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**MMA23 — PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL
EQUATIONS**

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (5 × 6 = 30 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. (a) Find the general integral of partial differential equation $y^2p - xyq = x(z - 2y)$.

Or

- (b) Using Lagrange's method, solve the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & y & z \\ \alpha & \beta & y \\ \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} & -1 \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ where } z = z(x, y).$$

2. (a) Derive the canonical form for hyperbolic equation.

Or

- (b) Find the characteristics of the equation $u_{xx} + 2u_{xy} + \sin^2 x u_{yy} + u_y = 0$ when it is of hyperbolic type.



3. (a) Obtain the solution of Laplace equation in a cylindrical co-ordinates.

Or

- (b) Derive Poisson equation.
4. (a) Obtain the solution of diffusion equation in spherical co-ordinates.

Or

- (b) In an one dimensional infinite solid, $-\infty < x < \infty$, the surface $a < x < b$ is initially maintained at temperature T_0 and at zero temperature every where outside the surface. Prove that

$$T(x,t) = \frac{T_0}{2} \left[\operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{b-x}{\sqrt{4\alpha t}} \right) + \operatorname{erf} \left(\frac{a-x}{\sqrt{4\alpha t}} \right) \right]$$

where erf is a error function.

5. (a) Obtain the periodic solution of the wave equation in the form $u(x,t) = Ae^{i(hx \pm \omega t)}$, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$, $k = \pm \frac{\omega}{c}$ A is a constant

Or

- (b) Derive the D' Alembert's solution of the initial value problem

SECTION B — (3 × 15 = 45 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

6. Show that the partial differential equations $xp - yq = x$ and $x^2p + q = xz$ are compatible and find their solution.
7. Obtain the canonical form for elliptic equation.
8. Find the solution of Laplace equation in cylindrical co-ordinates.

A uniform rod of length L whose surface is thermally insulated is initially at temperature $\theta = \theta_0$. At the time $t = 0$ one end is suddenly cooled to $\theta = 0$ and subsequently maintained at this temperature, the other end remains thermally insulated. Find the temperature distribution $\theta = \theta(x,t)$.

10. A rectangular membrane with fastened edges makes free transverse vibrations. Explain how a formal series solution can be found.