

Section-A

- 1- a) Prove that $[\underline{a} + \underline{b}, \underline{b} + \underline{c}, \underline{c} + \underline{a}] = 2[\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}]$. 5
 b) Show that $[\underline{a} \times \underline{b}, \underline{b} \times \underline{c}, \underline{c} \times \underline{a}] = [\underline{a}, \underline{b}, \underline{c}]^2$. 5
- 2- a) If $\underline{r} = (\cos nt) \underline{i} + (\sin nt) \underline{j}$ where n is a constant show that $\underline{r} \times \frac{d\underline{r}}{dt} = n\underline{k}$. 5
 b) If \underline{y} is a vector function, solve the equation $\frac{d^2 \underline{y}}{dt^2} = at + b$, $\underline{y} = a\frac{t^3}{6} + b\frac{t^2}{2}$. 5
- 3- a) Find the scalar function ϕ such that $\nabla\phi = x\underline{i} + 2y\underline{j} + z\underline{k}$. 5
 b) If $\underline{r} = x\underline{i} + y\underline{j} + z\underline{k}$, show that $\nabla(r^n) = n r^{n-1} \hat{\underline{r}}$ 5

Section-B

- 4- a) State and prove (λ, μ) theorem. 5
 b) The greatest resultant that two forces can have is of magnitude P and the least is of magnitude Q .
 Show that, when they act at an angle α , their resultant is of magnitude $\sqrt{P^2 \cos^2 \frac{\alpha}{2} + Q^2 \sin^2 \frac{\alpha}{2}}$. 5
- 5- a) Find the least force which will set into motion a particle at rest on a rough horizontal plane. 5
 b) A uniform ladder, of length 70 feet, rests against a vertical wall with which it makes an angle of 45° , the coefficients of friction between the ladder and the wall and the ground respectively being $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$.
 If a man, whose weight is one half that of the ladder, ascends the ladder, where will he be when the ladder slips? 5
- 6- a) A uniform semi-circular wire hangs on a rough peg, the line joining its extremities making an angle of 45° with the horizontal. If it is just on the point of slipping, find the coefficient of friction between the wire and the peg. 5
 b) A uniform rod of weight w is placed with its lower end on a rough horizontal floor and its 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) Find the centroid of the region bounded by the coordinates axes and the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$ which lies in the first quadrant. 5
 b) Find the C.M of a hollow right circular cone of semi vertical angle α and height h . 5
- 8- a) Six equal uniform rods freely jointed at their extremities form a tetrahedron. If this tetrahedron is placed with one face on a smooth horizontal table, prove that the thrust along a horizontal rod is $\frac{w}{2\sqrt{6}}$, where w is the weight of a rod. 5
 b) A uniform rod of length $2a$ rests in equilibrium against a smooth vertical wall and upon a smooth peg at a distance 'b' from the wall. Show that in the position of equilibrium the beam is inclined to the wall at an angle $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{1/3}$ 5