

**Question Bank**

Paper XI- DSE-E3 Classical Mechanics and Classical Mechanics

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***Unit I- Chapter I- Lagrangian Formulation***

• **Multiple Choice Questions (Correct answer is shown in red color)**

- 1) A constraint is a .....on the freedom of motion of a system of particles.  
a) **restriction**                      b) condition                      c) further information                      d) binding
- 2) The principal of virtual work deals only the cases of .....  
a) **static**                                      b) dynamics                                      c) kinematics                                      d) kinetics
- 3) A rigid body moving freely in space has -----degrees of freedom.  
a) 1                                      **b) 6**                                      c) 9                                      d) 3
- 4) D' Alembert principle is.....  
a)  $\sum_i (F_i^a - p_i) \delta r_i = 0$                                       **b)  $\sum_i (F_i^a - \dot{p}_i) \delta r_i = 0$**   
c)  $\sum_i (F_i^a + p_i) \delta r_i$                                       d)  $\sum_i (F_i^a + \dot{p}_i) \delta r_i = 0$
- 5) When constraints are introduced into a system , the number of degrees of freedom is.....  
a) increased                                      **b) reduced**                                      c) changes                                      d) remains same
- 6) The Lagrangian function L is given as  
a)  $L = T + V$                                       **b)  $L = T - V$**                                       c)  $L = V - T$                                       d)  $L = V/T$
- 7) The constraints involved in the motion of a particle placed on the surface of sphere is .....  
a) holonomic                                      **b) non-holonomic**  
c) rheonomous                                      d) both a and c
- 8) If a bead sliding on along uniformly rotating wire in a force free space then at any moment, potential energy of a bead is.....

- a) zero                      b) nonzero                      c) infinity                      d) high

9) Generalized co ordinates are .....

a) independent of each other

b) dependent on each other

c) Cartesian coordinates

d) cylindrical coordinates

10) If the constraints are independent of time then they are.....constraints.

a) rheonomous

b) holonomic

c) nonholonomic

d) scleronomous

11) Lagrangian equation is given as.....

a)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = 0$

b)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = 0$

c)  $-\frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) - \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$

d)  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_i} + \frac{\partial f}{\partial \dot{y}_i} = 0$

12) In a formulation the equations of motion are written without any specific reference to the co-ordinate system used.

a) Galilean

b) Newtonian

c) Lagrangian

d) Lorentz

13) For a system of N particles moving independent of each other the number of degrees of freedom is

a) N

b) 2N

c) 3N

d) 6N

14) The generalized coordinates

a) have dimensions of length

b) have dimensions of velocities

c) can be divided into the convenient group of three

d) determine the configuration of the system

15) The principle of virtual work is expressed by the equation

a)  $\sum_i \vec{F}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$       b)  $\sum_i \vec{F}_i^{(a)} \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$       c)  $\sum_i \vec{f}_i \cdot \delta \vec{r}_i = 0$       d)  $\sum_i \vec{F}_i = 0$

16) The Atwood machine may be regarded as an example of a conservative system with....

a) holonomic, rheonomous constraint

b) holonomic, scleronomous constraint

c) nonholonomic, rheonomous constraint

d) nonholonomic, scleronomous constraint

17) For a particle moving in free space its .....energy is zero

a) Kinetic

b) potential

c) total

d) rest mass

18).....constraints are independent of time

a) holonomic

b) nonholonomic

c) scleronomous

d) rheonomous

19) The generalized coordinates for motion of a particle moving on the surface of a sphere of radius r

a) r and  $\theta$

b) r and  $\phi$

c)  $\theta$  and  $\phi$

d) zero and  $\phi$

20) The Lagrangian equations of motion for a system are equivalent to equations of motion.

a) Newton's

b) Laplace

c) Poisson

d) Maxwell's

#### • Short Answer Questions

1. What are constraints? Explain holonomic and non-holonomic constraints.
2. Explain scleronomous and rheonomous constraints.
3. Explain the term degrees of freedom.
4. Explain the term 'generalised coordinates'. Why they are needed?
5. Write a note on 'Principle of virtual work'
6. Obtain D'Alembert's principle in generalized coordinates.
7. Write a note on 'Atwood's Machine'.
8. Derive an equation of motion for a bead sliding on a uniformly rotating wire.

• **Long Answer Questions**

1. Obtain Lagrange's equations from D'Alembert's principle.
2. Using Lagrangian formulation, obtain an equation of motion for a particle moving in a free space.
3. Using Lagrange's equation, obtain an expression for acceleration in the Atwood's machine.

***Unit I- Chapter II- Techniques of Calculus of Variation***

• **Multiple Choice Questions (Correct answer is shown in red color)**

1) The shortest distance between two points in a plane is along a.....passing through the two points.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| a) curve               | <b>b) straight line</b>  |
| c) normal to the plane | d) parallel to the plane |

2) Hamilton's principle is -----principle.

