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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES**  
**April/May Examination 2019**

**Course Code:** MTH315  
**Course Title:** Analytical Dynamics  
**Credit Unit:** 3  
**Time allowed:** 3 HOUR  
**Total:** 70 Marks  
**Instruction:** ATTEMPT QUESTION NUMBER ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER (4) QUESTIONS

1. (a) Define each of the following:
  - (i) the degree of freedom of a system. **(3 marks)**
  - (ii) the conservation of angular momentum. **(3 marks)**(b) Show that  $F = x^2 yz i - xyz^2 k$  is non-conservative. **(8 marks)**  
(c) Due to a field, a particle of mass 3 units moves along a space curve whose position vector is given as a function of time  $t$  by  $\vec{r} = (4t^2 + 2t)i + (t^3 - t^2 + 10)j - 6t^3 k$ . Find the (i) velocity (ii) momentum (iii) acceleration (iii) force field at any time  $t$ . **(8 marks)**
  
2. (a) State the law for impact of spheres. **(3 marks)**  
(b) A particle is moving with a simple harmonic motion of period  $4\pi$  about a centre O, it passes through a point distance 4m from O with the velocity 4m/s away from O. Find the time which elapses before it next passes through this point. **(9 marks)**
  
3. (a) State the Newton's second and third laws of motion. **(3 marks)**  
(b) One end of an elastic string of length 24cm is fixed ended and to the other suspended end, a mass of 4kg is attached, which when in equilibrium stretches the string 4cm. the mass is pulled down at a distance of 3cm below its equilibrium position and then released. Find the period of oscillation and the maximum kinetic energy of the mass. **(9 marks)**

4. (a) State the kinetic energy of a particle.

**(3 marks)**

(b) A mass of 10kg rests on a rough horizontal table with coefficient of friction  $\frac{1}{2}$ . It is attached to one end of light inextensible string which passes through a smooth hole in a mass of 4kg at its free end. If the mass 4kg describes a horizontal circle with velocity of 8m/s and the mass on the table is on the point of slipping. Find the radius of the circle and the length of string below the table.

**(9 marks)**

5. (a) Three forces of magnitude 15Q, 10Q and 5Q act on a particle in directions which make  $120^\circ$  with another. Find their resultant.

**(6 marks)**

(b) A ball of mass 10kg moving at 5m/s overtakes another of mass 4kg moving at 2m/s in the same direction. If  $C = \frac{1}{2}$ , find the velocities after impact.

**(6 marks)**

6. (a) A particle of constant mass  $m$  moves in space under the influence of a force field  $F$ . Assuming that at time  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  the velocity is  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ . Prove that the work done is the change in

kinetic energy i.e.  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} F \cdot dr = \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2 - \frac{1}{2}mv_1^2$ .

**(6 marks)**

(b) Find the work done in moving an object along a vector  $\vec{r} = 6i + 4j - 10k$  if the applied force is  $F = 4i - 2j - 2k$ .

**(6 marks)**

