

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI
(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION)

CLASS: I MSc
BRANCH: PHYSICS

SEMESTER : VI
SESSION : SP/2025

SUBJECT: PH331 ASTRONOMY AND ASTROPHYSICS

FULL MARKS: 50

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 10 marks and total 50 marks.
 2. Attempt all questions.
 3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
 4. Before attempting the question paper, be sure that you have got the correct question paper.
 5. Tables/Data hand book/Graph paper etc. to be supplied to the candidates in the examination hall.
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Q.1(a)	What are apparent and absolute magnitudes of a shining object? Derive a relation between them.	[5] I	I
Q.1(b)	The ratio of fluxes from two objects is 145. The magnitude of brighter object is 1.2. Find the magnitude of other object.	[5] I	I
Q.2(a)	Discuss in brief about the salient features of a telescope.	[5] II	VI
Q.2(b)	State the Newton's law of gravitation, and develop it from Kepler's law of planetary motion.	[5] II	VI
Q.3(a)	Discuss hydrostatic equilibrium inside a star.	[5] III	VI
Q.3(b)	Explain the salient features of Hertzsprung-Russel diagram.	[5] III	II
Q.4(a)	Outline in brief the classification of Galaxies.	[5] IV	IV
Q.4(b)	What is Hubble's law? A galaxy has a red-shift $z=0.02$. What is its distance if the Hubbles constant H_0 to be $20 \text{ km s}^{-1}/\text{Mly}$	[5] IV	I
Q.5(a)	Discuss about the parallax method for determination of distance of Venus from the earth.	[5] V	V
Q.5(b)	Describe the moving cluster method used for determination of distance of Hyades star cluster.	[5] V	V

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