

# Partial Differential Equations (P.D.E)

**Previous year Questions  
from 2025 to 1992**

# 2025

1. Find the solution of the equation [10 Marks]

$$(D^2 + DD' - 2D'^2)z = y \sin x, \quad D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

2. Solve for a rectangular plate, subject to the boundary conditions [20 Marks]

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0,$$

$$u(0, y) = 0, \quad u(a, y) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = 0, \quad u(x, b) = f(x).$$

3. Find the complete integral of [15 Marks]

$$z(p^2 - q^2) = x - y, \quad p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \quad q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}.$$

4. Find the characteristics of the partial differential equation [15 Marks]

$$p^2 + q^2 = 2, \quad p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \quad q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y},$$

and determine the integral surface which passes through  $x = 0, z = y$ .

# 2024

5. Show that if  $f$  and  $g$  are arbitrary functions of their respective arguments, then [10 Marks]

$$u = f(x - kt + i\alpha y) + g(x - kt - i\alpha y)$$

is a solution of

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \quad \alpha^2 = 1 - \frac{k^2}{c^2}.$$

6. Show that the solution of the two-dimensional Laplace equation [20 Marks]

$$\frac{\partial^2 \phi(x, y)}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \phi(x, y)}{\partial y^2} = 0, \quad x \in (-\infty, \infty), \quad y \geq 0,$$

subject to the boundary condition  $\phi(x, 0) = f(x)$ ,  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , along with  $\phi(x, y) \rightarrow 0$  for  $|x| \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y \rightarrow \infty$ , can be written in the form

$$\phi(x, y) = \frac{y}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{f(\xi) d\xi}{y^2 + (x - \xi)^2}.$$

7. Find the integral surface of the following quasi-linear equation [15 Marks]

$$(y - z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + (z - x) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x - y,$$

which passes through the curve  $z = 0, xy = 1$  and through the circle

$$x + y + z = 0, \quad x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2.$$

8. Solve the partial differential equation by transforming it to the canonical form: [15 Marks]

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \phi \right) + 2x^2 y \left( \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \phi \right) = 0.$$

# 2023

9. By eliminating the arbitrary functions  $f$  and  $g$  from [10 Marks]

$$z = f(x^2 - y) + g(x^2 + y),$$

form the partial differential equation.

10. Find the surface passing through the two lines  $z = x = 0$  and  $z - 1 = x - y = 0$ , [15 Marks]  
and satisfying the partial differential equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 4 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0.$$

11. Solve the partial differential equation [20 Marks]

$$a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0,$$

subject to the conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0, \quad t > 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = x, \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = 1, \quad 0 < x < L.$$

12. Reduce the partial differential equation to canonical form: [15 Marks]

$$\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} - \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} + \frac{z}{x} = 0.$$

# 2022

13. It is given that the equation of any cone with vertex at  $(a, b, c)$  is [10 Marks]

$$f\left(\frac{x-a}{z-c}, \frac{y-b}{z-c}\right) = 0.$$

Find the differential equation of the cone.

14. Solve the heat equation [20 Marks]

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, \quad 0 < x < l, \quad t > 0,$$

subject to the conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0, \quad u(x, 0) = x(l - x), \quad 0 < x < l.$$

15. Find the general solution of the partial differential equation [15 Marks]

$$(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)z = x^2 \sin(x + y), \quad D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

16. Reduce the following partial differential equation to a canonical form and hence solve it: [15 Marks]

$$yu_{xx} + (x + y)u_{xy} + xu_{yy} = 0.$$

# 2021

17. Obtain the partial differential equation by eliminating the arbitrary function  $f$  from the equation [10 Marks]

$$f(x + y + z, x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 0.$$

18. Solve the wave equation [20 Marks]

$$a^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2}, \quad 0 < x < L, \quad t > 0,$$

subject to the conditions

$$u(0, t) = 0, \quad u(L, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, 0) = \frac{1}{4}x(L - x), \quad \left. \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} \right|_{t=0} = 0.$$

19. Find the general solution of the partial differential equation [15 Marks]

$$(D^2 - D'^2 - 3D + 3D')z = xy + e^{x+2y}, \quad D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, \quad D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}.$$

20. Find a complete integral of the partial differential equation [15 Marks]

$$p = (z + qy)^2$$

by using Charpit's method.

