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B.Sc. Maths - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS APRIL - 2024

SEMESTER - IV

**20UMACT4008 - Statics**

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

### Section B

Answer any **SIX** questions ( $6 \times 5 = 30$  Marks)

1. (a) Define Linear Momentum  
(b) State Hook's Law  
(c) Define angle of friction.
2. The resultant of two forces  $P$ ,  $Q$  is of magnitude  $P$ . Show that if  $P$  is doubled, the new resultant is perpendicular to the force  $Q$  and its magnitude is  $\sqrt{4P^2 - Q^2}$ .
3. Three forces acting at a point are parallel to the sides of a triangle  $ABC$ , taken in order, and in magnitude they are proportional to the cosines of the opposite angles. Show that the magnitude of their resultant is proportional to  $\sqrt{1 - 8\cos A \cos B \cos C}$ .
4. State and prove Lami's theorem.
5.  $G$  is the centroid of a triangle  $ABC$ . Forces of magnitudes,  $P$ ,  $Q$ ,  $R$  acting along  $GA$ ,  $GB$ ,  $GC$  are in equilibrium. Show that  $\frac{P}{GA} = \frac{Q}{GB} = \frac{R}{GC}$ .
6. A particle rests on a plane inclined at  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal, being supported by a string along the line of the greatest slope. If the ratio of the maximum and minimum tensions consistent with equilibrium is 2:1, find the coefficient of friction.
7. Find the centre of mass of a solid hemisphere of a radius  $a$ .
8. Show that the greatest inclination of a rough inclined plane to the horizon so that a particle will remain on it at rest, is equal to the angle of friction.

### Section C

Answer any **THREE** questions ( $3 \times 10 = 30$  Marks)

9. The resultant of two forces of magnitudes  $P$  and  $Q$  acting at a point, has magnitudes  $(2n + 1) \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2}$  and  $(2n - 1) \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2}$  when the forces are inclined at  $\alpha$  and  $90^\circ - \alpha$  respectively. Show that  $\tan \alpha = \frac{n-1}{n+1}$ .

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10. Forces of magnitudes  $2, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{3}, 2$  respectively act at one of the angular points of a regular hexagon towards the other five points in order. Show that their resultant is of magnitude 10 and makes an angle of  $60^\circ$  with the first force.
11. A weight is supported on a smooth plane of inclination  $\alpha$  by a string inclined to the horizon at an angle  $\gamma$ . If the slope of the plane be increased to  $\beta$  and the slope of the string be unaltered, the tension of the string is doubled. Prove that  $\cot\alpha - 2\cot\beta = \tan\gamma$ .
12. If a particle of mass  $m$  on a rough incline plane is inclined at angle  $\alpha$  to the horizontal and if a force of magnitude  $S$  acting on it in a direction making an angle  $\theta$  with the plane is in limiting equilibrium then find  $S$ .
13. Find the centre of mass of a solid right circular cone.

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