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FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2023

Physics/Applied Physics

PHY 5D 01 (2)/APH 5D 01 (2)—AMATEUR ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

The symbols used in the question paper have their usual meanings.

Section A (Short Answer Type)

Answer **all** questions in two **or** three sentences. Each correct answer carries a maximum of 2 marks.

- 1. Name two important Branches of Astronomy.
- 2. Define Apogee.
- 3. Define par second.
- 4. What is Chandraelhar limit?
- 5. Explain CMBR.
- 6. Differentiate apparent magnitude and absolute magnitude.
- 7. Give a note on variable stars.
- 8. Explain the properties of black hole.
- 9. Explain binary stars.
- 10. Define Photosphere.
- 11. What are Asteroids ?
- 12. Describe the main features of Mars.

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Section B (Paragraph / Problem Type)

Answer all questions in a paragraph of about half a page to one page. Each correct answer carries a maximum of 5 marks.

- 13. Write a note on Amateur observational Astronomy.
- 14. Explain the specifications of photosphere.
- 15. Explain different zones of earth.
- 16. Explain how astronomy is scientifically different from astrology.
- 17. Briefly explain (a) White dwarf; and (b) Supernova.
- 18. Describe the theory of planetary formation in the solar system.
- 19. Write a note on Indian Astronomy and western Astronomy.

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Section C (Essay Type)

Essays.

Answer in about **two pages**, any **one** question. Answer carries 10 marks.

- 20. a) Write a note on the shape of Earth.
 - b) What are the various zones of earth?
 - c) Define longitude and latitude.
- 21. Give a brief description on the structure and various layers of Sun.

 $(1 \times 10 = 10 \text{ marks})$