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APPLIED MATHEMATICS (AM101)

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**Paper 1**

Time allowed: *TWO* hours.

Attempt *ALL* questions.

1. A car accelerates uniformly from an initial velocity of  $4\text{ms}^{-1}$  to a final velocity of  $6\text{ms}^{-1}$  over 5 metres. Find the acceleration.
2. A particle moves with position  $s = 3t - 4t^2$ . Find the velocity and acceleration.
3. Find the value of  $x$  for which the two vectors  $\mathbf{a} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = -\mathbf{i} + 2\mathbf{j} + x\mathbf{k}$  are perpendicular.
4. A particle moves with acceleration  $\mathbf{a} = 2\mathbf{i} + \mathbf{j}$  at time  $t$ . If the initial velocity and position vectors are  $\mathbf{v} = 2\mathbf{j} - \mathbf{k}$  and  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{i} - 3\mathbf{k}$  respectively, find the position vector for all time.
5. A particle of mass 1 kg is projected at 2 m/s along a rough table. The coefficient of friction between the particle and the table is  $1/5$ . How far does the particle travel before coming to rest?
6. A ball is projected with a velocity of 20 m/s and hits the ground a distance 20 metres away. Find two possible angles of projection. You may approximate  $g \simeq 10\text{ms}^{-2}$ .
7. A rock of mass 5 kg rolls from rest down a hill of height 4 m and reaches ground level with a velocity of  $4\text{ms}^{-1}$ . Find the total work done by frictional forces. You may approximate  $g \simeq 10\text{ms}^{-2}$ .

8. A particle of mass 2 kg undergoes circular motion with radius 5 m and constant speed  $3 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . What is the magnitude and direction of the resultant force acting?
9. A mass attached to a spring undergoes simple harmonic motion with a period of 4 secs. The mass is released from rest 1 metres from its equilibrium point. Find the time taken to travel 0.5 metres.
10. A uniform square block lies on an inclined plane. Assuming no slipping occurs, find the angle at which the block topples.
11. Find the moment about the origin of the force  $\mathbf{F} = 3\mathbf{i} - 4\mathbf{j} + \mathbf{k}$  acting at the point  $(-1, 0, 2)$ .
12. Find the vector equation of the line which passes through the points  $(1, 0, 1)$  and  $(2, 1, 0)$ .
13. The velocities of A and B are constant and are equal to  $2\mathbf{i} - \mathbf{j}$  and  $3\mathbf{i} - 5\mathbf{j}$ , respectively. Find the magnitude and direction of the velocity of B relative to A.
14. Find the general solution of the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{x(1+x)}.$$

15. A uniform thin wire forms a circular arc of radius  $r$ , semi-angle  $\alpha$ . Determine the position of its centre of gravity.
16. Find the moment of inertia of a uniform rectangular lamina of sides  $2a$  and  $2b$  about an axis through the centre of mass and parallel to sides of length  $2b$ .