# 2020

21. Form a partial differential equation by eliminating the arbitrary functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(y)$  from  $z = yf(x) + xg(y)$  and specify its nature (elliptic, hyperbolic or parabolic) in the region  $x \geq 0, y \geq 0$  [10 Marks]

22. Solve the partial differential equation:  $(D^3 - 2D^2D' - DD'^2 + 2D'^3)z = e^{2x+y} + \sin(x - 2y);$

$$D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \quad [10 Marks]$$

23. Find the integral surface of the partial differential equation:  $(x - y)y^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + (y - x)x^2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = (x^2 + y^2)z$  that contains the curve :  $xz = \alpha^3, y = 0$  on it. [15 Marks]

24. Find the solution of the partial differential equation:  $z = \frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2) + (p - x)(q - y); p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  which passes through the  $x$ -axis. [15 Marks]

# 2019

25. Form a partial differential equation of the family of surface given by the following expression.  $\psi(x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2, y^2 - 2zx) = 0$  [10 Marks]

26. Solve the first order quasi linear partial differential equation by the method of characteristics:

$$x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + (u - x - y) \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = x + 2y \text{ in } x \geq 0, -\infty < y < \infty \text{ with } u = 1 + y \text{ on } x = 1 \quad [15 Marks]$$



27. Reduce the following second order partial differential equations to canonical form and find the general solution:  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2x \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 12x$  [20 Marks]

# 2018

28. Find the partial differential equation of the family of all tangent planes to the ellipsoid  $x^2 + 4y^2 + 4z^2 = 4$  which are not perpendicular to the  $xy$  plane. [10 Marks]
29. Find the general solution of the partial differential equation:  $(y^3x - 2x^4)p + (2y^4 - x^3y)q = 9z(x^3 - y^3)$ , where  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ ,  $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$ , and find its integral surface that passes through the curve:  $x = t, y = t^2, z = 1$ . [15 Marks]
30. Solve the partial differential equation:  $(2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2)Z = 5\sin(2x + y) + 24(y - x) + e^{3x+4y}$  Where  $D \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, D' \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ . [15 Marks]

# 2017

31. Solve  $(D^2 - 2DD' - D'^2)z = e^{x+2y} + x^3 + \sin 2x$  where  $D \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, D' \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial y}, D^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}, D'^2 \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial y^2}$ . [10 Marks]
32. Let  $\Gamma$  be a closed curve in  $xy$ -plane and let  $S$  denote the region bounded by the curve  $\Gamma$ . Let  $\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial y^2} = f(x, y) \quad \forall (x, y) \in S$ . If  $f$  is prescribed at each point  $(x, y)$  of  $S$  and  $w$  is prescribed on the boundary  $\Gamma$  of  $S$  then prove that any solution  $w = w(x, y)$ , satisfying these conditions, is unique. [10 Marks]
33. Find a complete integral of the partial differential equation  $2(pq + yp + qx) + x^2 + y^2 = 0$ . [15 Marks]
34. Reduce the equation  $y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 2xy \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \frac{y^2}{x} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + \frac{x^2}{y} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  to canonical form and hence solve it. [15 Marks]
35. Given the one-dimensional wave equation  $\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial t^2} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x^2}; t > 0$ , where  $c^2 = \frac{T}{m}$ ,  $T$  the constant tension in the string and  $m$  is the mass per unit length of the string.  
 (i) Find the appropriate solution of the wave equation  
 (ii) Find also the solution under the conditions  $y(0, t) = 0, y(l, t) = 0$  for all  $t$  and  $\left[ \frac{\partial y}{\partial t} \right]_{t=0} = 0, y(x, 0) = a \sin \frac{\pi x}{l}, 0 < x < l, a > 0$ . [20 Marks]