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|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>a) an integral</b> | b) a differential |
| c) an algebraic       | d) a linear       |

3) Analytically Hamilton's principle can be represented as-----

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| a) $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} L dt \neq \text{extremum}$                | b) $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} L dt = \infty$ |
| <b>c) <math>\int_{t_1}^{t_2} L dt = \text{extremum}</math></b> | d) $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} L dt = 0$      |

4) The Hamiltonian H is given as

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a) $H = L+V$ | b) $H = L-V$ | c) $H = T+V$ | d) $H = T-V$ |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|

5) The system is called as monogenic, if all the forces of a system are generated from ----- function.

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|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>a) single</b> | b) double | c) triple | d) fourth |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

6) If all forces of a system are generated from a single function, the system is called..... system

a) conservative                      **b) monogenic**                      c) non conservative                      d) polygenic

7) Hamilton's principle is given as. ....

a)  $I = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L dt$                       b)  $I = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \frac{1}{L} dt$                       c)  $I = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L^2 dt$                       d)  $I = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} L^3 dt$

8) The Euler-Lagrange's equations are given by.....

a)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} + \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right)$                       b)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} - \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} = 0$

c)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} - \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} \right) = 0$                       d)  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}_i} + \frac{\partial L}{\partial q_i} = 0$

9) In Brachistochrome problem, the equations of motion of the a particle is.....

a)  $x = a(1 - \cos\theta), y = a(\theta - \sin\theta)$

b)  $(x = a(\theta - \cos\theta), y = a(1 - \sin\theta))$

c)  $x = (1 - \cos\theta), y = (1 - \sin\theta)$

d)  $x = a(1 + \cos\theta), y = a(1 + \sin\theta)$

10) In Brachistochrome problem, the path of the particle is.....

a) parabola                      b) circle                      c) straight line                      **d) cycloid**

11) In variational principle the line integral of some function between two end points is.....

a) zero                      b) infinite                      **c) stationery**                      d) one

12) The n-dimensional space is called..... pace

a) phase                      **b) configuration**                      c) real                      d) solar

13) The equation of motion of simple pendulum is

a)  $\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0$                       b)  $\ddot{\theta} - \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0$                       c)  $\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} = 0$                       d)  $\ddot{\theta} + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 1$

### • Short Answer Questions

1. State and explain Hamilton's principle.
2. Show that shortest distance between two points in a plane is along a straight line.
3. Write a note on 'Brachistochrone problem'.

4. Show that the path of a particle moving under constant conservative force field in least time is cycloid.

• **Long Answer Questions**

1. Deduce Hamilton's principle from D'Alembert's principle.
2. Derive Lagrange's equations of motion from Hamilton's principle.

**Unit II- Chapter I- Special theory of Relativity**

• **Multiple Choice Questions (Correct answer is shown in red color)**

1) The velocity of light in free space is

- a) **Constant**                      b) Zero                                      c) Infinite                                      d) Relative

2) In Michelson Morley interferometer, a beam of light from a monochromatic source falls upon \_\_\_\_\_ glass plate

- a) **semi silvered**                      b) silvered                                      c) plane                                      d) opaque

3) In Galilean relativity the transformation equation for x coordinate from S to S' is....

- a)  $x' = vt - x$                       b)  $x' = x - vt/c^2$                       c)  $x' = \frac{x-vt}{\sqrt{1-\frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$                       d)  **$x' = x - vt$**

4) The wavelength of matter wave is independent of \_\_\_\_\_

- a) mass                                      b) velocity                                      c) momentum                                      d) **charge**

5) The accelerated frames are \_\_\_\_\_

- a) inertial                                      b) **non-inertial**                                      c) stationary                                      d) moving

6) The special theory of relativity was developed by \_\_\_\_\_

- a) **Einstein**                                      b) Newton                                      c) Lorentz                                      d) Galileo

7) In velocity addition theorem  $u =$  \_\_\_\_\_

- a)  $\frac{u' + v}{\frac{u'v}{c^2}}$                                       b)  **$\frac{u' + v}{1 + \frac{u'v}{c^2}}$**                                       c)  $u' + v$                                       d)  $u'$

8) Einstein's first postulate in special theory of relativity is true in \_\_\_\_\_ frame of references.

- a) **inertial**                      b) accelerated                      c) non inertial                      d) circular

9) The inertial frame of reference is \_\_\_\_\_ frame of reference

- a) an accelerated                      **b) an unaccelerated**                      c) a rotating                      d) an oscillating

10) Lorentz transformation reduces to Galilian transformations when \_\_\_\_\_

- a)  $V \gg C$                       **b)  $V \ll C$**                       c)  $V = C$                       d)  $V = 1/C$

11) For the moving observer, the time interval appears to be...

- a) remains constant                      b) increase to infinity                      **c) lengthened**                      d) shortened

12) The Lorentz transformation equation of time shows that the space and time are not two..... entities

- a) related                      b) equivalent                      **c) independent**                      d) dependent

13) For moving observer length appears to be

- a) remains constant                      b) increase to infinity  
c) dialated                      **d) contracted**

14) Who formulated first the classical theory of relativity?

