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QUESTION BANK

A.] Short Answer Type Questions:-

1.]Complex numbers-

- 1) Define complex number and its complex conjugate.
- 2) If $z = x + iy$ then what is the modulus of z ?
- 1) When two complex numbers are said to be equal?
- 2) What is Argand diagram?
- 3) State De Moivre's theorem.
- 4) Using Euler's formula, show that

$$i. \cos \theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$$

- 5) If $z = i + i^2$, find x and y .

2.]Partial Differentiation-

- 1) Define partial Differential equation.
- 2) What is meant by an implicit function?
- 3) Write conditions for maxima and minima for one variable.
- 4) What do you mean by explicit function?

3.]Vector Algebra-

- 1) What is a null vector?
- 2) What is meant by the position vector of a point?
- 3) What is geometrical significance of scalar product of two vectors?
- 4) Define: (i) Scalar triple product. (ii) Vector triple product. Show that the magnitude of vector product $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ gives the area of parallelogram.

4.]Vector Analysis-

- 1) How are (i) scalar field and (ii) vector field represented?
- 2) Define the gradient of a scalar field.
- 3) Define the divergence of a vector field.
- 4) What do you mean by a solenoidal vector field? Give one example.

5) Define Laplacian operator. Is it scalar or vector operator?

5.]Differential Equation-

- 1) What is ordinary differential equation? State any three differential equations.
- 2) What is partial differential equation? State any three frequently occurring partial differential equations in physics.
- 3) Explain the following terms: (i) Linearity, (ii) Homogeneity.
- 4) Discuss singularity at $x=\infty$.
- 5) **B.] Long Answer Type Questions:**

1.]Complex numbers-

- 1) What is an Argand diagram? Explain addition of two complex numbers by using an Argand diagram.
- 2) Explain subtraction of two complex numbers by using an Argand diagram.
- 3) Explain multiplication and division of two complex numbers by using an Argand diagram.
- 4) Using the expressions $\cos\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2}$ and $\sin\theta = \frac{e^{i\theta} - e^{-i\theta}}{2i}$
Prove that: (i) $\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$ and (ii) $\cos 2\theta = \cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta$
- 5) Define hyperbolic functions and show that

$$\cosh^2 z - \sinh^2 z = 1$$

2.]Partial Differentiation-

- 1) Distinguish between implicit and explicit function.
- 2) If $f(x,y,z)=0$, show that (i) $\left(\frac{\delta y}{\delta x}\right)_z \left(\frac{\delta x}{\delta y}\right)_z = 1$, (ii) $\left(\frac{\delta y}{\delta z}\right)_x \left(\frac{\delta z}{\delta x}\right)_y \left(\frac{\delta x}{\delta y}\right)_z = -1$
- 3) If $F=f(x,y)$ and $x=x(u)$ and $y=y(u)$ then show that:
$$\frac{dF}{du} = \frac{\delta F}{\delta x} \frac{dx}{du} + \frac{\delta F}{\delta y} \frac{dy}{du}$$
- 4) Discuss conditions for maxima and minima for one variable and many variables.
- 5) If $F=f(x, y)$, $x=r \cos \theta$ and $y=r \sin \theta$ then prove the equations $\left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta x}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta y}\right)^2 =$
$$\left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta r}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{r} \left(\frac{\delta F}{\delta \theta}\right)^2$$

3.]Vector Algebra-

- 1) What is a scalar? Show that: $\vec{A} \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) = \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{B})$
- 2) Show that vector triple product $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) = \vec{B} \cdot (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{C}) - \vec{C} \cdot (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B})$ What is the vector triple product?

- 3) If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are the position vectors of the vertices A, B, C of a triangle, show that the vector area of the triangle is $\frac{1}{2} [\vec{b} \times \vec{c} + \vec{c} \times \vec{a} + \vec{a} \times \vec{b}]$

4.]Vector Analysis-

- 1) Explain the physical significance of a gradient.
- 2) Explain the statement : “the gradient of a scalar field is invariant”.
- 3) Express curl of \vec{V} in terms of Cartesian components.
- 4) Explain the statement “curl is known as rotational or rot”.

5.]Differential Equation-

- 1) Explain how will you determine the point $x = x_0$ is regular singular point of the given linear second order homogenous differential equation.
- 2) The point a infinity requires a special consideration to decide its singularity structure for a given differential equation. Discuss.

