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**UNIT 1: FUNDAMENTALS**

**Topics And Assessment Objectives:**

- 1.1 Physical Quantities and their Units ( 9 Periods)
  - ◆ Dimensions of fundamental quantities
  - ◆ Fundamental units of ; mass (kg) , length(m), time (s), current (A), temperature(k), amount of substance (mol)
  - ◆ Dimensions of derived quantities
  - ◆ Use of dimensions to check equations
  - ◆ Scalars and Vectors

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- **addition and subtraction of vectors by the component method**
- **resolution of vectors in two perpendicular directions**
- **components of a vector**

**Assessment Objectives:**

**By the end of the topic, the student should be able to :**

- State the basic physical quantities and state their SI units.
- Measure and read basic and derived physical quantities using linear and circular scales.
- Work out the dimensions of the derived physical quantities.
- Use Dimensions to check equations.
- Define scalars and vectors.
- Distinguish between scalars and vectors.

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- Solve problems involving vectors by the component method.



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## UNIT 7: THERMAL PROPERTIES OF MATTER

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### ● **Temperature** ( 9 Periods )

- ◆ Temperature scales.
- ◆ Practical thermometers.
  - liquid in glass
  - constant volume gas thermometer
  - electrical resistance
  - thermocouples
  - pyrometers
- ◆ Absolute temperature scale.

### **Assessment objectives**

By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:

- List the different types of thermometers available for measurement

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of temperature and the thermometric properties used.

- Describe the steps involved in setting up a celcius scale of temperature.
- Describe the structure and action of the liquid- in-glass, constant

volume gas thermometer, platinum resistance and thermocouple thermometers.

- Perform and describe measurement of temperature by the thermistor.
- Perform and describe measurement of temperature using a resistance of

an insulated copper coil and metre bridge.

- Perform and describe measurement of temperature using thermocouple.
- Compare temperature measured thermometers using different thermometric



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properties.

- State the relative merits (advantages and disadvantages) of different thermometers.
- Define the absolute temperature scale.
- Convert temperatures in degrees celcius to absolute temperatures.
- Describe and explain the structure and mode of operation of the optical

and total radiation pyrometers.

● **7.2 Specific Heat Capacity**

(9 Periods)

◆ **Definition and its measurement.**

- **method of mixtures; Newton's law of cooling; cooling corrections**
- **electrical methods including; the continuous flow method for liquids.**

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## Assessment objectives

By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:

- Define specific heat capacity.
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine the specific heat capacity
  - of a solid and a liquid by the method of mixtures.
- Explain what cooling correction is.
- Obtain a cooling correction in the method of mixtures for the determination
  - of the specific heat capacity of a poor conductor of heat like rubber using the graphical method.
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine the specific heat capacities
  - of solids and liquids by electrical methods including the continuous flow method.

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- State the advantages and disadvantages of the method of mixtures and the continuous flow method.
- Solve problems involving heat loss and gain.
- Perform and describe an experiment for comparison of specific heat

capacities of liquids using Newton's law of cooling.

### ● **7.3 Change of state.** ( 9 Periods )

- ◆ **Molecular theory explanation of melting, evaporation and boiling.**
- ◆ **Specific latent heat of fusion and vaporization.**  
**Internal and external latent heat of vaporisation.**
- ◆ **Electrical method of measuring specific latent heat of vaporization.**

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- Explain melting, evaporation and boiling using molecular theory.
- Define specific latent heats of fusion and vaporization.
- Perform and describe experiments for determination of specific latent heats using method of mixtures.
- Perform and describe an electrical method for determination of specific latent heats of fusion and vaporization.
- Solve problems involving changes of state and changes in temperature.

### ● **7.4 Expansion of gases.** (5 Periods)

- ◆ **The gas laws and the equation  $PV = Nk_B T$  or  $nRT$**
- ◆ **Pressure and volume coefficients of expansion.**

**Assessment objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- State Boyle's, Charles's and the pressure laws.
- Perform and describe experiments to verify the laws.
- Derive and use the equation  $PV = Nk_B T$  or  $PV = nRT$
- Define pressure and volume coefficients of expansion and show that

they are equal.

● **7.5 Kinetic Theory of gases.** (10 Periods)

- ◆ **Brownian motion and evidence of molecules**
- ◆ **Postulates about the molecules of an ideal gas.**
- ◆ **Derivation of  $P = \frac{1}{3} \rho \langle c^2 \rangle$  and comparison with  $PV = Nk_B T$  or  $nRT$ .**

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- ◆ **Deduction from the ideal gas equation.**
  - **Avogadro's hypothesis**

- **Graham's law of diffusion.**
- **Dalton's law of partial pressures.**
- ◆ **Real gases.**
  - **Van der Waal's equation of state.**

$$\left( P + \frac{a}{V^2} \right) (V - b) = RT$$

P vs V curves for a real gas.

- **critical temperature.**
- ◆ **Saturated and unsaturated vapours, saturated vapour pressure.**
  - **connection with boiling of a liquid.**

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- Explain what is meant by kinetic theory of gases.
- Explain quantitatively why a gas exerts pressure on the walls of its container.
- Derive the expression  $P = \frac{1}{3} \rho \langle c^2 \rangle$  stating any assumptions made.

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- Relate the mean kinetic energy of a gas to its absolute temperature.
- Use the formula  $P = \frac{1}{3} n \langle c^2 \rangle$  to deduce Avogadro's Hypothesis,

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Boyle's law, Charles's law, Dalton's law of partial pressures and Graham's law of diffusion.

- Distinguish between a real and an ideal gas.
- Account for the difference between equations  $PV = RT$  and

$$(P + \frac{a}{v^2})(V - b) = RT$$

- Define critical temperature  $T_c$  of a gas.
- Draw labelled **P-V** diagrams to show the behaviour of a real gas under



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compression for temperatures above and below the critical temperature.

