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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER REGULAR MAIN EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE &  
COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 320**

**COURSE TITLE: DYNAMICS**

**EQUATIONS II**

**09<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

**TIME: 8:00-11:00AM**

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**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

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**STREAM: CS**

**DURATION: 3 Hours**

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**INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES**

- i. Answer **ALL** questions from **section A** and any **THREE** from **section B**
- ii. Do not write on the question paper.

**SECTION A COMPULSARY, (31 MARKS)**

**QUESTION ONE (16 MARKS)**

- a) A uniform bar AB of length  $l = 100\text{cm}$  rotates anticlockwise about a point A with constant angular speed  $\omega$ . At the instant midpoint C of AB the linear speed and  $V_C$  of the center of mass C is  $100\text{cm/s}$ .
- Find the angular speed and angular velocity of the bar. **(4 marks)**
  - What is the linear velocity of point B after a rotation of  $30^\circ$ ? **(2 marks)**
  - By what angles do the angular positions of point C and B change in 2 seconds? **(2 marks)**
- b) A ship moves with velocity  $V_x = 10\text{m/s}$  and a drone takes off from the ship with velocity (3, 4) m/s relative to the ship. If the ship also rotates at  $\omega = 1\text{ rad/s}$ , find the velocity of the drone in the stationary frame. **(4 marks)**
- c) A planet has twice the mass of Earth and half its radius. If a person weighs  $700\text{N}$  on earth, what would be their weight on this planet? (gravity of earth;  $g = 9.8\text{ m/s}^2$ ) **(4 marks)**

**QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)**

- a) A mass spring system has a mass  $M = 2\text{kg}$ ,  $k = 100\text{N/m}$ ,  $b = 5\text{Ns/m}$ . An external periodic force  $F(t) = 10 \cos 2t\text{ N}$  is applied to the system. The initial displacement is  $x(0) = 0$  and initial velocity is  $\dot{x}(0) = 0$ . Find the steady-state solution for the displacement  $x(t)$ . **(6 marks)**
- b) A wheel with a mom of inertia of  $2\text{ kgm}^2$  slows from  $20\text{rad/s}$  to rest in 5 sec. Find the torque acting on the wheel. **(4 marks)**
- c) A car moves along the x-axis with velocity  $V_x = 5\text{m/s}$ . A person inside the car throws a ball with velocity  $V_x = 2\text{m/s}$  in the x direction and velocity  $V_y = 3\text{m/s}$  in the y-direction What is the velocity of the ball as seen by a stationary observer? **(5 marks)**

**SECTION B ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS, (39 MARKS)**

**QUESTION THREE (13 MARKS)**

- a) A particle executes circular motion in the xy-plane with constant speed  $v = 5\text{m/s}$ . At  $t = 0$ , the particle is at  $\theta = 0$ . Given that the radius of the circular orbit is  $2.5\text{m}$ , find the velocity of the particle at  $t = 3\text{s}$ . **(10 marks)**
- b) A spaceship moves at  $0.8c$  relative to Earth. A light signal is sent inside the spaceship at speed  $c$ . What is the observed speed of light from Earth? **(3 marks)**

**QUESTION FOUR (13 MARKS)**

- a) The position of a particle moving in xy-plane is given as a function of time in seconds as  $r = \cos(2\pi t)i + \sin(2\pi t)j$  meters
- Find velocity  $v$  and acceleration  $a$  of the particle as function of time (5 marks)
  - Show that velocity is always perpendicular to acceleration (4 marks)
  - Determine the magnitude of the velocity when  $t = 5$ sec (4 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (13 MARKS)**

- State Newton's second law of motion (2 marks)
- An ice skater with a moment of inertia of  $3\text{kgm}^2$  is spinning at  $5\text{ rad/s}$ . If she pulls her arms and reduces her moment of inertia to  $2\text{kgm}^2$ , what is her angular velocity. (2 marks)
- A  $10\text{N}$  force is applied at a  $30^\circ$  angle to move a  $2\text{kg}$  box  $5\text{m}$  along a flat surface. Find the work done (3 marks)
- Find the moments and center of mass of the system of objects that have masses  $3, 4$  and  $8$  at the points  $(-1, 1), (2, -1)$  and  $(3, 2)$  respectively. (6 marks)

**QUESTION SIX (13 MARKS)**

- A mass spring system with mass  $M=0.5\text{kg}$ , spring constant  $k=100\text{N/m}$ , damping coefficient  $b=2\text{Ns/m}$  is subject to damping. The displacement  $x(t)$  of the mass at time  $t$  is given by the differential equation;  $m\ddot{x} + b\dot{x} + kx = 0$  Find the solution for displacement  $x(t)$  given that the initial displacement  $x_0 = 0.1\text{m}$  and the initial velocity is  $\dot{x}(0) = 0\text{m/s}$ . (7 marks)
- If the acute angle between two vectors  $A$  and  $B$  is  $\theta$ , show that  $A \cdot B = \|A\| \|B\| \cos \theta$ . (6 marks)

**QUESTION SEVEN (13 MARKS)**

- A stone is dropped from a height of  $20\text{m}$ . Find the time it takes to reach the ground and its velocity just before impact. Assume  $g = 9.8\text{m/s}^2$  (3 marks)
- A ball is thrown with an initial velocity of  $20\text{m/s}$  at an angle of  $30^\circ$  to the horizontal. Find;
  - Time of flight (2 marks)
  - The maximum height (2 marks)
  - Horizontal displacement (2 marks)
- A  $2\text{kg}$  mass spring system with  $k = 5\text{N/m}$  and  $b = 4\text{Ns/m}$  is subjected to a force  $F(t)=10 \cos 5t$ . Find the steady-state amplitude (4 marks)