C.] Unsolved Problems:

1.]Complex numbers-

- 1) Prove the relations: (i) $\sinh(i\theta) = i \sin \theta$ (ii) $\cosh i\theta = \cos \theta$ (iii) $\sinh \theta = -i \sin(i\theta)$
(iv) $\cosh \theta = \cos(i\theta)$
- 2) If $z = 1 + \sqrt[3]{3}i$, determine (i) $|z|$, (ii) $\text{Arg}(z)$, (iii) \bar{z} , (iv) $\text{Re}(z)$ and (v) $\text{Im}(z)$. (Ans. $2, 30^\circ, 1 - \sqrt{3}i, 1, \sqrt{3}i$)
- 3) If $x + iy = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}i}{1-\sqrt{5}i}$, determine $|z|$. (Ans. $\frac{9}{34}, \frac{19}{34}$)
- 4) If $z = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}i}{1-\sqrt{5}i}$, determine $|z|$. (Ans. 1)
- 5) Determine the value of $\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{4} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \left(\cos \frac{3\pi}{8} + i \sin \frac{3\pi}{8}\right)^2$ (Ans. -1)
- 6) Express the complex number $-\pi i$ into (i) polar form and (ii) exponential form. (Ans. $-\pi \left(\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}\right), -\pi e^{\frac{i\pi}{2}}$)
- 7) Interpret the following equation geometrically.
 $|z - 3| = \sqrt{2}|z - 4|$ where $z = x + iy$ (Ans. Circle with origin (5,0) and radius $\sqrt{2}$)
- 8) Simplify $\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^6 - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{i\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^6$ (Ans. 0)
- 9) Determine the value of $(1 + i)^8$. (Ans. 16)
- 10) Simplify and show that the given sum is a rational number $\frac{3+2i}{2-5i} + \frac{3-2i}{2+5i}$. (Ans. $\frac{-8}{29}$)
- 11) Determine x and y if $x + iy = \left(\frac{1+i}{1-i}\right)^4$ (Ans. $\cos 2\pi, \sin 2\pi$)

- 11) Prove: (i) $\cos(\alpha + \beta i) = \cos\alpha \cosh\beta - i \sin\alpha \sinh\beta$
(ii) $\sinh(\alpha + \beta i) = \sinh\alpha \cos\beta + i \cosh\alpha \sin\beta$
- 12) Transform $\frac{1}{(1-i)^2}$ into the trigonometrical form. (**Ans.** $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{2}$)
- 13) Express $\left(\frac{9-7i}{2-3i}\right)$ in the form of $x + iy$. (**Ans.** $3+i$)

2.]Partial Differentiation-

- 1) If $F = x^2y + xy^2 - axy$, find F_{xx} , F_{yy} , F_{xy} and F_{yx} .
- 2) Show that $\frac{\delta^2 F}{\delta x^2} + \frac{\delta^2 F}{\delta y^2} + \frac{\delta^2 F}{\delta z^2} = 0$, where $F = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}}$.
- 3) For $u = e^x \cos y$, verify that $\frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta x \delta y} = \frac{\delta^2 u}{\delta y \delta x}$.
- 4) If $E = E_0 \sin(\omega t - kx)$ where E_0 , ω and k are constants, show that $\frac{\delta^2 E}{\delta t} = \frac{\omega^2}{k^2} \frac{\delta^2 E}{\delta x^2}$
- 5) If $F(x,y) = \ln \left[\frac{xy}{x^2+y^2} \right]$, find $\frac{\delta F}{\delta x}$ and $\frac{\delta F}{\delta y}$. (**Ans.** $\frac{y^3-x^2y}{xy(x^2+y^2)}$; $\frac{x^3-xy^2}{xy(x^2+y^2)}$)
- 6) Show that following equations are exact differential:
(i) $[2x + y \cos(xy)]dx + x \cos(xy)dy = 0$
(ii) $3x(xy - 2)dx + (x^2 + 2y)dy = 0$.
- 7) The acceleration of gravity can be found from the length l and period T of pendulum using formula $g = \frac{4\pi^2 l}{T^2}$. Find the relative error in g in the worst case if the relative error in l is 5% and relative error in T is 2%. (**Ans.** 9%)
- 8) Find the approximate value of $\sqrt{(2.99)^2 + (3.99)^2}$ using method of differentials. (**Ans.** 4.986)
- 9) Using the method of differential equation, find the approximate value of $[(6.01)^2 + (8.01)^2]^{1/2}$. (**Ans.** 10.014)
- 10) The resistance R of a uniform wire of length l and resistance R is given by $R = \frac{\sigma l}{\pi r^2}$ where σ is the specific resistance. If error in the measurement of length and radius are 2% and 3% respectively, find maximum possible percentage error in resistance. (**Ans.** 8%)
- 11) If $u = \sin \frac{x}{y}$ and $x = e^t$, $y = t^2$ verify $\frac{du}{dt} = \frac{\delta u}{\delta x} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{\delta u}{\delta y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dt}$
- 12) A wooden cylinder of radius 7 cm and height 10 cm is to be coated with a thin silver sheet of thickness 0.1 cm. Find volume of silver sheet. [**Hint:** $v = \pi r^2 h$, $dv = 2\pi r h dr + \pi r^2 dh$, $dr = 0.1$ cm, $dh = 0.2$ cm.] (**Ans.** 74.8 cm³)
- 13) Find the slope of the tangent to the curve $x^3 + xy + y^2 - 4 = 0$ at $x = 2$, $y = -2$. (**Ans.** Slope = 1)