- Distinguish between a gas and a vapour.
- Distinguish between saturated and unsaturated vapour and define saturated vapour pressure.(s.v.p)
- Explain the occurrence of saturated vapour pressure using molecular theory.
- Use kinetic theory to explain the effect of volume and temperature change on s.v.p.
- Distinguish the behaviour of saturated vapours from that of unsaturated ones.
- Use Dalton's law of partial pressures to solve problems on s.v.p
- Relate variation of s.v.p to boiling point.
- Describe an experiment to measure the variation of s.v.p of water with temperature.

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## ● **7.6 Thermodynamics**

(12 Periods)

- ◆ **Work done by an expanding gas**
- ◆ **Internal Energy**
- ◆ **First law of thermodynamics  $DQ = DU + DW$**
- ◆ **Principle specific heat capacities, the relation  $C_p - C_v = R$**
- ◆ **Isothermal and adiabatic changes of a gas including work done by a gas on such a process.**

### **Assessment objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- State the component of the internal energy of a real gas and the factors on which they depend.
- Define an ideal gas and show that the internal energy of an ideal gas has no

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potential energy component.

- Explain the meanings of terms: isovolumetric, isobaric, isothermal, and

adiabatic changes.

- Derive the expression  $W = Pdv$  for the work done when a gas expands and

relate it to the area under the **P-V** curve.

- State the first law of thermodynamics and apply it to isobaric processes.
- Explain why a gas has more than one specific heat capacity.
- Define specific heat capacity of a gas at constant pressure and constant

volume.

- Explain why the molar principle heat capacity at constant pressure  $C_p$

is greater than that at constant volume  $C_v$

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is greater than that at constant volume  $C_V$ .

- Derive the expression  $C_p - C_V = R$
- Relate  $\gamma = C_p/C_V$  to atomicity of a gas.
- Represent isovolumetric, isobaric, isothermal, and adiabatic processes on a **P-V** sketch.
- State the conditions necessary in practice to achieve isothermal and adiabatic processes.
- State and use the equations relating
- Derive expressions for the work done in isothermal and adiabatic processes.
- Solve problems involving isovolumetric, isobaric, isothermal, and adiabatic processes.

## ● 7.7 Transfer of Heat Energy

- ◆ **Thermal Conduction.**
  - Mechanism of thermal conduction in insulators and in metals.
- ◆ **Thermal conductivity.**
- ◆ **The relation  $\frac{DQ}{Dt} = k A \frac{DT}{Dx}$**
- ◆ **Measurement of thermal conductivity of good and bad conductors of heat.**
- ◆ **Convection as a consequence of change of density.**
- ◆ **Radiation as a form of energy.**
  - **Blackbody radiation**
  - **Energy distribution in the spectrum of blackbody radiation.**
  - **Stefan's law  $E = sT^4$ .**
  - **Wein's displacement law,  $\lambda_m T = 2.9 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mK}$ .**
  - **Surface temperature of the sun.**
  - **Survey of the electromagnetic spectrum.**

### **Assessment objectives:**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Explain the mechanism of heat conduction in gases, liquids metallic

and non-metallic solids.

- State the factors which determine the rate of heat transfer through

a material.

- Define thermal conductivity  $k$  of a material.
- Draw a sketch graph to show the variation of temperature with length

along a lagged and an unlagged metal bar.

- Perform and describe an experiment to determine thermal conductivity

of a good conductor of heat like copper and a poor conductor of heat

like glass.

- Solve problems involving conduction of heat

- Solve problems involving conduction of heat.
- Describe and explain the process of convection.
- State properties of infra-red radiation and describe how it can be detected.
- Define a blackbody and blackbody radiation.
- Describe how an approximate blackbody can be realised in practice.
- Draw sketch graphs to show variation of relative intensity with wavelength

and describe their special features.

- State and use Wein's displacement law and Stefan's law in calculations, including

the estimation of the temperature of the sun.

- State Prevost's theory of heat exchanges and apply it in calculations.
- Arrange the components of the electromagnetic spectrum in order of

decreasing wavelength.

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#### ● 8.1 Electrostatics.

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### ● **8.1.1 Basic Electrostatics Phenomena.**

(8 Periods)

- ◆ Charging by friction.
- ◆ Types of charges.
  - use of electroscope to detect charge.
- ◆ Charge by induction.
- ◆ Distribution of charge outside and inside a hollow conductor at constant potential.
- ◆ Principle of the Van der Graaf generator.
- ◆ Applications
  - lightning conductor, electrostatic screening, paint spraying, and dust extraction.

### **Assessment objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Distinguish between a conductor and a non conductor.

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- Perform an experiment to show that there are two types of charges.
- Explain charging by electrostatic induction.
- Explain the attraction of an uncharged material by a charged body.
- Describe the structure and action of a Gold Leaf Electroscope.
- Explain how a gold leaf electroscope can be charged negatively or positively.
- Describe how a gold leaf electroscope can be used to determine the charge on a body
- Describe Faraday's Ice Pail experiment and state the conclusions that can be deduced from it.
- Perform and describe an experiment to show the

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on a charged conductor of different shapes.

- Explain corona discharge (action at points) and give an example of its

application.

- Describe the structure and operation of the Van de Graaf generator.

### ● 8.1.2 The Electric Field

- ◆ Electric fields and electric field lines.
- ◆ Force between point charges.
  - Coulomb's law.
- ◆ Electric Field Intensity.
  - electric field intensity of a point charge.
  - electric field intensity between charged parallel metal plates.
- ◆ Electric Potential
  - relationship between electric potential and electric

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### **field intensity.**

- equipotential surfaces and electric field lines.
- electric potential at a point in the electric field of a point charge.

