

Bs/PHYM-301(T)

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(3rd Semester)

PHYSICS

(MINOR)

Paper Code : PHYM-301(T)

(Mathematical Physics—II)

Full Marks : 75

Pass Marks : 40%

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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for the questions*

Answer **one** question from each Group

GROUP—A

1. (a) Determine the Fourier series of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } -\pi < x < -\pi/2 \\ 0 & \text{for } -\pi/2 < x < \pi/2 \\ +1 & \text{for } \pi/2 < x < \pi \end{cases}$$

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(b) Derive the expansion for the function

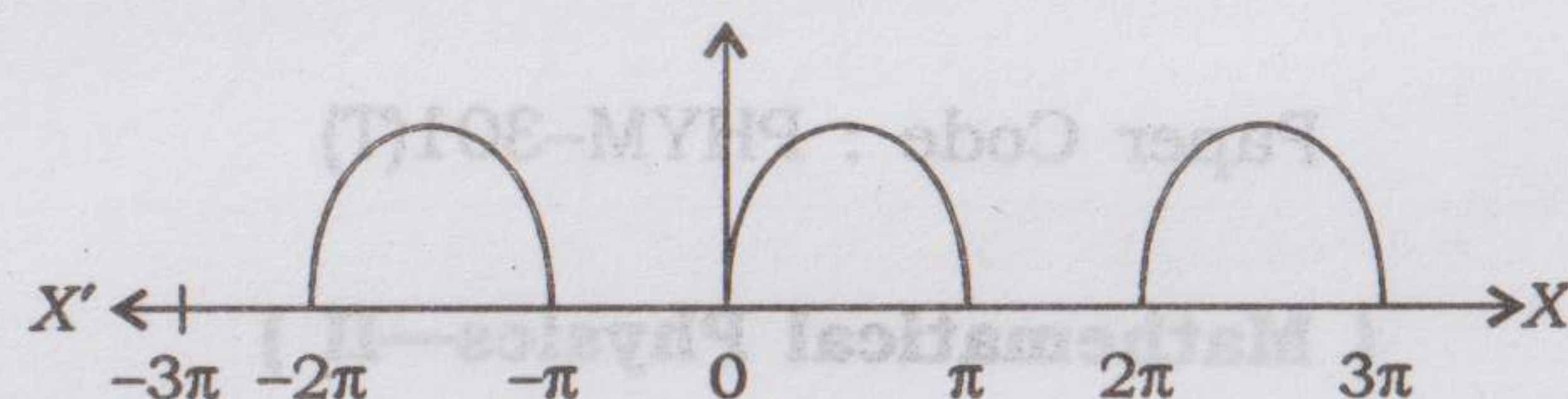
$$f(x) = \cos(rx), \quad -\pi \leq x \leq \pi$$

where r is a function.

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2. Derive and expand the Fourier series for the following waveform :

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GROUP—B

3. Derive the solution for the Hermite's equation when $m = 0$.

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4. (a) Solve the differential equation

$$2x^2 y'' + xy' - (x+1)y = 0$$

in power series about $x = 0$.

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(b) Evaluate the differential equation

$$9x(1-x) \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 12 \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

using Frobenius method.

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GROUP—C

5. (a) Prove that

$$P_n(x) = \frac{1}{2^n \cdot n!} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} (x^2 - 1)^n$$

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(b) Express $1 + 2x - 3x^2 + 4x^3$ in terms of Legendre polynomials.

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6. (a) Prove the orthogonality of Legendre polynomials.

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(b) Determine the value of

$$\int_{-1}^{+1} (x^2 - 1) P_{n+1} P'_n dx$$

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GROUP—D

7. (a) Using the method of separation of variables, determine the solution of

$$4 \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 3u$$

and $u = e^{-5y}$ when $x = 0$.

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(b) Derive the one-dimensional partial differential wave equation.

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8. Prove that

$$\nabla^2 V = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{r^2 \partial \theta^2}$$

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GROUP—E

9. (a) Evaluate the beta function

$$\beta(l, m) = \frac{\Gamma(l) \Gamma(m)}{\Gamma(l+m)} \quad 5$$

- (b) Explain the reporting error using standard deviation. 5

10. (a) Prove that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^4(1+x^5)}{(1+x)^{15}} dx = \frac{1}{5005} \quad 4$$

- (b) Determine the integral

$$\int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^4}} dx \times \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{(1+x^4)} \quad 6$$

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(**Mathematical Physics—II**)

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

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SECTION—I

(Marks : 15)

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×15=15

1. If a periodic function $f(x)$ can be expanded in a Fourier series, then the series consists of which of the following?

- I. A constant term a_0
- II. A component at the fundamental frequency that can be determined by a_1, b_1

III. Components of harmonics determined by $a_2, a_3, \dots, b_2, b_3$

(a) Only I ()

(b) Only II ()

(c) Both II and III ()

(d) All I, II, III ()

2. If $f(x) = x^4$ in the interval $(-1, 1)$, then the Fourier coefficient b_n will be equal to

(a) zero ()

(b) 2π ()

(c) $2\pi / 3$ ()

(d) $2\pi / n$ ()

3. The Fourier series for an odd function contains only

(a) terms in cosine ()

(b) terms in sine ()

(c) terms in sine and cosine ()

(d) None of the above ()

4. If $x = 0$ is a regular singularity of the differential equation $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$, then the series solution is given by

(a) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} ax^k$ ()

(b) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$ ()

(c) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{m+k}$ ()

(d) $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^{m-k}$ ()

5. If $x = 1$ is an ordinary point of

$$(x-1)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4(x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$$

which of the following is true?

