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**ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, BENGALURU -27**  
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**PH 7221-MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS**

**(Current batch of students only)**

**Time: 2 hours**

**Maximum marks: 50**

*This question paper has 1 printed pages and 2 parts*

**PART A**

Answer any **FIVE** of the following questions. Each question carries 7 marks. [5 × 7 = 35]

1. (a) Write all possible equations of transformation for a mixed tensor of rank four [4]  
(b) If  $A_{kl}^{ij}$  is a tensor, prove that a double contraction yields an invariant [3]
2. (a) Using the Method of Separation of Variables solve  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = 2\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u$  where  $u(x, 0) = 6e^{-3x}$  [7]
3. (a) Express  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 2$  in terms of Legendre Polynomials. [4]  
(b) Using Method of Characteristics find the general solution of the quasilinear Partial Differential Equation  $a\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = 0$  [3]
4. (a) State Bessel's differential equation. Write Spherical Bessel Functions. [4]  
(b) What are Cauchy-Riemann conditions and why are they important in complex analysis? [3]
5. (a) State and explain Cauchy's theorem. [3]  
(b) Calculate the contour integral of  $f(z) = z^2$  along the unit circle  $|z| = 1$  in the counter clockwise direction and show that it satisfies Cauchy's theorem. [4]
6. (a) Explain the concept of frequency domain and time domain in the context of Fourier transforms. [3]  
(b) Describe the properties of 1) Linearity and 2) time-shifting with reference to Fourier transforms. [4]
7. (a) Find the Fourier Transform of a Gaussian function. [5]  
(b) How does the choice of a windowing function such as a rectangular function affect the Fourier transform of a function? [2]

**PART B**

Solve any **THREE** of the following problems. Each problem carries 5 marks. [3 × 5 = 15]

8. A rectangular plate bounded by the lines  $x=0, x=a; y=0, y=b$  has an initial distribution of temperature given by  $u = A \sin \frac{\pi x}{a} \sin \frac{\pi y}{b}$  the edges are kept at zero temperature and the plane faces are impervious to heat. Determine the temperature distribution at a later time  $t$
9. Prove the recurrence formulae for Hermite Polynomials  $H_n'(x) = 2nH_{n-1}(x)$
10. Evaluate  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$  using residue theorem.
11. Find the power spectrum of an exponential decaying function.