### **Assessment objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- State Coulomb's law of electrostatics.
- Calculate the force between two point charges.
- Calculate force on a point charge due to a number of charges.
- Define electric field intensity, state its units and draw sketch diagrams to show the electric field patterns for different charge configuration.
- State the expression for the electric field intensity at a point charge.
- Calculate the electric field intensity at a point due to a number of point charges.
- Derive and use the relation between electric potential and electric field intensity.

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- Compare Coulomb's law with Newton's law of gravitation.

### ● 8.1.3 Capacitors

- ◆ Capacitor and capacitance , the farad
- ◆ Polarization of dielectrics
  - the dielectric constant
- ◆ Parallel plate capacitor
- ◆ Factors which affect capacitance
- ◆ Series and parallel arrangement of capacitors
- ◆ Energy stored in a charged capacitor

### Assessment Objectives

By the end of this topic the student should be able to:

- Define the capacitance of a capacitor
- State the factors which determine capacitance of a capacitor

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- Explain the action of a dielectric using the molecular theory
- Explain what is meant by dielectric constant (relative permittivity) and dielectric strength.
- Perform and describe experiments to investigate the dependence of capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor on the area,  $A$ , of the plates, the separation,  $d$ , of the plates and

the nature of the dielectric material between the plates using a gold leaf electroscope.

- Perform and describe an experiment to measure dielectric constant of dielectric material.
- State and use the law of conservation of charge
- Derive and use expressions for effective capacitance of capacitors in series and in parallel.
- Derive and use the expression for energy stored in a charged capacitor.

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## ● **Electric Current**

- ◆ **Electric current as flow of charge**  $I = \frac{Q}{t}$

the ampere, the Coulomb, electric potential difference, the volt.

### ◆ **Electric power**

- **resistance and Ohm's law**
- **electric energy, kWh**
- **Power delivered to an ohmic circuit element**
- **Interule conversion of electrical energy with forms**

### ◆ **Simple d.c circuits**

- **e.m.f of a source of electrical energy**
- **internal resistance**
- **conservation of charge at a junction in a circuit**
- **resistors in series and parallel**

**RESISTORS IN SERIES AND PARALLEL.**

- **potential divider**
- **mechanism of metallic conduction, current density**  
$$j = nev$$
- **mechanism of the heating effect of an electric current**
- **temperature coefficients of resistance**
- **electrical resistivity,  $\rho$ : the relation  $R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$**

### Measurement of resistance and voltage

- the Wheat-stone bridge and its applications including measurement of temperature coefficient of resistance
- the potentiometer and its applications including measurement of voltage, current, thermocouple, e.m.fs, comparison of resistances.

### Assessment Objectives:

By the end of this topic the student should be able to:



- Define an electric current and state its unit
- State the charge carriers in different types of conductors (metals, ionized gases, electrolytes, semi-conductors)
- Explain the mechanism of electric conduction in metals.
- Derive and use the relation between current and the drift velocity of electrons in metals  $I = nAVde$
- Explain the causes of electrical resistance in metals and identify the factors which determine resistance of a metallic conductor.
- Define the term electrical resistivity and state its unit
- Explain the effect of temperature on resistance.
- Define temperature coefficient of resistance and state its unit.
- State Ohm's law and give examples of ohmic and non-ohmic

conductors, and draw sketch graphs to show their I-V characteristic curves.

- Perform and describe an experiment to verify Ohm's law for metallic conductors.
- State and use the law of conservation of current at a junction.
- Derive and use expressions for effective resistance of resistor in series and in parallel.
- List sources of e.m.f
- Explain what is meant by e.m.f,  $E$ , and internal resistance,  $r$ , of a cell
- Explain how the e.m.f and internal resistance of a cell change with time

and use.

- Derive and use the expression  $P = I^2R$
- Convert energy in joules into kWh.
- Convert electrical energy to other forms of energy.
- Derive the condition for maximum power dissipation

in the external

resistance and the expression for efficiency, **h.**

- Derive and use the condition for balance of Wheatstone bridge
- Perform and describe an experiment to compare resistances using simple metre bridge
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine the resistivity,  $\rho$ , and temperature coefficient of a resistance of a wire using a metre bridge.
- Explain why the Wheatstone bridge network is not suitable for comparison of two very high or very low resistances.
- Solve problems on simple bridges including calculations of end-corrections.
- Explain the principle of a slide wire Potentiometer
- Perform and describe an experiment to calibrate a slide wire potentiometer.
- Perform and describe experiments to determine the internal resistance,  $r$ , of a cell, the e.m.f.  $E$ , of

- **incremental resistance,  $r_i$ , of a cell, the e.m.f.,  $E$ , of a thermocouple using the slide wire potentiometer.**
- **Perform and describe experiments to calibrate an ammeter and voltmeter using a calibrated slide wire potentiometer.**
- **State the advantages and disadvantages of the potentiometer over an ordinary voltmeter for measurement of voltage**
- **State the advantage of using a potentiometer instead of a Wheatstone bridge to compare resistances.**

### ● **8.3 Electronic Devices**

#### ◆ **The Vacuum diode valve**

- **thermionic emission**
- **anode current - anode voltage characteristics**
- **incremental resistance of a diode**
- **half - wave rectification.**
- **full wave (bridge) rectification**

#### ◆ **The vacuum triode**

- anode current-anode voltage characteristics
- anode current -grid voltage characteristics
- anode slope resistance, mutual conductance and amplification factor
- amplification by a triode - voltage gain,  $A = \frac{y_{RL}}{R_a}$

+ RL

#### ◆ The p-n junction

- I-V characteristic
- half - wave rectification
- full wave rectifier using semi-conducting diodes

