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Subject Code: 180103**Date: 11/05/2015****Subject Name: Space Dynamics****Time: 10.30am-01.00pm****Total Marks: 70****Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

- Q.1** (a) Explain Newton's Law of Gravitation in detail. **07**
 (b) (i) Explain Gravitational Potential Energy. **04**
 (ii) Is there gravity in space? Yes or No? Explain. **03**

- Q.2** (a) Explain different types of entry paths. **07**
 (b) (i) What is Zero Potential Energy configuration? **03**
 (ii) It is possible to simulate "weightless" conditions by flying a plane in an arc such that the centripetal acceleration exactly cancels the acceleration due to gravity. Such a plane was used by NASA while training astronauts. What would be the required speed at the top of an arc of radius 1000 m? **04**

OR

- (b) Write a short note on Elliptic Orbits. **07**

- Q.3** (a) Explain mechanics of Circular orbit. Also list important points for the same. **07**
 (b) At the end of a rocket launch of a space vehicle, the burnout velocity is 9 km/s in a direction due north and 3° above the local horizontal. The altitude above sea level is 805 km. The burnout point is located at 27° degree above the equator. Calculate the trajectory of the space vehicle. **07**

OR

- Q.3** (a) Explain Hohmann transfer ellipse with velocity increments required to achieve the mission. **07**
 (b) A satellite is launched from a circular equatorial parking orbit at an altitude of 160 km into a coplanar circular synchronous orbit by using a Hohmann transfer ellipse. Assume a homogeneous spherical earth with a radius of 6400 km. Determine the velocity increments for entering the transfer ellipse and for achieving the synchronous orbit at 42,000 km altitude. **07**

- Q.4** (a) Derive Orbit equation. **07**
 (b) Using Orbit equation derive equation for eccentricity in terms of the difference between K.E & P.E. Also derive formula to calculate circular velocity and parabolic velocity. **07**

OR

- Q.4** (a) Write a short note on The Two body problem. **07**
Q.4 (b) Write a short note on Escape Velocity. Also calculate escape velocity for earth and sun. **07**

- Q.5** (a) Explain Kepler's laws in detail. **07**

- (b) i. Explain different types of entry paths. **05**
ii. The period of revolution of the earth about the sun is 365.256 days. **02**
The semi major axis of earth's orbit is 1.49527×10^{11} m. In turn, the semi major axis of the orbit of Mars is 2.2783×10^{11} m. Calculate the period of Mars.

OR

- Q.5** (a) Derive general equation of motion for a vehicle entering the atmosphere. **07**
Based on ballistic parameter plot the entry trajectory on a velocity altitude map.
(b) Explain Entry heating. Also obtain an equation for aerodynamic heating rate. **07**

Given Data:

Radius of earth = 6370 km

$$G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ Nm}^2/\text{kg}^2$$

Mass of earth = 5.98×10^{24} kg

Mass of earth = 1.99×10^{30} kg
