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D.K.M. COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (AUTONOMOUS), VELLORE-1
SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS
NOVEMBER – 2017
STATICS

15CMA5C

Time : 3 Hrs

Max. Marks : 75

SECTION-A (10 x 2 = 20)

Answer ALL questions.

1. State Hooke's Law.
2. Define moment of a force.
3. What is meant by couple?
4. Three forces acting along the sides of a triangle in the same order are equivalent to a couple. Show that they are proportional to the sides of the triangle.
5. Define angle of friction.
6. Write the definition of co-efficient of friction.
7. Define the directrix of a catenary.
8. Write the intrinsic equation of the shape of the string.
9. Define centre of mass.
10. Find the mass centre of thin wire in the form of a circular arc.

SECTION-B (5 x 5 = 25)

Answer any FIVE of the following questions.

11. Find the magnitude and direction of the resultant of two forces.
12. State and prove varignon's theorem.
13. ABC is an equilateral triangle of side a ; D, E, F divide the sides BC, CA, AB respectively in the ratio 2:1. Three forces each of magnitudes P , act at D, E, F perpendicularly to the sides and outward from the triangle. Prove that they are equivalent to a couple of moment $\frac{1}{2}Pa$.
14. Find the inclination θ to the vertical of a uniform ladder AB of length $2a$ and weight ω which is in limiting equilibrium having contact with a rough horizontal floor and a rough vertical wall, the co-efficient of friction being μ .
15. A rod AB rests with in a fixed hemi spherical bowl whose radius is equal to the length of the rod. If μ is the co-efficient of friction, show that in limiting equilibrium, the inclination θ of the rod to the horizontal is given by $\tan\theta = \frac{4\mu}{3-\mu^2}$.
16. If the tangents at the points A and B of a hanging string are at right angles, show that the tension at the middle point M of the arc AB is equal to the half of the weight of the string AB.
17. OA and OB are two uniform rods of lengths $2a$, $2b$. If angle $AOB = \alpha$, show that the distance of the mass centre of the rods from O is $\frac{(a^4+2a^2b^2\cos\alpha+b^4)^{1/2}}{a+b}$.

18. Show that the vertical angle α of a cone which is such that the centre of gravity of its whole surface area including the base coincides with the centre of gravity of its volume is $2 \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{3}$.

SECTION-C (3 x 10 = 30)

Answer ALL questions.

19. (a) S is the circumcentre of a triangle ABC . If forces of magnitudes P, Q, R acting along SA, SB, SC are in equilibrium, show that P, Q, R are in the ratio

$$(i) \quad \frac{P}{\sin 2A} = \frac{Q}{\sin 2B} = \frac{R}{\sin 2C}.$$

$$(ii) \quad \frac{P}{a^2(b^2+c^2-a^2)} = \frac{Q}{b^2(c^2+a^2-b^2)} = \frac{R}{c^2(a^2+b^2-c^2)}$$

$$(iii) \quad \frac{P}{\Delta BSC} = \frac{Q}{\Delta CSA} = \frac{R}{\Delta ASB}.$$

(Or)

- (b) (i) Five equal forces act along the sides AB, BC, CD, DE, EF of a regular hexagon. Show that the sum of moments of these forces about any point Q on FA is a constant.
(ii) Forces of magnitudes $3p, 4p, 5p$ act along the sides AB, BC, CA of an equilateral triangle taken in order. Find the magnitude and the direction of the resultant. (5 + 5)

20. (a) A uniform ladder of length l rests on a rough horizontal ground with its upper end projecting slightly over a smooth horizontal rod at a height h above the ground. If the ladder is about to slip. Show that the co-efficient of friction is equal to $\frac{h\sqrt{l^2-h^2}}{l^2+h^2}$.

(Or)

- (b) Find the mass centre of (5 + 5)
(i) Lamina in the form of a sector of a circle and
(ii) Cardioid Lamina.

21. (a) (i) If a chain is suspended from two points A, B on the same level and the depth of the middle point below AB is $\frac{1}{n}$, where $2l$ is the length of the chain, show that the horizontal span AB is equal to $l \frac{n^2-1}{n} \log \frac{n+1}{n-1}$.
(ii) The sag of a telegraph wire tightly stretched between two poles distant a apart, is b . Show that, if the weight per unit length is ω , the terminal tension is approximately $\left(\frac{a^2}{8b} + \frac{7b}{6}\right) \omega$.

(Or)

- (b) Find the resultant of two parallel forces acting on a rigid body.

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