#### ◆ The transistor

- transistor characteristics

### Assessment Objectives:

By the end of this topic the student should be able to :

- Explain the mechanism of thermionic emission

- Explain the mechanism of thermionic emission.
- Describe the structure and operation of a vacuum diode
- Draw a sketch graph of the anode current -anode voltage characteristics of a thermionic diode and explain its special features.
- Perform an experiment to obtain the I-V characteristic of a p-n junction and explain forward bias and reverse bias
- Explain half-wave and full-wave rectification and how they can be achieved
- Draw sketch graphs of the anode current-anode voltage and mutual characteristics of a triode.
- Define the terms anode resistance, mutual conductance and amplification factor of a triode.
- Derive and use the expression  $A = \frac{\mu R_L}{R_a + R_L}$  for the voltage gain
- Describe the structure of n-p-n and p-n-p type transistor
- Perform experiments to obtain  $I_B - V_{BE}$ ,  $I_C - V_{CE}$

## ● 9.1 Magnetic Effects of an Electric Current

- ◆ Idea of a magnetic field as a field of force due to current
  - carrying conductors or permanent magnet
- ◆ Force on a current
  - carrying straight wire.
  - Fleming's left hand rule
  - definition of magnetic flux density and the tesla
- ◆ Magnetic field patterns due to an electric current in a straight wire, circular coil and long solenoid.
- ◆ Motion of a charge particle in a uniform magnetic field
- ◆ Hall effect
  - the Hall probe
- ◆ Torque on a current carrying coil in a uniform magnetic field

- ▼ **Torque on a current carrying coil in a uniform magnetic field.**
  - **moving coil galvanometer**
  - **conversion of moving coil galvanometer into an ammeter and voltmeter**
  
- ◆ **Magnetic force between current carrying conductors**
  - **definition of ampere**
  - **simple form of current balance**

### **Assessment objectives**

By the end of this topic the student should be able to:

- Define a magnetic field
- Perform experiments to obtain the magnetic field patterns for a bar magnet, a current - carrying straightwire, a current - carrying circular coil, and a current - carrying solenoid.
- Perform an experiment to determine the direction of the force on a straight current carrying conductor in



the force on a straight current carrying conductor in a magnetic field.

- State, explain and use the expressions  $B = \mu_0 \underline{I}$ ,  $B = \mu_0 \underline{NI}$ , and  $B = \mu_0 nI$

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for the magnetic flux density at a perpendicular distance  $a$  from a straight current carrying wire, at the centre

of a circular coil of  $N$  turns each of radius  $R$  and at centre of a long solenoid of  $n$  turns per metre.

Derive and apply the expression for the magnetic force between two long parallel current - carrying conductor

- Derive and apply the expression for the magnetic force between two long parallel current - carrying conductor
- Define the ampere
- Describe a simple form of a current balance.
- Recall and use the expression  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{B}q\mathbf{v} \sin \theta$  for the force on a particle of charge  $q$ , moving in a uniform magnetic field of flux density  $\mathbf{B}$ .

- Describe quantitatively the motion of a charge particle in a uniform magnetic field.
- Explain the Hall Effect
- Explain how a calibrated Hall Probe can be used to measure magnetic flux density.
- Derive and use the expression  $\tau = BANi \sin \theta$  for the torque on a current carrying coil in a magnetic field.
- Describe how a moving coil galvanometer can be converted into an ammeter and into a voltmeter.
- Calculate the value of the resistor required to convert a moving coil galvanometer into an ammeter or voltmeter.
  
- Describe how a moving coil galvanometer is converted into a ballistic galvanometer.

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● **1.2 Kinematics** ( 18 Periods)

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- ◆ Equations of uniformly accelerated linear motion.
- ◆ Distance, speed-time graphs for uniformly and non-uniformly accelerated linear motion.
- ◆ Interpretation of area under a speed-time graph.
- ◆ Meaning of the slope of the tangent at a point on the distance-time , speed-time graphs.
- ◆ Motion of a body falling freely near the surface of the Earth
  - Acceleration due to gravity ( $g$ )

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◆ **Motion of a projectile:**

- An example of motion due to uniformly velocity in one direction and uniform acceleration in the perpendicular direction.
- Time taken to reach maximum height, time of flight T, range of a projectile.

- ◆ **Relative velocity**
- Examples.

**Assessment Objectives:**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Define displacement ,speed, velocity and acceleration.
- Draw sketches and interpret various motion graphs.
- Determine the distance travelled and the acceleration from the velocity-time graph.
- Derive and use the following expressions:
  - $v = u + at$ ,  $s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$  and  $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine g

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- Derive and use expressions for time taken to reach maximum height, time of flight, maximum height and range for a projectile.
- Solve problems involving relative velocity.

## **UNIT 2 : DYNAMICS 1**

### **2.1 Newton's Laws of Motion and Momentum** ( 9 Periods)

- ◆ **Newton's laws of motion.**
  - inertia
  - resultant force  $F = ma$
- ◆ **Linear momentum and its conservation**
- ◆ **Impulse and relation to change momentum**
- ◆ **Elastic and perfect inelastic collisions.**

### **Assessment Objectives:**

**By the end of this topic. the student should be able to:**

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- State and use Newton's laws of motion.
- Define linear momentum.
- Verify that linear momentum is conserved in a collision.
- Verify and use the Principle of conservation of linear momentum in collisions.
- Distinguish between elastic , inelastic and perfectly inelastic collisions.

### ● **2.2 Solid Friction** ( 8 Periods)

- ◆ **Laws of friction.**
- ◆ **Coefficients of static and kinetic friction.**
- ◆ **Motion of a body on a rough inclined plane.**
- ◆ **Molecular theory explanation of solid friction**

### **Assessment Objectives:**

**By the end of this topic, the student be able to:**

- Perform and describe experiments to measure the coefficient of static

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and of kinetic friction.

