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#### **THIRD SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023**

#### (Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

# PHYSICS: COMPLEMENTARY COURSE FOR MATHEMATICS AND CHEMISTRY GPHY3C03T: MECHANICS, RELATIVITY, WAVES AND OSCILLATIONS

### **Time: 2 Hours**

### Maximum Marks: 60

# SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries *two* marks. (Ceiling 20 Marks)

- 1. What are the two fictitious forces acting on a rotating frame of reference?
- 2. Define the centre of mass of a system of particles. Give the expression for centre of mass of system of discrete particles.
- 3. How do you find the centre of mass of extended bodies?
- 4. Explain proper time and proper length.
- 5. Write down the Lorentz transformation equations.
- 6. Write down the expression for velocity of a particle executing simple harmonic motion. State the conditions under which (i) it is maximum. (ii) it is minimum.
- 7. A longitudinal wave propagates in the form of compressions and rarefactions. Explain.
- 8. What are electromagnetic waves?
- 9. What is Wein's displacement law?
- 10. Write down Einstein's photoelectric equation and explain the symbols.
- 11. Explain the considerations that led de Broglie to the concept of matter waves.
- 12. Calculate the velocity of electromagnetic wave in vacuum.

## SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries *five* marks. (Ceiling 30 Marks)

- 13. Prove that a frame moving with a constant velocity relative to an inertial frame is also inertial.
- 14. Derive the Galilean transformation equations.
- 15. Calculate the angular momentum of a satellite of mass m moves in a circular orbit of radius r referred to the centre of the orbit. Express the result in terms of G, M, m and r, where M is the mass of the earth.

- 16. Obtain mass-energy relation in special relativity.
- 17. Derive an expression for average potential energy of a particle executing simple harmonic motion. Graphically represents its variation as a function of displacement.
- 18. Find: (i) amplitude (ii) wavelength (iii) velocity (iv) frequency of a plane progressive wave represented by the equation =  $0.11 \sin 2\pi (3t + 0.2x)$ . Distances are in cm and time in second.
- 19. Show that the group velocity of a wave packet representing a particle is equal to the classical velocity of the particle.

#### SECTION C: Answer any one questions. Each carries ten marks.

- 20. Explain potential well and potential energy curve. Show that for small oscillations of any system about an equilibrium position will always be simple harmonic.
- 21. State the postulates of special theory of relativity and describe the Michelson Morley experiment.

(1 x 10 = 20 Marks)