

SECTION-A

1- a) Prove that $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) \cdot \vec{d} = (\vec{a} \cdot \vec{d}) (\vec{a} \times \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c})$ 5

b) Establish the Identity: $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{2} [\underline{i} \times (\vec{a} \times \underline{i}) + \underline{j} \times (\vec{a} \times \underline{j}) + \underline{k} \times (\vec{a} \times \underline{k})]$. 5

2. a) Differentiate w.r. to t, where \vec{r} is a vector function of scalar variable t and \vec{a} is a constant vector $\frac{\vec{r} \times \vec{a}}{\vec{r} \cdot \vec{a}}$. 5

b) Solve: $\frac{d^2 \vec{r}}{dt^2} = \vec{a}$, where \vec{a} is a constant vector also, it is given that when $t = 0$; $\vec{r} = 0$ and $\frac{d\vec{r}}{dt} = 0$. 5

3- a) Prove that $\nabla^2 |\vec{r}|^n = n(n+1) |\vec{r}|^{n-2}$. Where n is constant and $\vec{r} = x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} + z\underline{k}$. 5

b) Show that $\nabla \times (\phi \vec{A}) = (\nabla \phi) \times \vec{A} + \phi (\nabla \times \vec{A})$. 5

SECTION-B

4- a) Forces $2\vec{BC}$, \vec{CA} , \vec{BA} acting along the sides of a ΔABC . Show that their resultant is $6\vec{DE}$, where D bisects BC and E is a point on CA such that $CE = \frac{1}{3} CA$. 5

b) Forces \vec{P} , $2\vec{P}$, $3\vec{P}$, $6\vec{P}$, $5\vec{P}$ and $4\vec{P}$ act respectively along the sides AB, CB, CD, ED, EF and AF of a regular hexagon of side 'a', the sense of the forces being indicated by the order of the letters. Prove that the six forces are equivalent to a couple. 5

5- a) A triangle lamina ABC is suspended from a point O by a light strings attached to points A and B and hangs so that the side BC is vertical. Prove that if α , β are due angles which the strings AO, BO make with the vertical, then $2 \cot \alpha - \cot \beta = 3 \cot \beta$. 5

b) Two beads of weigh W and W' can slide on a smooth circular wire in a vertical plane, they are connected by a light string which subtends an angle 2β at the centre of the circle when the beads are in equilibrium on the upper half of the wire. Prove that the inclination α of the string to the horizontal is given by $\tan \alpha = \frac{W - W'}{W + W'} \tan \beta$ 5

6- a) The least force which will move a weight up the plane on inclined plane is of magnitude P. Show that the least force acting parallel to the plane which will move the weight upward is $P\sqrt{1 + \mu^2}$, where μ is the coefficient of friction. 5

b) A uniform rod of weight W placed with its lower end on a rough floor and upper end against an equally rough vertical wall. The rod makes an angle α with the wall and is just prevented from slipping down by a horizontal force P applied at its middle point. Prove that $P = W \tan (\alpha - 2\lambda)$, where λ is the angle of friction and $\lambda < \frac{1}{2} \alpha$. 5

7- a) ABCD is a trapezium which bounds a uniform lamina. AB, CD are parallel and of length a, b respectively. Prove that the distance of the C.G of the lamina from AB is $\frac{1}{2} h \frac{a+2b}{a+b}$, where h is the distance between parallel sides. 5

b) Find the centre of gravity of a uniform wire in the shape of parabolic arc $y^2 = 4ax$ with ends as the extremities of the latus rectum. 5

8- a) A light thin rod, 12 ft. long, can turn in a vertical plane about on one of its points which is attached to a pivot. If weights of 3 lb and 4 lb are suspended from its ends, it rests in a horizontal position. Find the position of the pivot and its reaction on the rod. 5

b) A hexagon ABCDEF, consisting of six equal heavy rods, of weight W, freely jointed together, hung in vertical plane with AB horizontal, and the frame is kept in the form of a regular hexagon by a light rod connecting the mid-points of CD and EF. Show that the Thrust in the light rod is $2\sqrt{3} W$. 5