

SHRIMATHI DEVKUNVAR NANALAL BHATT VAISHNAV COLLEGE FOR WOMEN
(AUTONOMOUS)

(Affiliated to the University of Madras and Re-accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC)
Chromepet, Chennai - 600 044.

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

SEMESTER - III

22UPHCT3005 - Mathematical Physics and Statistical Mechanics

Total Duration : 2 Hrs. 30 Mins.

Total Marks : 60

Section B

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

1. Show that the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{pmatrix}$ is orthogonal.
2. Show that $\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma n$
3. Show that $xJ'_n(x) = nJ_n(x) - xJ_{n+1}(x)$
4. Classify the various types of ensembles.
5. Distinguish between three statistics.
6. Find the eigen values of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$
7. Prove that $H'_n(x) = 2nH_{n-1}(x)$
8. State the postulates of statistical mechanics. What are micro and macro states?

Section C

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

9. Find the characteristic equation of the following matrix and verify Cayley-Hamilton theorem

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & -1 & 4 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
10. (i) Show that $\beta(m, n) = \frac{\Gamma m \Gamma n}{\Gamma(m+n)}$ where $m > 0, n > 0$.
 (ii) Show that $\beta(m, n) = \int_0^\infty \frac{y^{n-1}}{(1+y)^{m+n}} dy$.
11. Give the series solution of Legendre differential equation

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

Contd...

12. Discuss the classical Maxwell-Boltzmann's distribution law regarding the distribution of particles into various energy states.
13. Give the Fermi-Dirac distribution of energy in an electron gas in metals.
