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**M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MATHEMATICS**

**FIRST SEMESTER – APRIL 2016**

**MT 1818 - DIFFERENTIAL GEOMETRY**

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Max. : 100 Marks

**Answer ALL the Questions:**

1. a) Find the equation of the osculating plane at any point on the circular helix. (5)

**OR**

b) For the curve  $\vec{x} = (u, u^2, u^3)$ , find the curvature and torsion. (5)

c) State and prove Serret-Frenet formula and express them in terms of Darboux vector. (15)

**OR**

d) (i) Show that the necessary and sufficient condition for a curve to be plane curve is  $[\vec{x}', \vec{x}'', \vec{x}'''] = 0$ .

(ii) Prove that the equation of the osculating plane at the point  $P(x, y, z)$  on the curve of intersection of the cylinders  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$  and  $y^2 + z^2 = b^2$  is  $\frac{xx^3 - zz^3 - a^4}{a^2} = \frac{yy - zz^3 - b^4}{b^2}$ . (7 + 8)

2. a) For a curve of constant slope, prove that the necessary and sufficient condition is that the ratio of curvature to torsion is constant. (5)

**OR**

b) Prove that if the circle  $lx + my + nz = 0$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 2cz$  has three point contact with the paraboloid  $ax^2 + by^2 = 2z$  then  $c = \frac{l^2 + m^2}{bl^2 + am^2}$ . (5)

c) Derive the equation of evolute and involute of a curve. (15)

**OR**

d) Find the equations of the curve whose curvature and torsion are constants. (15)

3. a) Derive rectifying developable associated with a space curve. (5)

**OR**

b) Prove that the first fundamental form of a surface is a positive definite. (5)

c) Prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for the surface may be developable is that its Gaussian curvature vanish. (15)

**OR**

d) Define envelope of a curve. Find the equation of the envelope of the family of planes

$3a^2x - 3ay + z = a^3$  and show that its edge of regression is the curve of intersection of the surfaces  $xz = y^2$ ,  $xy = z$ . (15)

4. a) State and prove Meusnier theorem. (5)

**OR**

b) Find the Gaussian curvature at the point  $(u, v)$  of the anchor ring  $x = (b + a \cos u) \cos v$ ,  
 $y = (b + a \cos u) \sin v$ ,  $z = a \sin u$ . (5)

c) (i) Prove that the curves of the family  $\frac{v^3}{u^2} = a \text{ constant}$  are geodesic on a surface with metric  $v^2 du^2 - 2uvdudv + 2u^2 dv^2$  ( $u > 0, v > 0$ ).

(ii) Prove that the curves  $u + v = \text{constant}$  are geodesic on a surface with metric  $(1 + u^2)du^2 - 2uvdudv + (1 + v^2)dv^2$ . (8 + 7)

**OR**

d) Define Dupin Indicatrix. Derive the equation of Dupin Indicatrix. (15)

5. a) Derive Weingarten's equation. (5)

**OR**

b) Prove that the Gaussian curvature of a surface is a bending invariant. (5)

c) Derive the partial differential equation of surface theory. (15)

**OR**

d) State and prove the fundamental theorem of surface theory and illustrate with an example. (15)

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