

Analytical Geometry

Previous year Questions
from 2016 to 1992

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2017

1. Find the equation of the tangent at the point $(1,1,1)$ to the Conicoid $3x^2 - y^2 = 2z$. [10 Marks]
2. Find the shortest distance between the skew the lines:

$$\frac{x-3}{3} = \frac{8-y}{1} = \frac{z-3}{1} \text{ and } \frac{x+3}{-3} = \frac{y+7}{2} = \frac{z-6}{4} \quad [10 \text{ Marks}]$$

A plane through a fixed point (a,b,c) and cuts the axes at the points A,B,C respectively. Find the locus of the center of the sphere which passes through the origin O and A,B,C [15 Marks]

Show that the plane $2x - 2y + z + 12 = 0$ touches the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y + 2z - 3 = 0$ find the point of contact. [10 Marks]

Find the locus of the points of intersection of three mutually perpendicular tangent planes to $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$. [10 Marks]

Reduce the following equation to the standard form and hence determine the nature of the Conicoid: $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - yz - zx - xy - 3x - 6y - 9z + 21 = 0$. [15 Marks]

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2016

7. Find the equation of the sphere which passes through the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4; z = 0$ and is cut by the plane $x + 2y + 2z = 0$ in a circle of radius 3. [10 marks]

8. Find the shortest distance between the lines $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{4} = z-3$ and $y - mx = z = 0$ for what value of m will the two lines intersect? [10 marks]

9. Find the surface generated by a line which intersects the line $y = a = z, x + 3z = a = y + z$ and parallel to the plane $x + y = 0$. [10 marks]

10. Show that the cone $3yz - 2zx - 2xy = 0$ has an infinite set of three mutually perpendicular generators.

If $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z}{z}$ is a generator belonging to one such set, Find the other two. [10 marks]

11. Find the locus of the point of intersection of three mutually perpendicular tangent planes to the Conicoid $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$. [15 marks]

2015

12. Find what positive value of a , the plane $ax - 2y + z + 12 = 0$ touches the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x - 4y + 2z - 3 = 0$ and hence find the point of contact. [10 Marks]
13. If $6x = 3y = 2z$ represents one of the mutually perpendicular generators of the cone $5yz - 8zx - 3xy = 0$ then obtain the equations of the other two generators. [13 Marks]
14. Obtain the equation of the plane passing through the points $(2, 3, 1)$ and $(4, -5, 3)$ parallel to x - axis [6 Marks]
15. Verify if the lines: $\frac{x-a+d}{\alpha-\delta} = \frac{y-a}{\alpha} = \frac{z-a-d}{\alpha+\delta}$ and $\frac{x-b+c}{\beta-\gamma} = \frac{y-b}{\beta} = \frac{z-b-c}{\beta+\gamma}$ are coplanar. If yes, find the equation of the plane in which they lie. [7 Marks]
16. Two perpendicular tangent planes to the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 = 2z$ intersect in a straight line in the plane $x = 0$. Obtain the curve to which this straight line touches. [13 Marks]

2014

17. Examine whether the plane $x + y + z = 0$ cuts the cone $yz + zx + xy = 0$ in perpendicular lines [10 Marks]
18. Find the co-ordinates of the points on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 2y = 4$, the tangent planes at which are parallel to the plane $2x - y + 2z = 1$ [10 Marks]
19. Prove that equation $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2ux + 2vy + 2wz + d = 0$ represents a cone if $\frac{u^2}{a} + \frac{v^2}{b} + \frac{w^2}{c} = d$ [10 Marks]
20. Show that the lines drawn from the origin parallel to the normals to the central Conicoid $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 1$, at its points of intersection with the plane $lx + my + nz = p$ generate the cone
$$p^2 \left(\frac{x^2}{a} + \frac{y^2}{b} + \frac{z^2}{c} \right) = \left(\frac{lx}{a} + \frac{my}{b} + \frac{nz}{c} \right)^2$$
 [15 Marks]
21. Find the equations of the two generating lines through any point $(a \cos \theta, b \sin \theta, 0)$ of the principal elliptic section $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, z = 0$ of the hyperboloid by the plane $z = 0$ [15 Marks]