# 2016

36. Find the general equation of surfaces orthogonal to the family of spheres given by  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = cz$ . [10 Marks]
37. Find the general integral of the partial differential equation  $(y + zx)p - (x + yz)q = x^2 - y^2$  [10 Marks]

38. Determine the characteristics of the equation  $z = p^2 - q^2$  and find the integral surface which passes through the parabola  $4z + x^2 = 0$  [15 Marks]
39. Solve the partial differential equation  $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 2 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} + \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} + 2 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial y^3} = e^{x+y}$  [15 Marks]
40. Find the temperature  $u(x, t)$  in a bar of silver of length and constant cross section of area  $1 \text{ cm}^2$ . Let density  $\rho = 10.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , thermal conductivity  $K = 1.04 / (\text{cm sec}^\circ \text{C})$  and specific heat  $\sigma = 0.056 / \text{g}^\circ \text{C}$  the bar is perfectly isolated laterally with ends kept at  $0^\circ \text{C}$  and initial temperature  $f(x) = \sin(0.1\pi x)^\circ \text{C}$  note that  $u(x, t)$  follows the heat equation  $u_t = c^2 u_{xx}$  where  $c^2 = k / (\rho\sigma)$  [20 Marks]

## 2015

41. Solve the partial differential equation:  $(y^2 + z^2 - x^2)p - 2xyq + 2xz = 0$  where  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  [10 Marks]
42. Solve:  $(D^2 + DD' - 2D'^2)u = e^{x+y}$ , where  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and  $D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  [10 Marks]
43. Solve for the general solution  $p \cos(x + y) + q \sin(x + y) = z$ , where  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  and  $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  [15 Marks]
44. Find the solution of the initial-boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned} u_t - u_{xx} + u &= 0, & 0 < x < l, t > 0 \\ u(0, t) = u(l, t) &= 0, & t \geq 0 \\ u(x, 0) &= x(l - x), & 0 < x < l \end{aligned}$$

[15 Marks]

45. Reduce the second-order partial differential equation  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = 0$  into canonical form. Hence, find its general solution [15 Marks]

## 2014

46. Solve the partial differential equation  $(2D^2 - 5DD' + 2D'^2)z = 24(y - x)$  [10 Marks]
47. Reduce the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$  to canonical form. [15 Marks]
48. Find the deflection of a vibrating string (length =  $\pi$ , ends fixed,  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ) corresponding to zero initial velocity and initial deflection.  $f(x) = k(\sin x - \sin 2x)$  [15 Marks]
49. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $t > 0$ , given that
- (i)  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ;
  - (ii)  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, 0) = x^2$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$
  - (iii)  $u(0, t) = u(1, t) = 0$ , for all  $t$
- [15 Marks]

# 2013

50. From a partial differential equation by eliminating the arbitrary functions  $f$  and  $g$  from  $z = yf(x) + xg(y)$  [10 Marks]
51. Reduce the equation  $y \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + (x + y) \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + x \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$  to its canonical form when  $x \neq y$  [10 Marks]
52. Solve  $(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)z = x^2 \sin(x + y)$  where  $D$  and  $D'$  denote  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  [15 Marks]
53. Find the surface which intersects the surfaces of the system  $z(x + y) = C(3z + 1)$ , ( $C$  being a constant) orthogonally and which passes through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ ,  $z = 1$  [15 Marks]
54. A tightly stretched string with fixed end points  $x = 0$  and  $x = l$  is initially at rest in equilibrium position. If it is set vibrating by giving each point a velocity  $\lambda.x(l - x)$ , find the displacement of the string at any distance  $x$  from one end at any time  $t$  [20 Marks]

# 2012

55. Solve partial differential equation  $(D - 2D')(D - D')^2 z = e^{x+y}$  [12 Marks]
56. Solve partial differential equation  $px + qy = 3z$  [20 Marks]
57. A string of length  $l$  is fixed at its ends. The string from the mid-point is pulled up to a height  $h$  and then released from rest. Find the deflection  $y(x, t)$  of the vibrating string. [20 Marks]
58. The edge  $r = a$  of a circular plate is kept at temperature  $f(\theta)$ . The plate is insulated so that there is no loss of heat from either surface. Find the temperature distribution in steady state. [20 Marks]

