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(For candidates admitted during the academic year 2011 – 12 & thereafter)

SUBJECT CODE : 11MT/PC/ME14

M. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014
BRANCH I - MATHEMATICS
FIRST SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE
PAPER : MECHANICS
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 100

SECTION – A

(5 X 2 = 10)

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

1. Define holonomic and non-holonomic constraints.
2. Define ignorable coordinates.
3. State Euler's theorem.
4. Define Legendre transformation.
5. Write any two properties of Poisson brackets.

SECTION – B

(5X 6 = 30)

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS

6. State and prove De Alembert's principle.
7. Find the shortest distance between two points in the plane using calculus of variation.
8. Prove that $\left[\frac{dG}{dt}\right]_{space} = \left[\frac{dG}{dt}\right]_{body} + \omega \times G$.
9. Derive Hamilton's equations of motion.
10. State and prove Jacob's identity.
11. Discuss the problem of Atwood's Machine using Lagrange's formulation.
12. Verify the canonical invariance of Lagrange bracket.

SECTION – C

(3X20 = 60)

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

- 13. State and prove conservation theorem for the linear momentum and the total angular momentum of a system of particles.
- 14. Derive Lagrange's equation for holonomic system using Hamilton's principle.
- 15. a) Derive Euler's equation of motion for a rigid body with one point fixed.
b) State and prove parallel axes theorem for moment of inertia.
- 16. State and prove the principle of least action.
- 17. Solve the problem of the simple harmonic oscillator in one dimension using a canonical transformation.