2013

22. Find the equation of the plane which passes through the points $(0, 1, 1)$ and $(2, 0, -1)$ and is parallel to the line joining the points $(-1, 1, -2)$, $(3, -2, 4)$. Find also the distance between the line and the plane. [10 Marks]
23. A sphere S has points $(0, 1, 0)$ $(3, -5, 2)$ at opposite ends of a diameter. Find the equation of the sphere having the intersection of the sphere S with the plane $5x - 2y + 4z + 7 = 0$ as a great circle. [10 Marks]
24. Show that three mutually perpendicular tangent lines can be drawn to the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = r^2$ from any point on the sphere $2(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) = 3r^2$ [15 Marks]
25. A cone has for its guiding curve the circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0, z = 0$ and passes through a fixed point $(0, 0, c)$. If the section of the cone by the plane $y = 0$ is a rectangular hyperbola, prove that vertex lies one the fixed circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2ax + 2by = 0, 2ax + 2by + cz = 0$ [15 Marks]
26. A variable generator meets two generators of the system through the extremities B and B^1 of the minor axis of the principal elliptic section of the hyperboloid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - z^2c^2 = 1$ in P and P^1 Prove that $BP \cdot P^1B^1 = a^2 + c^2$ [20 Marks]

2012

27. Prove that two of the straight lines represented by the equation $x^3 + bx^2y + cxy^2 + y^3 = 0$ will be at right angles, if $b + c = -2$ [12 Marks]
28. A variable plane is parallel to the plane $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 0$ and meets the axes in A, B, C respectively. Prove that circle ABC lies on the cone $yz\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + zx\left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c}\right) + xy\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$ [20 Marks]
29. Show that locus of a point from which three mutually perpendicular tangent lines can be drawn to the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 + 2z^2 = 0$ is $x^2 + y^2 + 4z = 1$ [20 Marks]

2011

30. Find the equation of the straight line through the point $(3, 1, 2)$ to intersect the straight line $x + 4 = y + 1 = 2(z - 2)$ and parallel to the plane $4x + y + 5z = 0$ [10 Marks]
31. Show that the equation of the sphere which touches the sphere $4(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) + 10x - 25y - 2z = 0$ at the point $(1, 2, -2)$ and the passes through the point $(-1, 0, 0)$ is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2x - 6y + 1 = 0$ [10 Marks]
32. Find the points on the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4$ that are closest to and farthest from the point $(3, 1, -1)$ [20 Marks]
33. Three points P, Q, R are taken on the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ so that lines joining to P, Q and R to origin are mutually perpendicular. Prove that plane PQR touches a fixed sphere [20 Marks]
34. Show that the cone $yz + xz + xy = 0$ cuts the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2$ in two equal circles, and find their area [20 Marks]
35. Show that generators through any one of the ends of an equi-conjugate diameter of the principal elliptic section of the hyperboloid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ are inclined to each other at an angle of 60° if $a^2 + b^2 = 6c^2$. Find also the condition for the generators to be perpendicular to each other. [20 Marks]

2010

36. Show that the plane $x + y - 2z = 3$ cuts the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + y = 2$ in a circle of radius 1 and find the equation of the sphere which has this circle as a great circle [12 Marks]
37. Show that the plane $3x + 4y + 7z + \frac{5}{2} = 0$ touches the paraboloid $3x^2 + 4y^2 = 10z$ and find the point of contact [20 Marks]
38. Show that every sphere through the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 2ax + r^2 = 0, z = 0$ cuts orthogonally every sphere through the circle $x^2 + z^2 = r^2, y = 0$ [20 Marks]
39. Find the vertices of the skew quadrilateral formed by the four generators of the hyperboloid $\frac{x^2}{4} + y^2 - z^2 = 49$ passing through $(10, 5, 1)$ and $(14, 2, -2)$ [20 Marks]

2009

40. A line is drawn through a variable point on the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, $z = 0$ to meet two fixed lines $y = mx$, $z = c$ and $y = -mx$, $z = -c$. Find the locus of the line [12 Marks]
41. Find the equation of the sphere having its center on the plane $4x - 5y - z = 3$ and passing through the circle $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 12x - 3y + 4z + 8 = 0$, $3x + 4y - 5z + 3 = 0$ [12 Marks]
42. Prove that the normals from the point (α, β, γ) to the paraboloid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z$ lie on the cone $\frac{\alpha}{x-\alpha} + \frac{\beta}{y-\beta} + \frac{\alpha^2 - b^2}{z-\gamma} = 0$ [20 Marks]