- State and explain the laws of solid friction in terms of molecular theory.
- Solve problem involving motion of a body on rough surfaces.

● **2.3 Work, Energy and Power** (15 Periods)

- ◆ Work as a product of force and distance in the direction of force.
- ◆ Work-energy theorem
- ◆ Force-distance graphs
- ◆ Kinetic and gravitationa potential energy
- ◆ Elastic potential energy
- ◆ Conservative forces
- ◆ Energy conservation and conversion
- ◆ Dissipative forces
- ◆ Power as rate of transfer of energy;  $P = Fv$

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- Define work, energy and power.
- State and apply the Principle of energy conversion.
- Relate work to the force-distance graph.
- Calculate work done in a number of situations.
- Derive and use the expressions  $K.E = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$ ,  $P.E = mgh$
- Distinguish between kinetic energy and gravitational potential energy.
- Derive and use the relationship between work done and change in energy.
- Perform experiments to determine efficiency of a simple system.
- State the Principle of Conservation of mechanical energy and illustrate it  
  
with examples.
- Solve problems involving conservation of mechanical energy.
- Derive and use the expression  $P = Fv$



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### ● 2.4 STATICS (Periods 15)

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- ◆ Parallel forces
  - Resultant of parallel forces, turning effect of forces and moment of a force, couples.
- ◆ Coplanar forces

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- **Equilibrium of forces.**
- **Triangle of forces to represent forces in equilibrium.**
- **Principle of moments.**
- **Centre of gravity.**
- ◆ **Fluids in static equilibrium**
  - **Density, relative density.**
  - **Pressure at a point in a fluid.**
  - **Archimede's Principle**
  - **Floatation**

### **Assessment objectives:**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Define centre of gravity.
- Calculate the resultant of parallel forces.
- Define and use moment of a force, couple and torque.
- State and use the conditions for equilibrium for a system under the

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action of coplanar forces.

- Solve problems related to three coplanar forces in equilibrium.
- Define and use density and relative density.
- Derive and use the expression for pressure at a point in a fluid.
- State and use Archimede's Principle.
- State the Law of floation and use it to solve problems related to floating bodies.
- Perform and describe experiments involving the Principle of moments.

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## **UNIT 3 : PROPERTIES OF MATTER**

### ● **3.1 Fluid Flow** ( 9 Periods)

#### ◆ **Streamline and turbulent flow.**

#### ▲ **Terminal velocity**

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- ▼ **Terminal velocity**
- ◆ **Bernoulli's equation.**
  
- ◆ **Viscosity in liquids and its determination.**
  - **Poiseuille's and Stoke's law methods.**
- ◆ **Viscosity in gases.**

## **Assessment Objectives.**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Explain the terms steady ( lamina, streamline) and turbulent flow as applied to the motion of a fluid.
- Explain the effects of viscosity of an object moving in a fluid
- Define the terms velocity gradient and coefficient of viscosity of a viscous fluid  
  
and state their units.
- State Stoke's Law and use it to define the expression for terminal velocity of a

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sphere in a viscous fluid.

- Perform and describe an experiment to measure viscosity of a viscous liquid.
  - Derive and use Bernoulli's equation  $P + \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 + \rho gh = \text{a constant}$
  - Explain the applications of Bernoulli's Principles in the filter pumps, atomisers and
- erofoil.
- Explain the effects of temperature on viscosity of liquids and gases.

## ● **3.2 Deformation of Solids** ( 9 Periods )

◆ **Classification of Solids on the basis of strength, stiffness, ductility and toughness.**

◆ **Stress-strain curve for ductile and brittle materials.**

▲ **Elastic and plastic behaviour**

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▼ ~~Elastic and plastic behaviour.~~

▪ Hooke's law

◆ **Work done in extension and compression.**

▪ elastic potential energy.

### Assessment Objectives

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Explain the term strength, stiffness, ductility, toughness and elasticity.
- Define stress, strain, and Young's modulus and state their units.
- Perform and describe an experiment to verify Hooke's law using springs,

draw a sketch graph of the stress-strain and show the following features:

limit of proportionality, elastic limit, yield point, breaking point.

- Explain the special features of the stress-strain graph for a ductile material

- Distinguish the elastic behaviours of ductile and brittle materials.
- Compare the elastic behaviours of ductile materials, rubber and brittle materials.
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine Young's modulus of a metal in

form of an elastic material.

- Relate the work done to the elastic potential energy.
- Relate the work done to area under the force-extension curve.

### ● **3.3 Surface Tension** ( 12 Periods )

- ◆ **Simple surface tension phenomena.**
- ◆ **Molecular theory of matter**
  - **Explanation of surface tension.**
- ◆ **Definition of surface tension.**
- ▲ **Pressure difference across a spherical surface**

▼ **PRESSURE DIFFERENCE ACROSS A SPHERICAL SURFACE.**

- ◆ **Angle of contact**
- ◆ **Capillary rise.**
- ◆ **Methods of measuring surface tension.**
- ◆ **Effects of temperature on surface tension.**

### **Assesment Objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the students should be able to:**

- Perform and describe experiments to show the existence of surface tension.
- Explain surface tension in terms of molecular theory of matter.
- Define surface tension and state its units.
- Derive and use expressions for excess pressure inside air and soap bubbles.
- Describe an experiment to measure angle of contact  $\theta$ .
- Explain capillarity.
- Derive and use the expression  $h = \frac{2\sigma \cos \theta}{\rho g r}$



- Derive and use the expression  $n = \frac{2g \cos \theta}{rgr}$
- Perform and describe an experiment to measure surface using capillary.
- Explain the effects of impurities on surface tension.