- 14) Find the position and nature of the stationary points of the function $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 2$. (**Ans.** Min.at $x=3$, max.at $x=-2$)
- 15) Find the position and nature of the stationary points for the following function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x$. (**Ans.** Inflection at $x=1$)

3.]Vector Algebra-

- 1) Prove that $\vec{A} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 8\vec{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} - \vec{k}$ are perpendicular to each other. (**Ans.** $\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$)
- 2) Find the value of p which makes vectors $\vec{A} = p\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{B} = -\vec{i} + 5\vec{j} + p\vec{k}$ perpendicular. (**Ans.** $p = -5$)
- 3) If $\vec{A} = 4\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$ and $\vec{B} = -2\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$, find a unit vector perpendicular to both \vec{A} and \vec{B} . (**Ans.** $\pm \frac{(\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} - 3\vec{k})}{3}$)
- 4) Find the work done in moving an object along a straight line from $(3, 2, -1)$ to $(2, -1, 4)$ in a force field given by $\vec{F} = 4\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$. (**Ans.** 15)
- 5) Find the area of a triangle formed by the points whose position vectors are $3\vec{i} + \vec{j}$, $5\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{i} - 2\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$. (**Ans.** $\sqrt{29}$)
- 6) If $\vec{A} = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$ and $\vec{B} = 2\vec{i} + 3\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$, find: (a) $|\vec{A} \times \vec{B}|$, (b) $(\vec{A} + 2\vec{B}) \times (2\vec{A} - \vec{B})$, (c) $|(\vec{A} + \vec{B}) \times (\vec{A} - \vec{B})|$. (**Ans.** (a) $\sqrt{195}$, (b) $-25\vec{i} + 35\vec{j} - 55\vec{k}$, (c) $2\sqrt{195}$)
- 7) A force given by $\vec{F} = 3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - 4\vec{k}$ is applied at point $(1, -1, 2)$. Find the moment of force about the point $(2, -1, 3)$. (**Ans.** $2\vec{i} - 7\vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$)
- 8) Find the volume of parallelepiped whose edges are represented by $\vec{A} = 2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$, $\vec{B} = \vec{i} + 2\vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\vec{C} = 3\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$. (**Ans.** 7)
- 9) If $\vec{A} = \vec{i} + \vec{j} - \vec{k}$, $\vec{B} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} + \vec{k}$, $\vec{C} = \vec{i} - \vec{j} - \vec{k}$, find the vector $\vec{A} \times (\vec{B} \times \vec{C})$. (**Ans.** $2\vec{i} - 2\vec{j}$)
- 10) Angular velocity of a rotating rigid body about an axis of rotation is given by $\vec{\omega} = 4\vec{i} + \vec{j} - 2\vec{k}$. Find the linear velocity of a point P on the body whose position vector relative to a point on the axis of rotation is $2\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + \vec{k}$. (**Hint:** $\vec{v} = \vec{\omega} \times \vec{r}$) (**Ans.** $-5\vec{i} - 8\vec{j} - 14\vec{k}$, $\sqrt{285}$)
- 11) If $\vec{A} \times \vec{B} = \vec{C} \times \vec{D}$ and $\vec{A} \times \vec{C} = \vec{B} \times \vec{D}$, show that $\vec{A} - \vec{D}$ and $\vec{B} - \vec{C}$ are parallel vectors.
- 12) Prove : $(\vec{A} \times \vec{B}) \cdot (\vec{C} \times \vec{D}) + (\vec{B} \times \vec{C}) \cdot (\vec{A} \times \vec{D}) + (\vec{C} \times \vec{A}) \cdot (\vec{B} \times \vec{D}) = 0$.
- 13) Show that vectors $\vec{P} = 4\vec{i} - 3\vec{j} + 5\vec{k}$, $\vec{Q} = -3\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} + 4\vec{k}$ and $\vec{R} = 2\vec{i} - \vec{j} - \vec{k}$ and not coplanar.

- 14) Find the volume of a parallelepiped whose three coterminous are described by vectors $\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$, $4\vec{j}$ and $\vec{j} + 3\vec{k}$.

