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**4<sup>TH</sup> YEAR 1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER EXAMINATION OF BACHELOR OF  
EDUCATION (SCIENCE)**

**(MAIN – SCHOOL BASED)**

**COURSE CODE: SPH 410**

**COURSE TITLE: ELECTRODYNAMICS**

**DATE: 28/8/2013**

**TIME: 9.00 -11.00 AM**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This paper contains five (5) questions.**
- 2. Answer question 1 (compulsory) and ANY other TWO questions.**
- 3. Write all answer in the booklet provided.**

**QUESTION ONE (Compulsory)**

**(30 Marks)**

- a. A vector field  $\vec{F}$  is given by  $\vec{F} = x^2 y\vec{i} + xyz\vec{j} - x^2 y^2\vec{k}$
- i) Compute  $\text{div}\vec{F}$  (3 Marks)
- ii) Ascertain whether  $\vec{F}$  is a conservative or a non-conservative vector field. (3marks)
- b. Given the vector field  $\vec{H} = yz^2\vec{i} + xy\vec{j} + yz\vec{k}$ ,  
Verify that  $\text{div}(\text{Curl}\vec{H})=0$  (3 marks)
- c. Distinguish between scalar and vector fields giving examples of each (3 marks)
- d. State the Stokes' theorem (2 marks)
- e. Write down the basic Maxwell's equations in their integral form explaining the implication of each (4 marks)
- f. i) Derive the Gauss's law for continuous charge density  $\rho(x)$  in its integral form given by

$$\oint_s \vec{E} \cdot d\vec{a} = 4\pi \int_v \rho(x) d^3x \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

- ii) Beginning with the integral form obtained in (i) above, obtain the differential form of the Gauss law. (4 marks)
- g. Briefly explain how electromagnetic waves are generated from a Hertzian dipole antenna (3 marks)

**QUESTION TWO**

**(20 Marks)**

Maxwell's equations are **four** mathematical equations that relate the Electric Field (**E**) and magnetic field (**B**) to the charge density ( $\rho$ ) and current density (**J**) that specify the fields and give rise to electromagnetic radiation.

- i. Derive the **four** Maxwell's equations with sources in free space. (12 marks)
- ii. Obtain the Maxwell's equations in vacuum (8 marks)

**QUESTION THREE****(20 Marks)**

a. Beginning with the Maxwell's Curl equations;

$$\nabla \times \vec{E} = -\frac{\partial \vec{B}}{\partial t} \quad \text{and} \quad \nabla \times \vec{H} = \frac{\partial \vec{D}}{\partial t} + \vec{J}$$

Obtain both the **point** and **integral forms** of the **Poynting's theorem**. (14 marks)

b. Briefly give an account of the above forms of **Poynting's theorem**. (6marks)

**QUESTION FOUR****(20 Marks)**

A point charge  $q$  is brought to a position a distance,  $d$ , away from an infinite plane conductor held at zero potential. Using the method of images, find:

(i) The surface-charge density induced on the plane; (5marks)

(ii) The force between the plane and the charge by using Coulomb's law for the force between the charge and its image; (5 marks)

(iii) The total force acting on the plane by integrating  $\frac{\sigma^2}{2\epsilon_0}$  over the whole plane; and (5marks)

(iv) the work necessary to remove the charge,  $q$ , from its position to infinity; (5 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE****(20 Marks)**

A localized electric charge distribution produces an electrostatic field,  $\vec{E} = -\nabla\Phi$ . Into this field is placed a small localized time-independent current density  $\vec{J}(x)$ , which generates a magnetic field  $\vec{H}$ .

(a) Show that the momentum of these electromagnetic fields can be transformed to

$$\vec{P}_{field} = \frac{1}{c^2} \int \Phi \vec{J} d^3x$$

provided the product  $\Phi \vec{H}$  falls off rapidly enough at large distances. (10 marks)

- (b) Assuming that the current distribution is localized to a region small compared to the scale of variation of the electric field, expand the electrostatic potential in a Taylor series and show that

$$\vec{P}_{field} = \frac{1}{c^2} \vec{E}(0) \times m$$

Where  $\vec{E}(0)$  is the electric field at the current distribution and  $m$  is the magnetic moment caused by the current. (10 marks)