

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 × 1 = 10)

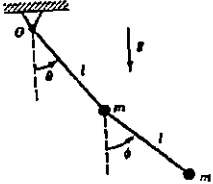
Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	The space formed by a generalized coordinates is called ____ a) Cartesian space b) phase space c) configuration space d) orthogonal space	K1	CO1
	2	The principle of virtual work can be applied to elastic system by considering the virtual work of ____ a) 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 $2n$ integrals 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) Hamitonian 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

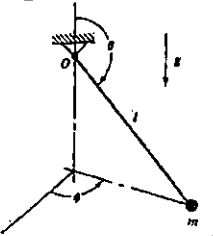
ALL questions carry **EQUAL** Marks $(5 \times 7 = 35)$

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	What are the holonomic constraints and nonholonomic constraints? Explain it.	K2	CO1
		(OR)		
2	11.b.	Derive Lagrangian form of D'Alembert's Principle.	K3	CO2
	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. 		
		(OR)		
3	12.b.	Derive Lagrange's equations with the Routhian function used in place of the Lagrangian function.	K3	CO2
	13.a.	What is Hamilton's principle? How to get a generalized version of Hamilton's principle?		
4		(OR)	K4	CO3
	13.b.	Use the Legendre transformation to obtain Lagrange's equations from Hamilton's equations.		
	14.a.	State and prove Stackel's theorem.		
5		(OR)	K4	CO4
	14.b.	What is the canonical integral associated with Hamilton's principle? Explain it.		
	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
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

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