

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2025
(Third Semester)

Branch - **MATHEMATICS**
MECHANICS

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

$(10 \times 1 = 10)$

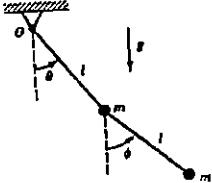
| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
|------------|--------------|--|---------|-----|
| 1 | 1 | The space formed by a generalized coordinates is called _____ a) Cartesian space b) phase space c) configuration space d) orthogonal space | K1 | CO1 |
| | 2 | The principle of virtual work can be applied to elastic system by considering the virtual work of _____ a) Internal forces only b) External forces only c) Internal as well as external forces d) constrain forces only | K2 | CO1 |
| 2 | 3 | _____ is based on a direct application of newton's law of motion. a) variational dynamics b) kinetic energy c) potential energy d) analytical dynamics | K1 | CO2 |
| | 4 | A system having n degrees of freedom requires $2n$ integrations of the motion for a _____ a) complete solution b) holonomic system c) general solution d) conservative system | K2 | CO2 |
| 3 | 5 | The brachistochrone problem is one of the classical problems of the _____ a) variational dynamics b) virtual displacement c) calculus of variations d) stationary value | K1 | CO2 |
| | 6 | The use of the multiplier rule leads to incorrect dynamical equations for the general case of _____ a) Hamilton Principle b) non holonomic constraints c) holonomic constraints d) holonomic equations | K2 | CO2 |
| 4 | 7 | The generating function, which is associated with the required _____ a) Legendre equation b) Canonical Integral c) Canonical transformation d) Legrange's function | K1 | CO3 |
| | 8 | _____ is the modified Hamilton-Jacobi equation a) $H\left(q, \frac{\partial w}{\partial q}\right) = \alpha_n$ b) $H\left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial q}\right) = \alpha_n$ c) $H(q, p) = \alpha_n$ d) $H\left(\frac{\partial s}{\partial q_i}, \frac{\partial w}{\partial q}\right) = \alpha_n$ | K2 | CO3 |
| 5 | 9 | A transformation from (q, p) to (Q, P) which preserves the canonical form of the equation of motion is _____ a) Hamilton b) generating function c) canonical transformation d) Hamiltonian function | K1 | CO4 |
| | 10 | A general characteristic of the Lagrange bracket is that its value is invariant under a _____ a) dynamical variables b) canonical transformation c) Poisson bracket d) Jacobian determinants | K2 | CO4 |

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SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

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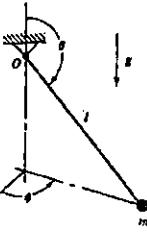
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| 1 | 11.a. | What are the holonomic constraints and nonholonomic constraints? Explain it. (OR) | K2 | CO1 |
| | 11.b. | Derive Lagrangian form of D'Alembert's Principle. | | |
| 2 | 12.a. | A double pendulum consists of two particles suspended by massless rods, as shown in fig. Assuming that all motion takes place in a vertical plane, find the differential equations of motion.  | K3 | CO2 |
| | 12.b. | (OR) Derive Lagrange's equations with the Routhian function used in place of the Lagrangian function. | | |
| 3 | 13.a. | What is Hamilton's principle? How to get a generalized version of Hamilton's principle? (OR) | K3 | CO2 |
| | 13.b. | Use the Legendre transformation to obtain Lagrange's equations from Hamilton's equations. | | |
| 4 | 14.a. | State and prove Stackel's theorem. (OR) | K4 | CO3 |
| | 14.b. | What is the canonical integral associated with Hamilton's principle? Explain it. | | |
| 5 | 15.a. | State and prove Poisson's theorem. (OR) | K4 | CO4 |
| | 15.b. | Suppose the scleronomic extended point transformation $Q = \tan q$, $P = (p - mv_0) \cos^2 q$ where m and v_0 are constants. Show that the transformation is canonical and apply it to a specific mass-spring system. | | |

SECTION - C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

 $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

| Module No. | Question No. | Question | K Level | CO |
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| 1 | 16 | What is rotational kinetic energy? Give more details about it. | K4 | CO1 |
| 2 | 17 | Obtain the integrals of the motion for a spherical pendulum of length l in figure.  | K4 | CO2 |
| 3 | 18 | Derive Hamilton's equations. | K4 | CO2 |
| 4 | 19 | State and prove Jacobi's theorem. | K4 | CO3 |
| 5 | 20 | What are the comments on the Hamilton-Jacobi method? Explain it. | K4 | CO4 |