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PH 1013 GENERAL PHYSICS

Time : 03 hour

Answer ALL Questions

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Question 1

- (a) Define and write down the mathematical expressions for “average velocity” and “instantaneous velocity”. ... (4% marks)

A particle located at position  $x = 0$  at time  $t = 0$ , starts moving along the positive x-direction with a velocity  $v$  that varies as  $v = kx^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

- (i) Find the expressions for displacement, velocity and acceleration of the particle as a function of  $t$ . ... (9% marks)

- (ii) What is the average velocity of the particle over the first  $d$  distance of its path? ... (1% marks)

- (b) A particle is moving in two dimensions and its position is given by the polar coordinates  $(r, \theta)$ . Show that the;

- (i) velocity of the particle is  $\vec{v} = \dot{r} \vec{e}_r + r \dot{\theta} \vec{e}_\theta$  ... (2% marks)

- (ii) acceleration of the of the particle is  $\vec{a} = (\ddot{r} - r \dot{\theta}^2) \vec{e}_r + (r \ddot{\theta} + 2 \dot{r} \dot{\theta}) \vec{e}_\theta$ . ... (2% marks)

Where,  $\vec{e}_r$  and  $\vec{e}_\theta$  are the unit vectors along and perpendicular to the radial direction respectively.

- (c) A particle moves in two dimensions  $r = 2\theta$ , where  $\theta$  varies with time  $t$  as  $\theta = t^2$ . Show that the acceleration of the particle is  $\vec{a} = 4(1 - 2t^4) \vec{e}_r + 20t^2 \vec{e}_\theta$ . ... (2% marks)

Question 2

- (a) Explain briefly what is meant by Conservative force, Work done and Work-Energy principle. ... (3% marks)

- (b) A particle is moving with a velocity  $v(t)$  under the influence of a force  $F(t)$ . Show that the work done  $W$  by the force between the time interval  $t_1$  to  $t_2$  is, ... (3% marks)

$$W = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} (\vec{F} \cdot \vec{v}) dt,$$

- (c) A particle of mass 5 Kg moves with an initial velocity  $(10\mathbf{i} - k)\text{ ms}^{-1}$  under the influence of an external force  $\vec{F} = 5\vec{i} + 10\vec{j} + 15\vec{k}$  N. Find the,
- power of the force at any time  $t$  sec. ... (2% marks)
  - work done by the force in the time interval  $t = 0$  sec to  $t = 10$  sec. ... (2% marks)
  - velocity and the position vector of the particle when  $t = 10$  sec. ... (2% marks)
  - Calculate the kinetic energy of the particle when  $t = 10$  sec and verify your answer by considering the relationship between work and energy. ... (2% marks)

### Question3

- Briefly explain the meaning of *wavelength*, *frequency* and *amplitude* as applied to waves. ... (6% marks)
- Distinguish between *wave velocity* and *propagation velocity* in wave transmission. ... (2% marks)
- Briefly explain the *superposition* and *interference* of waves. ... (2% marks)
- Distinguish between *constructive* and *destructive* interference of waves. ... (2% marks)
- Briefly explain the *Doppler Effect* in sound waves. ... (2% marks)
- A ship is chasing a submarine. To detect the submarine, the ship uses sonar, sending out a sound wave and detecting the reflected sound. The submarine is moving at  $8\text{ ms}^{-1}$  and the ship chases it at  $20\text{ ms}^{-1}$ . If the ship sends out a 700 Hz sound wave, what frequency do they hear for the return wave? The speed of sound in water is  $1500\text{ ms}^{-1}$ . ... (5% marks)

### Question4

- Define the following terms in thermodynamics; *thermal physics*, *temperature*, *heat*, *internal energy*, and *thermal equilibrium*. ... (5% marks)
- Define the *Zeroth law* of thermodynamics. ... (2% marks)
- Briefly explain the *absolute zero* in thermodynamics? ... (2% marks)
- Brief the *ideal gas* and the *ideal gas law*. ... (3% marks)

A 3 liter tank contains oxygen gas at  $20\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and gauge pressure of  $25 \times 10^5$  Pa. Estimate the mass of oxygen in the tank. You may use the molar mass of oxygen gas is 32 g/mol. Atmospheric pressure to be  $1 \times 10^5$  Pa and Universal gas constant is  $8.31\text{ J/mol.K}$ . ... (3% marks)

### Question 5

- Describe what interference of light is. ... (3% marks)

A double slit experimental arrangement is shown in Figure 1, where the double slit is illuminated with monochromatic parallel beam of light. In such an arrangement,  $I_1 = I_2 = I_0$  and the intensity