- a) Einstein                      b) Newton                      c) Lorentz                      **d) Galileo**

15) The non- inertial frame of reference is \_\_\_\_\_ frame of reference

- a) an accelerated**                      b) an unaccelerated  
c) a rotating                      d) an oscillating

16) Mass increases with velocity by the relation

- a)  $m = \frac{m_o}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$                       b)  $m = m_o \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$                       c)  $m = \frac{m_o}{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$                       d)  $m = \frac{m_o}{1 - \frac{v}{c^2}}$

17) According to the principle of invariance the equations of motion of a particle would be exactly the same in all.... frames of reference.

- a) **inertial**                      b) non-inertial                      c) rotating                      d) accelerated

18) The purpose of Michelson-Morley experiment was.. ..

- a) To measure variable speed of light through ether:  
b) **To calculate absolute velocity of earth through ether.**  
c) To verify the length contraction in the direction of motion.  
d) To verify the time dilation

19) According to Einstein, velocity of light in free space is...

- a) dependent of the direction of propagation                      b) variable  
c) **a constant**                      d) infinite

20) The body coordinate system is a -----frame of reference.

- a) non inertial                      b) inertial  
c) both inertial or non inertial                      d) **either inertial or non inertial**

• **Short Answer Questions**

1. State and explain the Einstein's postulates of the special theory of relativity.
2. Deduce the expressions for variation of length with velocity.
3. With usual notations derive the expression  $m = \frac{m_0}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}}$ .
4. Explain the concept of time dilation.
5. Derive the mass energy relation.
6. Write notes on Inertial frame of reference.
7. Write notes on Non-inertial frame of reference.
8. Write notes on Galilean transformations.

9. Write notes on The ether hypothesis

• **Long Answer Questions**

1. Describe the Michelson-Morley experiment. How the negative result is interpreted?
2. Write down the Lorentz transformation equations. Derive them on the basis of special theory of relativity.
3. Derive the formula for the relativistic addition of velocities.

**Unit II- Chapter II- Charged Particle Dynamics**

• **Multiple Choice Questions (Correct answer is shown in red color)**

1) The Poisson's equation is represented as....

- a)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{E} = 0$       b)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = \frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$       c)  $\nabla^2 V = -\frac{\rho}{\epsilon_0}$       d)  $\nabla^2 \vec{E} = 0$

2) The Laplace's equation is represented as....

- a)  $\vec{\nabla} \vec{V} = 0$       b)  $\nabla^2 V = 0$       c)  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{V} = 0$       d)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V} = 0$

3) The force acting on a particle with charge q in electric field E is...

- a)  $\vec{F} = \frac{q}{\vec{E}}$       b)  $\vec{F} = \frac{\vec{E}}{q}$       c)  $\vec{F} = q \cdot \vec{E}$       d)  $\vec{F} = q \cdot E^2$

4) The trajectory of a charged particle moving in uniform electric field  $\vec{E}$  is..

- a) straight line      b) circle      c) eclipse      d) parabola

5) The solution of Laplace's equation in one dimension is.....

- a) straight line      b) circle      c) eclipse      d) parabola

6) The path followed by a charged particle moving uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  is.....

- a) parabolic      b) hyperbolic      c) circular      d) elliptical

7) The force on a charged particle moving in a magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  is  $\vec{F}$

- a)  $q^2(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{B})$       b)  $q(\vec{v} \cdot B^2)$       c)  $q(v^2 \cdot \vec{B})$       d)  $q(\vec{v} \cdot \vec{B})$

8) Electric field intensity  $\vec{E}$  in terms of potential  $v$  is  $E^2$ .....

- a)  $\vec{\nabla}v$                       b)  $\nabla^2v$                       c)  $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{v}$                       d)  $-\vec{\nabla}v$

9) A charged particle moving in crossed uniform electric and magnetic fields traces.....path.

- a) circular                      b) **cycloid**                      c) parabolic                      d) straight line

10) Lorentz force is given by  $\vec{F}$ ....

- a)  $q[\vec{v} \times (\vec{B} + \vec{E})]$                       b)  $q[\vec{B} + (\vec{v} \times \vec{E})]$   
c)  $q[\vec{B} + (\vec{E} \times \vec{v})]$                       d)  **$q[\vec{E} + (\vec{v} \times \vec{B})]$**

11) The frequency  $\omega$  of a charged particle moving in uniform magnetic field  $B$  is.....

- a)  $\frac{q}{mB}$                       b)  **$\frac{qB}{m}$**                       c)  $\frac{mB}{q}$                       d)  $\frac{m}{qB}$

12) The Frequency of charged particle moving in uniform magnetic field is termed as... frequency

- a) Analogous                      b) Cyclic  
c) Cyclotron                      d) Vibrating

13) Laplace's equation is valid in....

- a) **charge free region**                      b) uniform charge distribution  
c) non uniform charge distribution                      d) polarized charges

14) Poisson's equation is valid in....

- a) Absence of charges                      b) **presence of charges**  
c) magnetic field                      d) non-polarized charges

• **Long Answer Questions**

1. Derive Poisson's and Laplace's equations.

2. Discuss motion of a charged particle moving in uniform electric field.
3. Show that path followed by a charged particle moving in uniform magnetic field is a circle.
4. State Laplace equation and Obtain its solution in one dimension.
5. Discuss motion of charged particle moving in crossed uniform electric and magnetic fields.