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Maximum Marks :75

Note: Q.1 is compulsory. Attempt one question from each unit.

- Q1
- (a) 'Two electric field lines cannot intersect' is true or false. Justify.
 - (b) Give two examples each for conservative and non-conservative force.
 - (c) What is the physical significance of capacitance?
 - (d) According to Newton's third law any force is accompanied by an equal and opposite force. How can a movement take place?
 - (e) Can we use ac in electrolysis? Justify your answer.
 - (f) Give two examples of non-ohmic devices. Does the relation $R=V/I$ holds for these?
 - (g) Can the kinetic energy of a system increased without applying any external force on it? Justify.
 - (h) A proton moving with speed 1.6×10^6 m/s in a straight line enters a strong magnetic field along the field direction, How shall its path and velocity changes.
 - (i) A meteorite burns in the atmosphere before it reaches the earth's surface. What happens to its momentum?
 - (j) What are 'minority charge carriers' in semiconductor physics? (10x2.5=25)

UNIT-I

- Q2
- (a) Is it possible for a particle to describe a curved path if no force acts on it? Does the answer depend upon the frame of reference chosen to view the particle? Justify. (7.5)
 - (b) Compute the initial upward acceleration of rocket of mass 1.3×10^4 kg if the initial upward force produced by its engine (the thrust) is 2.6×10^5 N. Do not neglect the weight of the rocket. (5)
- Q3
- (a) What do you understand by the term 'limiting friction'? Discuss with the help of suitable examples. (6.5)
 - (b) A car of mass m is moving with velocity. If μ is the coefficient of friction between tyres and road, show that minimum stopping distance for car is $s = v^2 / \mu g$. (6)

UNIT-II

- Q4
- (a) The energy equivalent to a mass m is given by the relation $E=mc^2$. Discuss the experimental confirmation/justification for this relation. (3.5)
 - (b) Define the coefficient of restitution. What is its physical significance? (5)
 - (c) A block of mass m moving at a speed v collides with another block of mass $2m$ at rest. The lighter block comes to rest after the collision. Find the coefficient of restitution. (4)
- Q5
- (a) Show that in a perfect elastic collision of two bodies of equal mass m they interchange their velocities. (6)
 - (b) A vessel at rest explodes, breaking into three pieces. Two pieces, having equal mass, fly off perpendicular to one another with the same speed of 30 m/s. The third piece has three times the mass of each other piece. What are the direction and magnitude of its velocity immediately after explosion? (6.5)

UNIT-III

- Q6
- State Gauss's theorem. Derive expression for electric field intensity (E) due to a non-conducting charged solid sphere of radius R at a point (a) inside the sphere, (b) on the surface of the sphere, (c) outside this sphere. Show graphically the variation of E with distance from the center of the sphere. (12.5)
- Q7
- (a) Are Kirchhoff's laws applicable to both ac and dc circuits? (4)
 - (b) Define resistivity (ρ). Discuss the temperature dependence of resistivity in the context of conductor, semiconductor and insulators. (8.5)

UNIT-IV

- Q8
- (a) State the Joule's law of heating effects of electric current. Is it reversible or not? (4)
 - (b) State and explain the Lenz's law. (4.5)
 - (c) Compare the properties of a normal conductor and a semiconductor. (4)
- Q9
- (a) Define neutral temperature and temperature of inversion for a thermocouple and set up a relation between the two. (6)
 - (b) State the Peltier effect. Discuss in brief how it is complimentary to the Seebeck effect. (6.5)