# 2011

59. Solve the PDE  $(D^2 - D'^2 + D + 3D' - 2)z = e^{(x-y)} - x^2 y$  [12 Marks]
60. Solve the PDE  $(x + 2z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + (4zx - y) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = 2x^2 + y$  [12 Marks]
61. Find the surface satisfying  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = 6x + 2$  and touching  $z = x^3 + y^3$  along its section by the plane  $x + y + 1 = 0$  [20 Marks]
62. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = 0$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq a$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq b$  satisfying the boundary conditions  $u(0, y) = 0$ ,  $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(x, b) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}(a, y) = T \sin^3 \frac{\pi y}{a}$  [20 Marks]
63. Obtain temperature distribution  $y(x, t)$  in a uniform bar of unit length whose one end is kept at  $10^0$  and the other end is insulated. Also it is given that  $y(x, 0) = 1 - x$ ,  $0 < x < 1$  [20 Marks]

# 2010

64. Solve the PDE  $(D^2 - D')(D - 2D')Z = e^{2x+y} + xy$  [12 Marks]
65. Find the surface satisfying the PDE  $(D^2 - 2DD' + D'^2)Z = 0$  and the conditions that  $bZ = y^2$  when  $x = 0$  and  $aZ = x^2$  when  $y = 0$  [12 Marks]
66. Solve the following partial differential equation  
 $zp + yq = x$   
 $x_0(s) = s, y_0(s) = 1, z_0(s) = 2s$   
 by the method of characteristics. [20 Marks]
67. Reduce the following 2<sup>nd</sup> order partial differential equation into canonical form and find its general solution.  $xu_{xx} + 2x^2u_{xy} - u_x = 0$  [20 Marks]
68. Solve the following heat equation  
 $u_t - u_{xx} = 0, \quad 0 < x < 2, t > 0$   
 $u(0, t) = u(2, t) = 0 \quad t > 0$   
 $u(x, 0) = x(2 - x), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2$  [20 Marks]

# 2009

69. Show that the differential equation of all cones which have their vertex at the origin is  $px + qy = z$ . Verify that this equation is satisfied by the surface  $yz + zx + xy = 0$ . [12 Marks]
70. (i) Form the partial differential equation by elimination the arbitrary function  $f$  given by:  
 $f(x^2 + y^2, z - xy) = 0$  [20 Marks]
- (ii) Find the integral surface of:  $x^2p + y^2q + z^2 = 0$  which passes through the curve:  
 $xy = x + y, z = 1$  [20 Marks]
71. Find the characteristics of:  $y^2r - x^2t = 0$  where  $r$  and  $t$  have their usual meanings. [15 Marks]
72. Solve:  $(D^2 - DD' - 2D'^2)z = (2x^2 + xy - y^2)\sin xy - \cos xy$  where  $D$  and  $D'$  represent  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  [15 Marks]
73. A tightly stretched string has its ends fixed at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 1$ . At time  $t = 0$ , the string is given a shape defined by  $f(x) = \mu x(l - x)$ , where  $\mu$  is a constant, and then released. Find the displacement of any point  $x$  of the string at time  $t > 0$ . [30 Marks]

# 2008

74. Find the general solution of the partial differential equation  $(2xy - 1)p + (z - 2x^2)q = 2(x - yz)$  and also find the particular solution which passes through the lines  $x = 1, y = 0$  [12 Marks]
75. Find the general solution of the partial differential equation:  $(D^2 + DD' - 6D'^2)z = y \cos x$ , where  
 $D \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x}, D' \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  [12 Marks]



76. Find the steady state temperature distribution in a thin rectangular plate bounded by the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $x = a$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $y = b$ . The edges  $x = 0$ ,  $x = a$  and  $y = 0$  are kept at temperature zero while the edge  $y = b$  is kept at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ . [30 Marks]
77. Find complete and singular integrals of  $2xz - px^2 - 2qxy + pq = 0$  using Charpit's method. [15 Marks]
78. Reduce  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} = x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2}$  canonical form. [15 Marks]

