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2005 JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

IV B.TECH II SEMESTER SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
SPACE MECHANICS
(AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING)

JULY- 2005

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX MARKS: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks
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1. (a) Explain in detail regarding
i. co-ordinate systems in space and
ii. Classification of planets.

(b) Explain how celestial sphere concept is used in studying motion of an object in the sky.

2. Show that the speed of a satellite in a circular orbit is $v_c = \sqrt{r} \sqrt{\mu}$: Compare this to escape velocity at the same radius. Calculate v_c and v_{esc} at $r = 6578$ km (200 km altitude) and at $r = 385,000$ km (the distance to the moon).

3. (a) Explain in detail the terms
i. Gravity assist maneuvers and
ii. Time of flight

(b) The elements of the Magellan mapping orbit about Venus are as follows: $a = 10,400$ km and $e = 0.4$. The mapping pass is started at a true anomaly of 2800. Find out the altitude, flight path velocity, velocity and time since periapsis at this point.

4. Discuss in detail about
(a) Longitude station-keeping and
(b) Latitude station-keeping

5. A satellite is in a circular orbit with a period of 90 minutes and an inclination of 96.580. Calculate the altitude of the orbit and the change in the line of nodes due to the J_2 gravity perturbation.

6. (a) Write a short note on
i. Hyperbolic excess velocity and c_3 ,
ii. V_{at} at the planet:

(b) Classify the planetary trajectories based on the length of the transfer ellipse.

7. Write short notes on
(a) boost phase,
(b) free fall phase, and
(c) re-entry phase.

8. Discuss in detail about fibre reinforced and metal matrix composite materials.