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## ● 4.1 Circular Motion (12 Periods)

- ◆ Speed of a body,  $v = rw$ , moving with uniform angular speed in a circle of radius  $r$ .
- ◆ Centripetal acceleration,  $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = rw^2$  and centripetal force.
- ◆ Examples
  - Conical pendulum
  - Banking of a road
  - Upsetting and skidding
- ◆ Translation and rotation kinetic energy.

### Assessment Objectives

By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:

- Define centripetal force.
- Define the radian.
- Derive and use the expression  $v = rw$ .
- Derive and use the expression  $a = \frac{v^2}{r} = rw^2$  and state its direction.

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- Use the expression  $F = mr\omega^2 = mv^2/r$  for centripetal force.
- Explain the following as applied to circular motion:
  - conical pendulum
  - banking of a road
  - motion in a vertical circle.
- Describe conditions for skidding and toppling of a cyclist or a vehicle

moving round a bend.

- Define moment of inertia about a given axis.
- State the expression for rotational K.E of a body rotating about an axis with a

constant angular velocity.

- Distinguish between translational and rotational K.E
- Relate work done by a couple to rotational K.E

● **4.2 Gravitation** (18 Periods)

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- ◆ **Kepler's law's.**
- ◆ **Newton's law's of gravitation.**
- ◆ **Gravitational field including local variations of  $g$ .**
- ◆ **Principle of laboratory determination of  $G$ .**
- ◆ **Gravitational Potential**
- ◆ **Satellites**
  - **Mechanical energy in a given orbit.**
  - **Parking satellites.**

### **Assessment Objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- State Kepler's laws
- State Newton's law of Gravitation.
- Derive dimensions of the gravitation  $G$ .
- Derive and use the relation between  $G$  and  $g$ .
- Describe the principle of laboratory determination of  $G$ .
- Derive and use Kepler's third law  $T^2 \propto r^3$ .
- Define and use gravitational potential.

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- Define the velocity of escape  $v_e$
- Derive and use the expression  $v_e = \sqrt{2R_e g}$
- Describe the variation of  $g$  from the centre of the earth to a point  
above the earth's surface.
- Derive and use the formulae for K.E, P.E and mechanical energy of  
a satellite in orbit.
- Define parking orbit and relate it to communication satellites.
- Derive and use the expression  $T^2 = \frac{4\pi R^3}{Gr^2}$  for parking orbit./
- Explain a state of weightlessness.
- Define free fall.
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine the acceleration

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of free fall.

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● **4.3.1 Simple Harmonic Motion (SHM)**

- ◆ A special periodic motion defined by  $a = -\omega^2 x$ .
- ◆ Derivation of the equation  $a = -\omega^2 x$ .
  - a mass on a helical spring.
  - a simple pendulum.
  - a floating cylinder.
  - a liquid in a U-tube.
- ◆ Solution of  $a = -\omega^2 x$  of the form  $x = A \sin \omega t$  or  $x = A \cos \omega t$
- ◆ Graphical representations of displacement, speed and acceleration in SHM.
- ◆ Phase difference demonstrated with two oscillating pendula or two masses oscillating at the end of helical springs.

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oscillating at the end of a helical spring.

- ◆ **Amplitude, Period and frequency.**  
speed  $v = \pm w\sqrt{A^2 - x^2}$
- ◆ **Interchange of kinetic and potential energy in SHM.**
- ◆ **Conservation of Energy.**
- ◆ **Measurement of acceleration due to gravity using**
  - a simple pendulum.
  - a mass of a helical spring.

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- Derive the expression  $\mathbf{a} = -\omega^2\mathbf{x}$  component of acceleration of
  - a body moving in a circle.
- Define simple harmonic motion.
- Verify that a simple pendulum, a mass at the end of a string, a liquid
  - in a U-tube, floating cylinder and car piston oscillate with SHM.
- Define the terms period and amplitude.
- Derive and use the expression for the period in each of the above



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examples of SHM.

- Verify that the solutions of the equation  $\mathbf{a} = -\mathbf{w}^2\mathbf{x}$  are of the form

$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} \sin \mathbf{wt}$  or  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{A} \cos \mathbf{wt}$  .

- Explain phase difference between two different simple harmonic

oscillators.

- Draw sketch graphs to show the variation of displacement, velocity,

acceleration with time.

- Derive and use the expression  $\mathbf{v} = \pm \mathbf{w}\sqrt{\mathbf{A}^2 - \mathbf{x}^2}$  for the velocity of a simple

harmonic oscillator.

- Derive and use expressions for potential energy and kinetic energy of a simple

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harmonic oscillator and hence the mechanical energy.

- Describe the interchange between kinetic energy and potential energy during

SHM and show that mechanical energy is constant.

- Draw a sketch graph to show the variation of P.E and K.E and mechanical energy

with displacement.

### ● 4.3.2 Damped and Free Oscillations.

- ◆ Damped oscillations.
- ◆ Forced oscillations and resonance.
  - practical examples.

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**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

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- Distinguish between free and damped oscillations.
- Describe practical examples of damped oscillations with
- particular reference to the degree of damping and the importance
- of critical damping in such cases as car suspension system.
- Explain forced oscillations and describe practical examples of forced
- oscillations and resonance.
- Describe graphically how amplitude of forced oscillations varies with
- frequency.
- Define resonance.
- State the factors which determine the frequency response and sharpness
- of the resonance of a forced oscillator.
- List examples of cases where resonance is useful and where it is undesirable.
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine acceleration due to gravity using ;

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(i) simple pendulum .

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- Perform an experiment to determine Young's modulus of wood using a

vibrating wooden beam .