## 2007

79. (i) Form a partial differential equation by eliminating the function  $f$  from:  

$$z = y^2 + 2f\left(\frac{1}{x} + \log y\right)$$
- (ii) Solve  $2zx - px^2 - 2qxy + pq = 0$  [6+6=12 Marks]
80. Transform the equation  $yz_x - xz_y = 0$  into one in polar coordinates and thereby show that the solution of the given equation represents surfaces of revolution. [12 Marks]
81. Solve  $u_{xx} + u_{yy} = 0$  in  $D$  where  $D = \{(x, y) : 0 < x < a, 0 < y < b\}$  is a rectangle in a plane with the boundary conditions:  
 $u(x, 0) = 0$ ,  $u(x, b) = 0$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq a$   
 $u(0, y) = g(y)$ ,  $u_x(a, y) = h(y)$ ,  $0 \leq y \leq b$ . [30 Marks]
82. Solve the equation  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = c^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$  by separation of variables method subject to the conditions:  
 $u(0, t) = 0 = u(l, t)$ , for all  $t$  and  $u(x, 0) = f(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $[0, l]$  [30 Marks]

## 2006

83. Solve:  $px(z - 2y^2) = (z - qy)(z - y^2 - 2x^3)$  [12 Marks]
84. Solve:  $\frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^3} - 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x^2 \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^3 z}{\partial x \partial y^2} = 2 \sin(3x + 2y)$  [12 Marks]
85. The deflection of vibrating string of length  $l$ , is governed by the partial differential equation  $u_{tt} = C^2 u_{xx}$ . The ends of the string are fixed at  $x = 0$  and  $l$ . The initial velocity is zero. The initial displacement is given by  $u(x, 0) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{l}, & 0 < x < \frac{l}{2} \\ \frac{1}{l}(l - x), & \frac{l}{2} < x < l. \end{cases}$   
 Find the deflection of the string at any instant of time. [30 Marks]
86. Find the surface passing through the parabolas  $z = 0$ ,  $y^2 = 4ax$  and  $z = 1$ ,  $y^2 = -4ax$  and satisfying the equation  $x \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 2 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} = 0$  [15 Marks]
87. Solve the equation  $p^2x + q^2y = z$ ,  $p = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ ,  $q = \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  [15 Marks]

# 2005

88. Formulate partial differential equation for surfaces whose tangent planes form a tetrahedron of constant volume with the coordinate planes. [12 Marks]
89. Find the particular integral of  $x(y-z)p + y(z-x)q = z(x-y)$  which represents a surface passing through  $x = y = z$  [12 Marks]
90. The ends A and B of a rod 20cm long have the temperature at  $30^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$  until steady state prevails. The temperatures of ends are changed to  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $60^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively. Find the temperature distribution in the rod at time  $t$ . [30 Marks]
91. Obtain the general solution of  $(D - 3D' - 2)^2 z = 2e^{2x} \sin(y + 3x)$  where  $D = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$  and  $D' = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$  [30 Marks]

# 2004

92. Find the integral surface of the following partial differential equation:  
 $x(y^2 + z)p - y(x^2 + z)q = (x^2 - y^2)z$  [12 Marks]
93. Find the complete integral of the partial differential equation  $(p^2 + q^2)x = pz$  and deduce the solution which passes through the curve  $x = 0, z^2 = 4y$ . [12 Marks]
94. Solve the partial differential equation:  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} - 2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = (y-1)e^x$  [15 Marks]
95. A uniform string of length  $l$ , held tightly between  $x = 0$  and  $x = l$  with no initial displacement, is struck at  $x = a$ ,  $0 < a < l$ , with velocity  $v_0$ . Find the displacement of the string at any time  $t > 0$  [30 Marks]
96. Using Charpit's method, find the complete solution of the partial differential equation  
 $p^2 x + q^2 y = z$  [15 Marks]

