

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2026
(First Semester)
Branch - PHYSICS

MATHEMATICS – I FOR PHYSICS

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 reciprocal of curvature is called (i) Evolute (ii) Radius of curvature (iii) Involute (iv) Chord of curvature	K1	CO1
	2	Chord of curvature parallel to x-axis is given by (i) $\frac{2y_1}{y_2}(1+y_1^2)$ (ii) $\frac{2y_1}{y_2}(1-y_1^2)$ (iii) $\frac{y_1}{y_2}(1+y_1^2)$ (iv) $\frac{2}{y_2}(1+y_1^2)$	K2	CO1
2	3	If $f(x)$ is an even function, then $\int_{-2}^2 f(x)dx =$ (i) $\int_0^2 f(x)dx$ (ii) $2\int_{-2}^2 f(x)dx$ (iii) 0 (iv) $2\int_0^2 f(x)dx$	K1	CO2
	4	The value of $\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^7 x \cos^5 x dx$ is (i) $\frac{1}{12}$ (ii) $\frac{3}{120}$ (iii) $\frac{1}{120}$ (iv) $\frac{8}{693}$	K2	CO2
3	5	The moment of inertia of a mass M in the region R in the (x, y) plane about x and y axis are given by (i) $I_x = \int_R y^2 f(x, y) dxdy$, $I_y = \int_R x^2 f(x, y) dxdy$ (ii) $I_x = \int_R yf(x, y) dxdy$, $I_y = \int_R xf(x, y) dxdy$ (iii) $I_x = \int_R f(x, y) dxdy$, $I_y = \int_R f(x, y) dxdy$ (iv) $I_x = \int_R y^2 dxdy$, $I_y = \int_R x^2 dxdy$	K1	CO3
	6	The value of $\int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x+y) dx =$ (i) 2 (ii) 0 (iii) 1 (iv) 3	K2	CO3
4	7	A vector field which has a vanishing <i>curl</i> is called (i) solenoidal (ii) irrotational (iii) rotational (iv) potential	K1	CO4
	8	If $\vec{F} = xz^3\vec{i} - 2xyz\vec{j} + xz\vec{k}$, then $\text{div } \vec{F}$ at the point $(1, 2, 0)$ is (i) 2 (ii) 1 (iii) 0 (iv) 3	K2	CO4
5	9	The area bounded by a simple closed curve C is given by (i) $\frac{1}{2} \int_C (xdy + ydx)$ (ii) $\frac{1}{2} \int_C (xdy - ydx)$ (iii) $\int_C (xdy + ydx)$ (iv) $\int_C (xdy - ydx)$	K1	CO5
	10	If $\vec{A} = \text{curl } \vec{F}$, then for any closed surface S , $\int_S \vec{A} \cdot \hat{n} ds =$ (i) 1 (ii) 2 (iii) 3 (iv) 0	K2	CO5

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions
ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks (5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	Find the radius of curvature at the point θ on the curve $x = a(\theta + \sin\theta)$, $y = a(1 - \cos\theta)$.	K2	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Obtain the equation of the evolute of the curve $x = a(\cos\theta + \theta\sin\theta)$, $y = a(\sin\theta - \theta\cos\theta)$.		

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2	12.a.	Evaluate $\int \frac{x^2 \tan^{-1} x}{1+x^2} dx$.	K2	CO2
	(OR)			
	12.b.	Evaluate $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sqrt{\sin x}}{\sqrt{\sin x} + \sqrt{\cos x}} dx$.		
3	13.a.	Evaluate $\iint xy dx dy$ over the region in the positive quadrant for which $x + y = 1$.	K3	CO3
	(OR)			
	13.b.	Evaluate $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \int_0^{a \sin \theta} \int_0^{\frac{a^2 - r^2}{2}} r dz dr d\theta$.		
4	14.a.	Find the constants a, b, c so that the vector $\vec{F} = (x + 2y + ax)\vec{i} + (bx - 3y - z)\vec{j} + (4x + cy + 2z)\vec{k}$ is irrotational.	K3	CO4
	(OR)			
	14.b.	Prove that $\vec{F} = (2xy + z^3)\vec{i} + x^2\vec{j} + 3xz^2\vec{k}$ is a conservative force. Find ϕ so that $\nabla\phi = \vec{F}$.		
5	15.a.	Find the work done when the force $\vec{F} = (x^2 - y^2 + x)\vec{i} - (2xy + y)\vec{j}$ moves a particle in the xy plane from $(0,0)$ to $(1,1)$ along the curve $y^2 = x$. Is this work done different when the path is the straight line $y = x$.	K3	CO5
	(OR)			
	15.b.	Verify Stoke's theorem for $\vec{F} = (2x - y)\vec{i} - yz^2\vec{j} - y^2z\vec{k}$ where S is the upper half surface of the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and C is the circular boundary on $z = 0$ plane.		

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Find the center of curvature at any point (x, y) on the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ and show that the equation of the evolute is $(ax)^{2/3} + (by)^{2/3} = (a^2 - b^2)^{2/3}$.	K2	CO1
2	17	Derive the reduction formula for $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^n x dx$.	K2	CO2
3	18	Find the volume of the region bounded by the surfaces $y^2 = 4ax$, $x^2 = 4ay$ and the planes $z = 0$ and $z = 3$.	K3	CO3
4	19	Determine $f(r)$ so that the vector $f(r)\vec{r}$ is both solenoidal and irrotational.	K3	CO4
5	20	Verify Gauss's Divergence Theorem for $\vec{F} = x^2\vec{i} + y^2\vec{j} + z^2\vec{k}$ taken over the cube bounded by the planes $x = 0$, $x = 1$, $y = 0$, $y = 1$, $z = 0$ and $z = 1$.	K3	CO5