 Discuss the various types of binary stars.
- 16 List the properties of each galaxy.

PART – C

Answer any FOUR questions **(4 x12.5 = 50 Marks)**

- 17 Discuss the (a) Equatorial coordinate system (b) Altazimuth (Horizontal) (c) ecliptic coordinate system (d) Galactic coordinate system in astronomy.
- 18 Write in detail the Charge Coupled Device (CCD) in the camera of a telescope
- 19 Give a detailed note on our Milky Way galaxy.
- 20 Explain Morgan Keenan classification of stars.
- 21 Describe (a) apparent magnitudes (b) extinction and optical thickness (c) absolute magnitudes (d) blackbody model of star.
- 22 Explain red shift and blue shift.

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