B.Sc. PHYSICS SYLLABUS UNDER CBCS
For Mathematics Combinations
[2020-21 Batch onwards]
I Year B.Sc.-Physics: I Semester
Course I: MECHANICS, WAVES AND OSCILLATIONS

Work load:60 hrs per semester   4 hrs/week

UNIT-I:

1. Mechanics of Particles (5 hrs)

Review of Newton's Laws of Motion, Motion of variable mass system, Motion of a rocket, Multistage rocket, Concept of impact parameter, scattering cross-section, Rutherford scattering-Derivation.

2. Mechanics of Rigid bodies (7 hrs) Rigid body, rotational kinematic relations, Equation of motion for a rotating body, Angular momentum and Moment of inertia tensor, Euler equations, Precession of a spinning top, Gyroscope, Precession of atom and nucleus in magnetic field, Precession of the equinoxes

Unit-II:

3. Motion in a Central Force Field (12hrs)

Central forces, definition and examples, characteristics of central forces, conservative nature of central forces, Equation of motion under a central force, Kepler's laws of planetary motionProofs, Motion of satellites, Basic idea of Global Positioning System (GPS), weightlessness, Physiological effects of astronauts

UNIT-III:

4. Relativistic Mechanics (12hrs)

Introduction to relativity, Frames of reference, Galilean transformations, absolute frames, Michelson-Morley experiment, negative result, Postulates of Special theory of relativity, Lorentz transformation, time dilation, length contraction, variation of mass with velocity, Einstein's mass-energy relation

Unit-IV:

5. Undamped, Damped and Forced oscillations: (07 hrs)

Simple harmonic oscillator and solution of the differential equation, Damped harmonic oscillator, Forced harmonic oscillator – Their differential equations and solutions, Resonance, Logarithmic decrement, Relaxation time and Quality factor.

6. Coupled oscillations: (05 hrs) Coupled oscillators-Introduction, Two coupled oscillators, Normal coordinates and Normal modes- N-coupled oscillators and wave equation

Unit-V:

7. Vibrating Strings: (07 hrs) Transverse wave propagation along a stretched string, General solution of wave equation and its significance, Modes of vibration of stretched string clamped at ends, Overtones and Harmonics, Melde's strings.

8. Ultrasonics: (05 hrs) Ultrasonics, General Properties of ultrasonic waves, Production of ultrasonics by piezoelectric and magnetostriction methods, Detection of ultrasonics, Applications of ultrasonic waves, SONAR

REFERENCE BOOKS:

- ❖ B. Sc. Physics, Vol.1, Telugu Academy, Hyderabad
- ❖ Fundamentals of Physics Vol. I - Resnick, Halliday, Krane ,Wiley India 2007
- ❖ College Physics-I. T. Bhimasankaram and G. Prasad. Himalaya Publishing House.
- ❖ University Physics-FW Sears, MW Zemansky& HD Young,Narosa Publications, Delhi
- ❖ Mechanics, S.G.Venkatachalapathy, Margham Publication, 2003.
- ❖ Waves and Oscillations. N. Subramanyam and Brijlal, VikasPulications.
- ❖ Unified Physics - Waves and Oscillations, Jai PrakashNath&Co.Ltd.
- ❖ Waves & Oscillations. S.Badami, V. Balasubramanian and K.R. Reddy, Orient Longman.
- ❖ The Physics of Waves and Oscillations, N.K.Bajaj, Tata McGraw Hill
- ❖ Science and Technology of Ultrasonics- Baldevraj, Narosa, New Delhi,2004

Minimum of 6 experiments to be done and recorded:

1. Young's modulus of the material of a bar (scale) by uniform bending

2. Young's modulus of the material a bar (scale) by non- uniform bending

3. Surface tension of a liquid by capillary rise method

4. Viscosity of liquid by the flow method (Poiseuille's method)

5. Bifilar suspension –Moment of inertia of a regular rectangular body.

6. Fly-wheel -Determination of moment of inertia

7. Rigidity modulus of material of a wire-Dynamic method (Torsional pendulum)

8. Volume resonator experiment

9. Determination of 'g' by compound/bar pendulum

10. Simple pendulum- normal distribution of errors-estimation of time period and the error of the mean by statistical analysis

11. Determination of the force constant of a spring by static and dynamic method.

12. Coupled oscillators

13. Verification of laws of vibrations of stretched string –Sonometer

14. Determination of frequency of a bar –Melde's experiment.

15. Study of a damped oscillation using the torsional pendulum immersed in liquid-decay constant and damping correction of the amplitude.

RECOMMENDED CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

MEASURABLE

- ❖ Assignments (in writing and doing forms on the aspects of syllabus content and outside the syllabus content. Shall be individual and challenging)
- ❖ Student seminars (on topics of the syllabus and related aspects (individual activity)
- ❖ Quiz (on topics where the content can be compiled by smaller aspects and data (Individuals or groups as teams)
- ❖ Field studies (individual observations and recordings as per syllabus content and related areas (Individual or team activity)
- ❖ Study projects (by very small groups of students on selected local real-time problems pertaining to syllabus or related areas. The individual participation and contribution of students shall be ensured (team activity)

GENERAL

- ❖ Group Discussion
- ❖ Visit to Research Stations, Science Museum Centres to understand the basic principles of mechanics with live examples and related industries
- ❖ Visit to Satellite launching station at Sri Harikota.

RECOMMENDED ASSESSMENT METHODS

Some of the following suggested assessment methodologies could be adopted;

- ❖ The oral and written examinations (Scheduled and surprise tests)
- ❖ Problem-solving exercises
- ❖ Practical assignments and Observation of practical skills
- ❖ Individual and group project reports
- ❖ Efficient delivery using seminar presentations
- ❖ Viva voce interviews.

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