# 2003

97. Find the general solution of  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + 3 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = x + y + \cos(2x + 3y)$  [12 Marks]
98. Show that the differential equations of all cones which have their vertex at the origin are  $px + qy = z$ . Verify that  $yz + zx + xy = 0$  is a surface satisfying the above equation. [12 Marks]
99. Solve  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} - 3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + 3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = xy + e^{x+2y}$  [15 Marks]
100. Solve the equation  $p^2 - q^2 - 2px - 2qy + 2xy = 0$  using Charpit's method. Also find the singular

101. Find the deflection  $u(x, t)$  of a vibrating string, stretched between fixed points  $(0, 0)$  and  $(3l, 0)$ , corresponding to zero initial velocity and following initial deflection:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{hx}{l} & \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq l \\ \frac{h(3l-2x)}{l} & \text{when } l \leq x \leq 2l \\ \frac{h(x-3l)}{l} & \text{when } 2l \leq x \leq 3l \end{cases}$$

Where  $h$  is a constant.

[15 Marks]

## 2002

102. Find two complete integrals of the partial differential equation  $x^2 p^2 + y^2 q^2 - 4 = 0$  [12 Marks]
103. Find the solution of the equation  $z = \frac{1}{2}(p^2 + q^2) + (p-x)(q-y)$  [12 Marks]
104. Frame the partial differential equation by eliminating the arbitrary constants  $a$  and  $b$  from  $\log(az-1) = x + ay + b$  [10 Marks]
105. Find the characteristic strips of the equation  $xp + yq - pq = 0$  and then find the equation of the integral surface through the curve  $z = \frac{x}{2}, y = 0$  [20 Marks]
106. Solve:  $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}, 0 < x < l, t > 0$   
 $u(0, t) = u(l, t) = 0$   
 $u(x, 0) = x(l-x), 0 \leq x \leq l.$  [30 Marks]

## 2001

107. Find the complete integral partial differential equation  $2p^2 q^2 + 3x^2 y^2 = 8x^2 q^2 (x^2 + y^2)$  [12 Marks]
108. Find the general integral of the equation  $\{my(x+y) - nz^2\} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - \{lx(x+y) - nz^2\} \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = (lx - my)z$
109. Prove that for the equation  $z + px + qy - 1 - pqxz y^z = 0$  the characteristic strips are given by  
 $x(t) = \frac{1}{B + Ce^{-t}}, y(t) = \frac{1}{A + De^{-t}}, z(t) = E - (AC + BD)e^{-t}$   
 $p(t) = A(B + Ce^{-t})^2, q(t) = B(A + De^{-t})^2$  where  $A, B, C, D$  and  $E$  are arbitrary constants. Hence find the values of these arbitrary constants if the integral surface passes through the line  $z = 0, x = y$  [30 Marks]
110. Write down the system of equations for obtaining the general equation of surfaces orthogonal to the family given by  $x(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = C_1 y^2$  [10 Marks]
111. Solve the equation  $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - y^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^2 y^4$  by reducing it to the equation with constant coefficients. [20 Marks]

# 2000

112. Solve:  $pq = x^m y^n z^{2l}$  [12 Marks]
113. Prove that if  $x_1^3 + x_2^3 + x_3^3 = 1$  when  $z = 0$ , the solution of the equation  $(S - x_1)p_1 + (S - x_2)p_2 + (S - x_3)p_3 = S - z$  can be given in the form  $S^3 \{(x_1 - z)^3 + (x_2 - z)^3 + (x_3 - z)^3\}^4 = (x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - 3z)^3$  where  $S = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + z$  and  $p_i = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_i}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . [12 Marks]
114. Solve by Charpit's method the equation  $p^2 x(x-1) + 2pqxy + q^2 y(y-1) - 2pxz - 2qyz + z^2 = 0$  [15 Marks]
115. Solve:  $(D^2 - DD' - 2D'^2)z = 2x + 3y + e^{3x+4y}$ . [15 Marks]
116. A tightly stretched string with fixed end points  $x = 0$ ,  $x = l$  is initially at rest in equilibrium position. If it is set vibrating by giving each point  $x$  of it a velocity  $kx(l-x)$ , obtain at time  $t$  the displacement  $y$  at a distance  $x$  from the end  $x = 0$ . [30 Marks]

