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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE)

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF ARTS

SMA 231: DYNAMICS I

DATE: 24/7/2019

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attempt question *one (compulsory)* and any other *two questions*.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms as used in theoretical Dynamics;
- i.) Torque (3 marks)
 - ii.) Damped forces (2 marks)
 - iii.) Potential energy (2 marks)
 - iv.) Impulsive forces (3 marks)

- b) A constant force $\vec{F}$ acting on a particle of mass m units changes the velocity from v_1 to v_2 in time c . Prove that $\vec{F} = \frac{m(\vec{v}_2 - \vec{v}_1)}{c}$ (5 marks)
- c) A particle P of unit mass moves in a force field given by $\vec{F} = (3t^2 - 4t)\hat{j} + (12t - 6)\hat{j} - (6t - 12t^2)\hat{k}$, where t is time. If the velocity at $t = 1$ sec is $4\hat{i} - 5\hat{j} + 10\hat{k}$, calculate the velocity at $t = 2$ sec (5 marks)
- d) A particle of mass M units move along a space curve defined by $\vec{r} = a \cos \omega t \hat{i} + b \sin \omega t \hat{j}$. Determine its angular momentum about the origin. (5 marks)
- e) A particle is projected from a point O on a plane inclined at an angle α with the horizontal. The particle hits the plane at right angles at A, where OA is a line of greatest slope, O being lower than A. if the particle is projected at an angle θ to the horizontal, determine the relationship between α and θ . (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

A body of mass m units travelling in a straight line is supplied with constant power P and is subjected to resistance Mkv^2 where v is its speed and k is a constant. Show that;

- i) the speed of the body cannot exceed a certain value (8 marks)
- ii) if it starts from rest it acquires half the maximum speed after travelling a

$$\text{distance } \frac{1}{3} k \ln \left(\frac{8}{7} \right) \quad (6 \text{ marks})$$

- iii) if the power is then cut off and an additional retarding force of constant value

$\vec{F}$ is imposed, calculate the subsequent time which elapses before the body comes to rest. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) A particle of mass 2 units moves along the $x - \text{axis}$ attracted towards the origin O by a force whose magnitude is numerically equal to $8x$. It is initially at rest at $x = 20$, work out;

- i.) The differential equation and initial condition describing the motion.(5 marks)
- ii.) Position of particle at any time (4 marks)
- iii.) The speed and velocity at any time (3 marks)
- iv.) The period (2 marks)
- v.) The frequency (2 marks)

b) Suppose that a particle has constant mass and that at times t_1 and t_2 it is located at p_1 and p_2 respectively and moving with velocities

$$\vec{v}_1 = \frac{d\vec{r}_1}{dt} \quad \text{and} \quad \vec{v}_2 = \frac{d\vec{r}_2}{dt} \text{ respectively; prove that the total work done in moving the}$$

particle along a curve from p_1 to p_2 is given by;

$$W = \int_c \vec{f} \cdot d\vec{r} = \frac{1}{2} m (\vec{v}_2^2 - \vec{v}_1^2) \quad (4 \text{ marks})$$

QUESTION MARKS (20 MARKS)

- a) A particle P of mass M units slides without rolling down a frictionless inclined plane AB of angle α with the horizontal. If it starts from rest at the top A of inclined plane, calculate the particle's;
- i.) Acceleration (5 marks)
 - ii.) Velocity (4 marks)
 - iii.) Distance (5 marks)
- b) A bullet is fired at an angle of 45° with the horizontal, with a velocity of 273 m/s . Determine
- i.) the maximum height the bullet rises (3 marks)
 - ii.) the horizontal range R (3 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

An object of mass 40 kg moves in the $x - y$ plane so that its position vector is

$\vec{r} = a \cos \omega t \hat{i} + b \sin \omega t \hat{j}$ where a, b and ω are positive constants and $a > b$. Determine;

- i) The kinetic energy at $x = a$ and $y = b$ (10 marks)
- ii) The work done by the force field in moving the particle from $x = a$ to $y = b$ (10 marks)