4.]Vector Analysis-

- 1) If $\Phi(x, y, z) = 3xy + yz$, determine $\vec{\nabla}\Phi$ at point (1,1,1). (Ans. $3\vec{i} + 4\vec{j} + \vec{k}$)
- 2) If $\Phi = 2xz^4 - x^2y$, find $\vec{\nabla}\Phi$ and $|\vec{\nabla}\Phi|$ at point (2,-2,-1). (Ans. $10\vec{i} - 4\vec{j} - 16\vec{k}$; $2\sqrt{93}$)
- 3) Determine a unit normal to the surface $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ at point (1,-2,3). (Ans. $\frac{2}{\sqrt{56}}\vec{i} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{56}}\vec{j} + \frac{6}{\sqrt{56}}\vec{k}$)
- 4) Find the directional derivative of $\Phi = 2xz^2 - xy^3$ at point (1,1,-2) in the direction $2\vec{i} - \vec{j} + 2\vec{k}$. (Ans. 1/3)
- 5) If $\vec{V} = y^2z\vec{i} + xz\vec{j} + 3z\vec{k}$, find $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{V}$. (Ans. 3)
- 6) Prove that the vector $\vec{A} = 3y^4z^2\vec{i} + 4x^2z^2\vec{j} - 3x^2y^2\vec{k}$ is a solenoid. (Hint. $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$)
- 7) Show that : $\vec{A} = (2x^2 + 8xy^2z)\vec{i} + (3x^3y - 3xy)\vec{j} - (4y^2z^2 + 2x^3z)\vec{k}$ is not solenoidal but $\vec{B} = xyz^2\vec{A}$ is solenoidal.
- 8) Determine the constant 'p' such that the vector: $\vec{V} = (x + y)\vec{i} + (y - z)\vec{j} + (x + 2pz)\vec{k}$ is solenoidal. (Ans. p=-1)
- 9) Prove that the vector: $\vec{A} = (4xy - z^2)\vec{i} + 2x^2\vec{j} - 3xz^2\vec{k}$ is irrotational. (Hint. $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$)
- 10) If \vec{A} and \vec{B} are irrotational, show that $\vec{A} \times \vec{B}$ is solenoidal.
- 11) If \vec{A} is irrotational show that $\vec{A} \times \vec{r}$ is solenoidal, where \vec{r} is a position vector.
- 12) Show that: $\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{1}{r} \right) = \frac{-\vec{r}}{r^3}$
- 13) Show that: $\vec{\nabla} \left(\frac{\vec{r}}{r^3} \right) = 0$.
- 14) Determine the work done in moving a particle in a force field given by $\vec{F} = 7xy\vec{i} + 2z\vec{j} + x\vec{k}$ along the curve $x = 2t^2, y = t, z = t^2 - 3t$ from t=0 to t=1. (Ans. $\frac{118}{15}$ J)

5.]Differential Equation-

- 1) State the condition under which a given differential equation is said to be (i) linear, (ii) homogeneous. State whether each of the following differential equations is linear or non-linear, homogeneous or non-homogeneous and what is the order of each equation?
 - (a) $xy'' + (3 \sin^2 x)y' = 5 \cos xy$ (Ans. Linear, homogeneous, II order)
 - (b) $y''' - 5y' = 3x$ (Ans. Linear, inhomogeneous, III order)
 - (c) $y'' - yy' + 7y = 3$ (Ans. Non-Linear, inhomogeneous, II order)
 - (d) $x^2y'' + e^x y' + (x^2 - 1)y = 0$ (Ans. Linear, homogeneous, II order)
- 2) Decide degree and order of each of the following differential equations:

(i) $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} + y = 0$ (Ans. Degree=1, Order=2)

(ii) $\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^3 + \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = x$ (Ans. Degree=1, Order=2)

(iii) $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} + 6\sqrt{\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2 + y^2} = 0$ (Ans. Degree=2, Order=3)

- 3) Show that $x = 0$ is a regular singular point of the differential equation $x^2y'' - x(2-x)y' + (2+x^2)y = 0$.
- 4) Show that $x = 0$ is an ordinary point of the differential equation $y'' + xy' + (x^2 + 2)y = 0$.
- 5) Show that $x = 0$ is a regular singular point of the differential equation $x(x-1)y'' + (3x-1)y' + y = 0$.
- 6) Show that the points $x = 1, -1$ are the regular singular singularities of the associated Legendre equation $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + \left[l(l+1) - \frac{m^2}{1-x^2}\right]y = 0$.
- 7) Show that the point $x = 1$ is a regular singular point of the Legendre differential equation $(1-x^2)y'' - 2xy' + l(l+1)y = 0$.
- 8) Show that the point $x = 0$ is a regular singular point of the Leguerre's differential equation $xy'' + (1-x)y' + \lambda y = 0$.
- 9) Show that the point $x = 0$ is an ordinary point of the differential equation $(1+x^2)y'' + x\frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$.