# 1999

117. Verify that the differential equation  $(y^2 + yz)dx + (xz + z^2)dy + (y^2 - xy)dz = 0$  is integrable and find its primitive. [20 Marks]
118. Find the surface which intersects the surfaces of the system  $z(x+y) = c(3z+1)$ ,  $c$  is constant, orthogonally and which passes through the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ ,  $z = 1$ . [20 Marks]
119. Find the characteristics of the equation  $pq = z$ , and determine the integral surface which passes through the parabola  $x = 0$ ,  $y^2 = z$ . [20 Marks]
120. Use Charpit's method to find a complete integral to  $p^2 + q^2 - 2px - 2qy + 1 = 0$  [20 Marks]
121. Find the solution of the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = e^{-x} \cos y$  which  $\rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and has the value  $\cos y$  when  $x = 0$ . [20 Marks]
122. One end of a string ( $x = 0$ ) is fixed, and the point  $x = a$  is made to oscillate, so that at time  $t$  the displacement is  $g(t)$ . Show that the displacement  $u(x, t)$  of the point  $x$  at time  $t$  is given by  $u(x, t) = f(ct - x) - f(ct + x)$  where  $f$  is a function satisfying the relation  $f(t + 2a) = f(t) - g\left(\frac{t+a}{c}\right)$ . [20 Marks]

# 1998

123. Find the differential equation of the set of all right circular cones whose axes coincide with the  $z$ -axis. [20 Marks]
124. Form the differential equation by eliminating  $a, b$  and  $c$  from  $z = a(x+y) + b(x-y) + abt + c$ . [20 Marks]
125. Solve  $x \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + y \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} = xyz$ . [20 Marks]
126. Find the integral surface of the linear partial the differential equation  $x(y^2 + z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} - y(x^2 + z) \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = (x^2 - y^2)z$  through the straight line  $x + y = 0$ ,  $z = 1$ . [20 Marks]



127. Use Charpit's method to find a complete integral of  $2x \left[ \left( z \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} \right)^2 + 1 \right] = z \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$  [20 Marks]
128. Find a real function  $V(x, y)$ , which reduces to zero when  $y = 0$  and satisfies the equation  $\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial y^2} = -4\pi(x^2 + y^2)$  [20 Marks]
129. Apply Jacobi's method to find a complete integral of the equation  $2x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1} x_1 x_3 + 3 \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_2} x_3^2 + x \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_2} \right)^2 x \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_3} = 0$  [20 Marks]

## 1997

130. (i) Find the differential equation of all surfaces of revolution having  $z$ -axis as the axis of rotation.  
(ii) Form the differential equation by eliminating  $a$  and  $b$  from  $z = (x^2 + a)(y^2 + b)$  [10+10=20 Marks]
131. Find the equation of surfaces satisfying  $4yzp + q + 2y = 0$  and passing through  $y^2 + z^2 = 1, x + z = 2$  [20 Marks]
132. Solve:  $(y + z)p + (z + x)q = x + y$  [20 Marks]
133. Use Charpit's method to find complete integral of  $z^2(p^2 z^2 + q^2) = 1$  [20 Marks]
134. Solve:  $(D_x^3 - D_y^3)z = x^3 y^3$  [20 Marks]
135. Apply Jacobi's method to find complete integral of  $p_1^3 + p_2^2 + p_3 = 1$ . Here

$$p_1 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1}, p_2 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_2}, p_3 = \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_3} \text{ and } z \text{ is a function of } x_1, x_2, x_3. \quad [20 \text{ Marks}]$$

## 1996

136. (i) differential equation of all spheres of radius  $\lambda$  having their center in  $xy$ -plane  
(ii) Form differential equation by eliminating  $f$  and  $g$  from  $z = f(x^2 - y) + g(x^2 + y)$  [10+10=20 Marks]
137. Solve:  $z^2(p^2 + q^2 + 1) = C^2$  [20 Marks]
138. Find the integral surface of the equation  $(x - y)y^2 p + (y - x)x^2 q = (x^2 + y^2)z$  passing through the curve  $xz = a^3, y = 0$  [20 Marks]
139. Apply Charpit's method to find the complete integral of  $z = px + ay + p^2 + q^2$  [20 Marks]
140. Solve:  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = \cos mx \cos ny$  [20 Marks]
141. Find a surface passing through the lines  $z = x = 0$  and  $z - 1 = x - y = 0$  satisfying  $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2} - 4 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial y} + 4 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial y^2} = 0$  [20 Marks]