I. $x = 1$ is also a regular point of the differential equation of $(x-1)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4(x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$.

II. $x = 1$ is an irregular point of the differential equation of $(x-1)^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} + 4(x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$.

(a) Only I ()

(b) Only II ()

(c) Both I and II ()

(d) Neither I nor II ()

6. The solution of Laguerre's equation

$$xy'' + (1-x)y' + ny = 0$$

is given by

$$(a) \quad L_n(x) = (1)^n \left[x^n + \frac{n^2}{1!} x^{n-1} + n^2 \frac{(n+1)^2}{2!} x^{n+2} + \dots + (1)^n n! \right] \quad (\quad)$$

$$(b) \quad L_n(x) = (-1)^n \left[x^n - \frac{n^2}{1!} x^{n-1} + n^2 \frac{(n-1)^2}{2!} x^{n-2} + \dots + (-1)^n n! \right] \quad (\quad)$$

$$(c) \quad L_n(x) = (1)^{-n} \left[x^{-n} + \frac{n^2}{1!} x^{-(n+1)} + n^2 (n-1)^{-(n+2)} + \dots + (-1)^n n! \right] \quad (\quad)$$

$$(d) \quad L_n(x) = (-1)^{-n} \left[x^{-n} + \frac{n^2}{1!} x^{-(n-1)} + n^2 \frac{(n-1)^2}{2!} x^{-(n-2)} + \dots + (1)^{-n} n! \right] \quad (\quad)$$

7. The coefficient of 2^n in the expansion of $(1 - 2xz + z^2)^{-1/2}$ in ascending power of x is

$$(a) \quad P_n(x) \quad (\quad)$$

$$(b) \quad P_n(z) \quad (\quad)$$

$$(c) \quad P_n(x)^{-1/2} \quad (\quad)$$

$$(d) \quad P_n(z)^{-1/2} \quad (\quad)$$

8. The value of $P'_{n+1} + P'_n$ is equal to

(a) $2P_0 + 4P_1 + 6P_2 + \dots + 2nP_n$ ()

(b) $P_0 + 2P_1 + 3P_2 + \dots + (n+1)P_n$ ()

(c) $P_0 + 3P_1 + 5P_2 + \dots + (2n+1)P_n$ ()

(d) $P_0 + 4P_1 + 7P_2 + \dots + (3n+1)P_n$ ()

9. $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x)$ is given by

(a) $\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$ ()

(b) $\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2x}} \cos x$ ()

(c) $\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{x}} \sin x$ ()

(d) $\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{x}} \cos x$ ()

10. Laplace's equation in polar coordinate is given by

(a) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} = 0$ ()

(b) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$ ()

(c) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$ ()

(d) $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \theta^2} = 0$ ()

11. The general solution of the equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} = 0$$

is

(a) $(C_1 \cos px + C_2 \sin px)(C_3 \cos pt + C_4 \sin pt)$ ()

(b) $(C_1 \sin px + C_2 \cos px)(C_3 \cos pt + C_4 \sin pt)$ ()

(c) $(C_1 \cos px + C_2 \sin px)(C_3 \cos pt + C_4 \sin pt)$ ()

(d) $(C_1 \sin px + C_2 \cos px)(C_3 \cos pt + C_4 \sin pt)$ ()

12. Transverse vibration in one dimensional wave equation, the motion in horizontal direction is

(a) zero ()

(b) unity ()

(c) infinity ()

(d) None of the above ()

13. The value of the $\int_0^\infty \sqrt[4]{x} e^{-\sqrt{x}} dx$ is equal to

(a) $\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\pi}$ ()

(b) $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\pi}$ ()

(c) $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\pi}$ ()

(d) $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\pi}$ ()

14. An error is random, if

(a) repeated measurements result in error with different magnitudes and signs ()

(b) repeated measurements result in error with same magnitude and sign ()

(c) repeated measurements taken under the same condition yield same error in magnitude and sign ()

(d) repeated measurements taken under different conditions yield different errors in magnitude and sign ()

15. If a car travels at a speed of 100 ± 7 km/h for time $t = 2.5 \pm 0.1$ hours, then the relative error in the distance travelled will be

(a) 0.07 ()

(b) 0.11 ()

(c) 0.15 ()

(d) 0.17 ()

SECTION—II

(Marks : 10)

Answer any *five* of the following :

2×5=10

1. Determine the half-range Fourier series for $f(x) = e^x$ in the interval $0 < x < 1$.

2. What is an even function? Illustrate with an example.

3. Write the Bessel's equation. State two applications of Bessel's function.

(Marks : 10)

Answer any five of the following :

2×5=10

1. Determine the half-range Fourier series for $f(x) = e^x$ in the interval $0 < x < 1$.

4. $x=0$ is a singular point of $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$.

Justify.

5. Show that $\int_{-1}^{+1} P_n(x) dx = 0$, $n \neq 0$ and $\int_{-1}^{+1} P_n(x) dx = 2$,
 $n = 0$.

6. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{J_n(x)}{x^n} = \frac{1}{2^n \Gamma(n+1)}, (n > -1).$

7. Show that $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}$ is a two-dimensional wave equation.

8. Solve $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ under the condition $u'(0, t) = 0 \quad t > 0$.

9. Prove that

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^p \theta \cos^q \theta d\theta = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{q+1}{2}\right)}{2 \Gamma\left(\frac{p+q+2}{2}\right)}$$

10. Evaluate $\operatorname{erf}(-x) = -\operatorname{erf}(x)$.

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