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## ● 5.1 Reflection of light at plane surfaces.

(6 Periods)

- ◆ Regular and diffuse reflection.
- ◆ Rotation of a plane mirror with direction of incident ray.
- ◆ Images formed in a plane mirror.
- ◆ Focal point, focal length, centre of curvature.

### Assessment objectives

By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:

- Define a ray of light.
- Define a beam of light and draw sketch diagrams for the convergent and divergent beams.
- Perform and describe an experiment to illustrate the principle of reversibility of light.
- State the laws of reflection of light.

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- Perform and describe an experiment to illustrate the laws of reflection of light.
- Distinguish between regular and diffuse reflection.
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine the relation between angle

of rotation of a plane mirror and angle of the reflected ray while keeping the direction of the incident ray fixed.

- Describe the application of rotation of a plane mirror in the light beam galvanometer.
- Perform and describe an experiment to find the position and nature of an image formed

by a plane mirror.

- Derive and use the expression relating the number of images formed by two inclined

mirrors and the angle between the two mirrors.

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- List uses of plane mirrors.

## ● 5.2 Reflection of light at curved surfaces. (9 Periods)

◆ The equation  $\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2}{r}$

- ◆ Spherical aberration, caustic surface.

### Assessment objectives

By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:

- Describe the types of curved mirrors.
- Define the terms focal point, centre of curvature, radius of curvature, pole and aperture as applied to curved mirrors.
- Derive and use the relation  $r = 2f$  for curved mirrors.
- Distinguish between marginal and paraxial rays.
- Describe the formation of caustic surface.
- Describe spherical aberration and the use of



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parabolic mirrors to

- correct the defect.

Derive and use the formula  $\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2}{r}$

- Determine image and object position, focal length and radius of curvature

by construction and calculation.

- Distinguish between the nature of images formed by convex and concave mirrors.
- Perform and describe experiments to determine focal length or radius of curvature

of curved mirrors.

- Perform and describe experiments to determine

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of curved mirrors using a distant object, no-parallax and an illuminated object.

- List applications of concave and convex mirrors.

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## ● **5.3 Refraction of light at plane boundaries** (9 Periods)

- ◆ Snell's law.
- ◆ Real and apparent depth.
- ◆ Critical angle and total internal reflection.
  - applications, including optical fibres.

### **Assessment objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Perform and describe experiments to demonstrate refraction of light through a glass block and through a liquid.
- State the laws of refraction.
- Perform and describe an experiment to establish  **$\sin i = \text{constant}$**

**$\sin r$**

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- Define refractive index and explain its variation with optical media.
- Define refractive index in terms of velocities of light in the respective media.
- Derive and use relation  $n_a = \frac{v_a}{v_g}$

$$n_a = \frac{v_a}{v_g}$$

- Derive and use the expression  $n_3 = n_2 \times \frac{v_2}{v_3}$  for three parallel sided

transparent media.

- Derive and use the expression  $n \sin i = \text{constant}$ .
- Perform and describe an experiment to determine the refractive index by the

apparent depth method.

- Explain critical angle and the total internal reflection.
- State the conditions for the occurrence of total internal reflection.
- List applications of total internal reflection e.g fibre

optics, radio wave transmission,

binoculars, periscopes and mirage formation.

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- **5.4 Refraction through Prisms** (9 periods)

### COMMON

- ◆ **Minimum deviation**

## APPLICATIONS

- ◆ Deviation by thin prisms.
- ◆ Prism spectrometer and white light spectrum.

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### Assessment objectives

By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:

- Explain dispersion of white light by a prism.
- Derive and use the expression for deviation

$$d = (i_1 - r_1) + (i_2 - r_2)$$

- Derive and use the expression  $d = (n - 1)A$  for a small angled prism.
- State conditions required for minimum deviation to occur.
- Derive and use the expression  $n = \frac{\sin(A + D_{\min})}{\sin A}$

$A$

$$\frac{\sin 2A}{\sin A}$$

- Perform and describe experiments to measure angle  $A$  of

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a prism and  $D_{\min}$  using a spectrometer.

- Perform an experiment to determine refractive index of the material of the prism

using optical pins and spectrometer.

- Describe applications of glass prisms.

● **5.5 Refraction through a thin lens.** (12 Periods)

◆ Types of lenses.

◆ Focal points, focal lengths

◆ Power of lens.

◆ Thin lens formula  $\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f}$

◆ Transverse magnification.

◆ Displacement formula,  $L^2 - d^2 = 4d^2$

◆ Conjugate foci; Newton's formula  $xy = f^2$

◆ Full lens formula  $\frac{1}{i} = (n-1) \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$  for a thin lens in air.

◆ Methods of determination of focal lengths of both

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**converging and diverging lenses.**

- ◆ Defects of images formed by a lens;
  - spherical and chromatic aberration.

**Assessment objectives**

By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:

- Identify converging and diverging lenses.
- Define the terms:- principle focus, principle axis, optical centre, focal length as applied to converging and diverging lenses.
- Draw ray diagrams to illustrate formation of real and virtual images.
- Derive and use the expression  $\frac{1}{u} + \frac{1}{v} = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{r}$
- Define transverse magnification.
- Derive and use the relation:  $m = \frac{v}{u}$

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- Derive and use the expression  $L^2 - d^2 = 4d'$
- Derive and use the expression  $\frac{1}{L} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2}$  for thin lenses in contact.

F  $\frac{1}{r_1} \frac{1}{r_2}$ 

- Define power of the lens and state its units.
- Derive and use Newton's formula  $xy = f^2$
- Derive and use the expression  $\frac{1}{f} = (n - 1) \left( \frac{1}{r_1} + \frac{1}{r_2} \right)$
- Explain chromatic aberration and spherical aberration in lenses and how

they are minimised.

