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B.A./B.Sc.

Third Semester

CORE – 5

PHYSICS

Course Code: PHC 3.11

(Mathematical Physics - II)

Total Mark: 70

Pass Mark: 28

Time: 3 hours

Answer five questions, taking one from each unit.

UNIT-I

1. (a) Find the Fourier series of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } -\pi < x < \frac{-\pi}{2} \\ 0 & \text{for } \frac{-\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ +1 & \text{for } \frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi \end{cases} \quad 8$$

(b) Find the Fourier sine series for the function $f(x) = e^{ax}$ for $0 < x < \pi$, where a is a constant. 6

2. (a) If $f(x) = \begin{cases} \pi x, & 0 < x < 1 \\ \pi(2-x), & 1 < x < 2 \end{cases}$ using half range cosine series, show that $\frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{5^4} + \dots = \frac{\pi}{96}$. 8

(b) Find the complex form of the Fourier series of $f(x) = e^{-x}$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. 6

UNIT-II

3. (a) Find regular singular points of the differential equation: $x(x-2)^2 + 2(x-2)y' + (x+3)y = 0$ 4

(b) Solve the following equation in power series about $x = 0$.

$$2x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - (x+1)y = 0 \quad 10$$

4. (a) Derive orthogonality of Legendre polynomials

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} p_m(x) \cdot p_n(x) dx = 0; n \neq m \quad 8$$

(b) Prove that 6

(i) $p'_{n+1} - p'_{n-1} = (2n+1)p_n$

(ii) $p'_n - xp'_{n-1} = np_{n-1}$

UNIT-III

5. (a) Prove that $J''_n = \frac{1}{4} [J_{n-2}(x) - J_{n+2}(x)]$. 4

(b) Show that $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-x^2} H_m(x) H_n(x) dx = 0$; for $n \neq m$.
 $= 2^n n! \sqrt{\pi}$; $m = n$. 10

6. (a) Derive the following recurrence relation $L'_n(x) - nL'_{n-1}(x) + nL_n = 0$. 4

(b) Use ascending power series method for the equation
 $x^2 y'' + xy' + (x^2 - n^2)y = 0$, to derive Bessel's function of first kind. 10

UNIT-IV

7. (a) Write a short note on propagation error in addition and multiplication. 4

(b) Prove that $\gamma(1/2) = \sqrt{\pi}$. 4

(c) Evaluate the integral $\int_0^1 \left(\frac{x^3}{1-x^3} \right)^{1/2} dx$. 6

8. (a) Calculate the standard error for the data 2, 7, 9, 13, 16. 4

(b) Transform $\beta(l, m)$ to $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{l-1}}{(1+x)^{m+n}} dx$. 4

(c) Evaluate $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^a}{(a)^x} dx$ and hence find $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^7}{(7)^x} dx$. 6

UNIT-V

9. Consider the heat flow through a thin bar of uniform cross-section of length L and thermal conductivity σ . One dimensional heat conduction equation is given by $\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial x^2} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial t}$, where θ is the temperature. Solve the above equation with given boundary condition $\theta(0, t) = \theta(l, 0) = 0, t > 0$ and initial condition $\theta(x, t) = x, 0 < x < l$. 14
10. (a) Using method of separation of variable, find the general solution of Laplace equation in rectangular coordinate system. 6
- (b) Write the equation of vibration of tightly stretched rectangular membrane and obtain its general solution. 8
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