



**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL**  
B.Sc. Honours 5th Semester Examination, 2022

**DSE-P2-PHYSICS**

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**The question paper contains paper DSE-2A and DSE-2B.**

**The candidates are required to answer any *one* from *two* sections.  
Candidates should mention it clearly on the Answer Book.**

**DSE-2A**

**APPLIED DYNAMICS**

**GROUP-A**

1. Answer any *five* questions from the following:  $1 \times 5 = 5$
- Give an example of an autonomous system.
  - Find the stable equilibrium point of a particle of mass  $m$  moving in a potential  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}ax^2 + \frac{1}{4}bx^4$ , [a, b are +ve constants].
  - For the differential equation  $\dot{x} = \frac{1}{2r}x^2 - \frac{x}{r} - 1$ , [r is a non-zero +ve constant], find the fixed points.
  - Write down the Navier-Stokes equations explaining the terms involved.
  - What do you mean by normal modes of oscillations?
  - What is Reynold's number?
  - State Lyapunov stability theorem.

**GROUP-B**

**Answer any *three* questions from the following**

$5 \times 3 = 15$

2. Consider the differential equation  $\dot{x} = -x^2 + x(1-r) + r$ ,  $r > 0$  for this equation.
- Find the fixed points and their stability.  $3$
  - Determine the potential function  $V(x, r)$ .  $2$
3. For the system of differential equations  $\dot{x} = -x^3 + y$ ,  $\dot{y} = -ax - by$  ( $a, b > 0$ ),  $1\frac{1}{2} + 2 + 1\frac{1}{2}$  show that  $(0, 0)$  is a fixed point. Also find the Jacobian and calculate eigenvalues of the fixed point  $(0, 0)$  as a function of  $a$  and  $b$ .

4. Use Euler's equation to show that the equation of the free surface of the liquid rotating with constant angular velocity, is a paraboloid of revolution. 5
5. Solve the system  $\dot{x} = -x - 3y$ ,  $\dot{y} = 2x$  and sketch the phase portrait. 3+2
6. What do you mean by a logistic map? Characterize the logistic map  $x_{n+1} = rx_n(1-x_n)$  for  $0 \leq x_n \leq 1$  and  $0 \leq r \leq 4$ . 1+4

### GROUP-C

**Answer any two questions from the following**

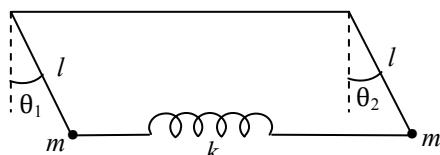
$10 \times 2 = 20$

7. (a) What do you mean by critical points of a dynamical system? Obtain all critical points of the system  $\dot{x} = \sin y$ ,  $\dot{y} = \cos x$ . 1+2
- (b) What is the meaning of linearization of a non-linear system? Linearize the system given in 7(a) about any suitable critical point obtained and hence find the equation of the phase path.  $2+2\frac{1}{2}+2\frac{1}{2}$
8. (a) Consider the predator-prey system  $\dot{x} = x\{x(1-x) - y\}$ ,  $\dot{y} = y(x-a)$ ,  $0 < a < 1$ . Find the fixed points and hence justify the statement that a state exists where the predator goes extinct and the prey is still alive. 2+3
- (b) Consider the following set of differential equations: 2+3

$$\dot{x} = -x + y + xy, \quad \dot{y} = x - y - x^2 - y^3.$$

Show that the system has one fixed point. Hence prove that this fixed point is stable by applying a Lyapunov functional of the form  $V(x, y) = ax^2 + 2y^2$ ,  $a > 0$ .

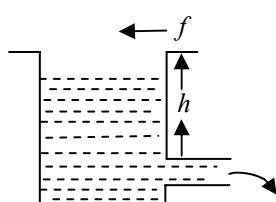
9. (a) Deduce the eigenvalue equation for small oscillation. 3
- (b) Find the frequencies of small oscillations of a parallel pendulum as shown: 5



- (c) Distinguish between rotational and irrotational motions of fluid. 2

- 10.(a) Derive an expression for the equation of continuity of a fluid. 4

- (b) A vessel of rectangular cross-section containing water is moving with a constant acceleration  $f$  and water is coming out from the hole. Find the velocity of efflux of water when the height of the water column is  $h$  above the hole. 4



- (c) What do you mean by a Hamiltonian system in two dimensions? 2

**DSE-2B**  
**ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS**  
**GROUP-A**

1. Answer any **five** questions from the following:  $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (a) What are Rossby waves?
  - (b) What are atmospheric gravity waves (AGW)?
  - (c) Write down two applications of the basic equations of atmospheric flow.
  - (d) What do you mean by effective temperature of the earth?
  - (e) Mention one difference between the general circulation and the mesoscale circulation.
  - (f) What is the difference between cyclones and anticyclones?
  - (g) What do you mean by Rayleigh scattering?
  - (h) What is ‘return signal’?

**GROUP-B**

- Answer any *three* questions from the following**  $5 \times 3 = 15$
2. What is a LIDAR? Describe how it is used to study atmospheric phenomenon. 5
3. Write a short note on land breeze and sea breeze. 5
4. What are aerosols? Classify them and write down their properties. How do the aerosols effect our health? 1+3+1
5. (a) What do you mean by scale analysis in atmospheric dynamics? 1  
 (b) What are the conservation laws that are useful to atmospheric dynamics? 2  
 (c) Explain different types of clouds. 2
6. Derive radar range equation. 5

**GROUP-C**

- Answer any *two* questions from the following**  $10 \times 2 = 20$
7. (a) Describe the vectorial form of the momentum equation in rotating co-ordinate system. 7  
 (b) Write a short note on green-house effect. 3
8. (a) What do you mean by the term ‘meteorology’? Describe various types of meteorological instruments. 4  
 (b) Describe various types of fronts. 6

9. (a) Describe various types of atmospheric radars in brief. 3  
(b) Write down the applications of radars and describe how they are used to study atmospheric phenomenon. 7
- 10.(a) Describe spectral distribution of solar radiation. 2  
(b) What is the effect of aerosols on solar radiation? 2  
(c) Explain the process of absorption and scattering of solar radiation in the atmosphere. 6

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