- Perform an experiment to demonstrate chromatic aberration and spherical

aberration in lenses.

- Perform and describe experiments to determine



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focal length and radii of the

surfaces of the lenses.

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● **5.6 Optical Instruments** (9 Periods)

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- ◆ Magnifying power of an optical instrument.
- ◆ The magnifying glass (simple microscope).
- ◆ The compound telescope

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- magnifying power in normal adjustment.
- ◆ **Astronomical telescope and Galilean telescope.**
  - magnifying power in normal adjustment.
- ◆ **Reflecting telescope.**
- ◆ **Prism binoculars.**
  
- ◆ **Simple lens camera.**
- ◆ **The human eye.**
  - eye defects and their corrections.

## **Assessment objectives**

**By the end of this topic, the student should be able to:**

- Describe the optical parts of the human eye.
- Distinguish between long and short sightedness.
- Explain how the eye defects are corrected.
- Define the terms visual angle, angular magnification, near point and far point.
- Describe structure and action of: simple microscope, compound

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microscope (normal adjustment) ,astronomical telescope, Galilean telescope,

reflecting telescope, simple lens camera, projector lantern.

- State the advantages and disadvantages of reflecting telescopes

over refracting telescopes (Astronomical telescope and Galilean telescope)

- Derive and use the expression
  - $M = \frac{D}{f_1}$  for telescopes
  - $\frac{D}{f_1}$
  - Define the eye-ring of a telescope and explain it's significance.
  - Describe the action of prism binoculars.

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[Base Converter](#)● **6.1 Types of Wave Motion.** (9 Periods)[Activities](#)

- ◆ Transverse and longitudinal wave motion.
- ◆ Relation between  $v$ ,  $f$ , and  $\lambda$ .
- ◆ Progressive waves.
  - the equation for the progressive wave.

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- ◆ Transmission of energy by waves.
- ◆ Relation between intensity, frequency and amplitude.

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- Describe longitudinal and transverse waves and explain their mode of propagation.
- Define the terms: displacement, amplitude, period, frequency and

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wavelength.

- Derive and use the expression  $v = \lambda f$ .
- Perform and describe experiments to demonstrate progressive wave.
- Explain phase of vibrations.
- Derive and use the expression  $y = A \sin 2\pi \left( \frac{t}{T} - \frac{x}{\lambda} \right)$  and explain the significance of  $\pm$  in the equation.
- Relate amplitude and frequency with energy.

## 6.2 Superposition of waves

- ◆ Principle of superposition
- ◆ Stationary waves and their properties.
- ◆ Interference and beats, Doppler effect.
- ◆ Longitudinal stationary waves and air columns, resonance.
- ◆ Stationary waves and stretched strings including the relation 
$$v = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{T/m}$$
- ◆ Overtones and harmonies.

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- State and use the principle of superposition of waves.
- Explain interference of waves and occurrence of beats.
- Derive and use the expression for beat frequency.
- Explain Doppler effect.
- Derive and use the expression for Doppler shift.
- Explain the formation of a stationary wave.
- Explain the terms node and antinode.
- Perform and describe experiments to demonstrate formation of stationary waves.
- Derive and use the relation  $v = \sqrt{T/m}$  for a stationary wave in

**2L**

a stretched string.

- Describe applications of stationary waves in strings.
- Perform and describe experiments to demonstrate longitudinal stationary

waves in air columns using open pipes and closed pipes.

- Demonstrate and explain resonance.
- Explain overtones and harmonics.
- Perform and describe experiments to measure velocity and frequency of

sound, using open and closed pipes.

- Derive and use a relationship between the frequency and length of an air

column.

- Perform and describe experiments to show variation in speed of sound in

different media and explain the variation.

- Explain the dependence of speed of sound in air on



density and direction of wind.

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● **6.3 Wave theory of light**

(18 Periods)

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◆ Huygen's construction as applied to reflection and refraction.

◆ Speed of light in air.

◆ Interference of light and its applications.

- conditions for interference.

- Young's double slit interference; derivation of

$$I = \frac{aDx}{D}$$

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- thin films.

◆ Diffraction

- demonstration of diffraction using water wave in a ripple tank.

single slit diffraction of light.

- plane transmission grating and application of formula  $d \sin \theta = n \lambda$

in the determination of wavelength.

◆ Polarisation

- as a phenomenon associated with transverse waves.

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- **producing polarised light by reflection, double refraction, selective absorption and scattering.**
- **application of polarisation.**

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- Define a wave front.
- Distinguish between circular and plane wave fronts.
- Describe Huygen's construction.
- Apply Huygen's construction to reflection and refraction of

light

- Describe a terrestrial method of measuring the speed of light.
- Explain the terms coherent sources of light, path difference and

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optical as applied to light.

- Explain interference by "division of wave fronts".
- Describe Young's double slit experiments.
- Explain destructive and constructive interference.

Derive and use the equation  $I = \frac{aDx}{D}$

- Describe an experiment for measuring  $I$  using the double slit arrangement.
- State factors which determine the appearance of fringes.
- Explain interference by "**division of amplitude**".
- Explain interference of light waves in thin films.
- Perform and describe an experiment to demonstrate diffraction of water

waves in a ripple tank.

- Explain diffraction of waves.
- Describe plane transmission grating.

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- Use the expression  **$d \sin \theta = n \lambda$**
- Describe an experiment to determine  **$\lambda$**  using diffraction grating.
- Explain the terms polarisation, polarised light and polaroid.
- Describe polarisation of light by: reflection, double refraction, selective absorption and scattering methods.
- State and use Brewster's Law.
- Explain applications of polarisation e.g. in sacce harimetry, photoelasticity,
- reducing light intensity and 3-D pictures (holography)

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