# 1995

142. In the context of a partial differential equation of the first order in three independent variables, define and illustrate the terms:  
 (i) The complete integral  
 (ii) The singular integral [20 Marks]
143. Find the general integral of  $(y+z+w)\frac{\partial w}{\partial x} + (z+x+w)\frac{\partial w}{\partial y} + (x+y+w)\frac{\partial w}{\partial z} = x+y+z$  [20 Marks]
144. Obtain the differential equation of the surfaces which are the envelopes of a one-parameter family of planes. [20 Marks]
145. Explain in detail the Charpit's method of solving the nonlinear partial differential equation  
 $f\left(x, y, z, \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}\right) = 0$  [20 Marks]
146. Solve  $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_2} \frac{\partial z}{\partial x_3} = z^3 x_1 x_2 x_3$  [20 Marks]
147. Solve  $(D_v^3 - 7D_v D_v^2 - 6D_v^3)z = \sin(x+2y) + e^{3x+y}$  [20 Marks]

# 1994

148. Find the differential equation of the family of all cones with vertex at  $(2, -3, 1)$  [20 Marks]
149. Find the integral surface of  $x^2 p + y^2 q + z^2 = 0$ ,  $p \equiv \frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ ,  $q \equiv \frac{\partial z}{\partial y}$  which passes through the hyperbola  $xy = x + y$ ,  $z = 1$  [20 Marks]
150. Obtain a Complete Solution of  $pq = x^m y^n z^{2l}$  [20 Marks]
151. Use the Charpit's method to solve  $16p^2 z^2 + 9q^2 z^2 + 4z^2 - 4 = 0$ . Interpret geometrically the complete solution and mention the singular solution. [20 Marks]
152. Solve  $(D^2 + 3DD' + 2D'^2)z = x + y$ , by expanding the particular integral in ascending powers of  $D$ , as well as in ascending powers of  $D'$ . [20 Marks]
153. Find a surface satisfying  $(D^2 + DD')z = 0$  and touching the elliptic paraboloid  $z = 4x^2 + y^2$  along its section by the plane  $y = 2x + 1$ . [20 Marks]

# 1993

154. Find the surface whose tangent planes cut off an intercept of constant length  $R$  from the axis of  $z$ . [20 Marks]
155. Solve  $(x^3 + 3xy^2)p + (y^3 + 3x^2y)q = 2(x^2 + y^2)z$  [20 Marks]
156. Find the integral surface of the partial differential equation  $(x-y)p + (y-x-z)q = z$  through the circle  $z = 1$ ,  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  [20 Marks]
157. Using Charpit's method find the complete integral of  $2xz - px^2 - 2qxy + pq = 0$  [20 Marks]
158. Solve  $r - s + 2q - z = x^2 y^2$  [20 Marks]
159. Find the general solution of  $x^2 r - y^2 t + xp - yq = \log x$  [20 Marks]

160. Solve:  
 $(2x^2 - y^2 + z^2 - 2yz - zx - xy)p + (x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 - yz - 2zx - xy)q = (x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 - yz - zx - 2xy)$  [20 Marks]
161. Find the complete integral of  $(y - x)(qy - px) = (p - q)^2$  [20 Marks]
162. Use Charpit's method to solve  $px + qy = z\sqrt{1 + pq}$  [20 Marks]
163. Find the surface passing through the parabolas  $z = 0, y^2 = 4ax; z = 1, y^2 = -4ax$  and satisfying the differential equation  $xr + 2p = 0$  [20 Marks]
164. Solve:  $r + s - 6t = y \cos x$  [20 Marks]
165. Solve:  $\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x \partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} - z = \cos(x + 2y) + e^y$  [20 Marks]