2008

43. The plane $x - 2y + 3z = 0$ is rotated through a right angle about its line of intersection with the plane $2x + 3y - 4z - 5 = 0$; find the equation of the plane in its new position [12 Marks]
44. Find the equations (in symmetric form) of the tangent line to the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 5x - 7y + 2z - 8 = 0$, $3x - 2y + 4z + 3 = 0$ at the point $(-3, 5, 4)$. [12 Marks]
45. A sphere S has points $(0, 1, 0)$, $(3, -5, 2)$ at opposite ends of a diameter. Find the equation of the sphere having the intersection of the sphere S with the plane $5x - 2y + 4z + 7 = 0$ as a great circle [20 Marks]
46. Show that the enveloping cylinders of the ellipsoid $a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2 = 1$ with generators perpendicular to z -axis meet the plane $z = 0$ in parabolas [20 Marks]

2007

47. Find the equation of the sphere inscribed in the tetrahedron whose faces are $x = 0$, $y = 0$, $z = 0$ and $2x + 3y + 6z = 6$ [12 Marks]
48. Find the focus of the point which moves so that its distance from the plane $x + y - z = 1$ is twice its distance from the line $x = -y = z$ [12 Marks]
49. Show that the spheres $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + z - 2 = 0$ and $3x^2 + 3y^2 - 8x - 10y + 8z + 14 = 0$ cut orthogonally. Find the center and radius of their common circle [15 Marks]
50. A line with direction ratios 2, 7, -5 is drawn to intersect the lines $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-2}{4}$ and $\frac{x-11}{3} = \frac{y-5}{-1} = \frac{z}{1}$. Find the coordinate of the points of intersection and the length intercepted on it [15 Marks]
51. Show that the plane $2x - y + 2z = 0$ cuts the cone $xy + yz + zx = 0$ in perpendicular lines [15 Marks]
52. Show that the feet of the normals from the point $P(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$, $\beta \neq 0$ on the paraboloid $x^2 + y^2 = 4z$ lie on the sphere $2\beta(x^2 + y^2 + z^2) - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)y - 2\beta(2 + \gamma)z = 0$ [15 Marks]

2006

53. A pair of tangents to the conic $ax^2 + by^2 = 1$ intercepts a constant distance $2k$ on the y -axis. Prove that the locus of their point of intersection is the conic $ax^2(ax^2 + by^2 - 1) = bk^2(ax^2 - 1)^2$ [12 Marks]
54. Show that the length of the shortest distance between the line $z = x \tan \alpha$, $y = 0$ and any tangent to the ellipse $x^2 \sin^2 \alpha + y^2 = a^2$, $z = 0$ is constant [12 Marks]

55. If PSP^1 and QSQ^1 are the two perpendicular focal chords of a conic $\frac{1}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$, Prove that

$$\frac{1}{SP.SP^1} + \frac{1}{SQ.SQ^1} \text{ is constant} \quad [15 \text{ Marks}]$$

56. Find the equation of the sphere which touches the plane $3x + 2y - z + 2 = 0$ at the point $(1, -2, 1)$ and cuts orthogonally the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 6y + 4 = 0$ [15 Marks]

57. Show that the plane $ax + by + cz = 0$ cuts the cone $xy + yz + zx = 0$ in perpendicular lines, if $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$ [15 Marks]

58. If the plane $lx + my + nz = p$ passes through the extremities of three conjugate semi-diameters of the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ prove that $a^2l^2 + b^2m^2 + c^2n^2 = 3p^2$ [15 Marks]

2005

59. If normals at the points of an ellipse whose eccentric angles are α, β, γ and δ in a point then show that $\sin(\beta + \gamma) + \sin(\gamma + \alpha) + \sin(\alpha + \beta) = 0$ [12 Marks]

60. A square $ABCD$ having each diagonal AC and BD of length $2a$ is folded along the diagonal AC so that the planes DAC and BAC are at right angle. Find the shortest distance between AB and DC [12 Marks]

61. A plane is drawn through the line $x + y = 1, z = 0$ to make an angle $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ with plane $x + y + z = 5$. Show that two such planes can be drawn. Find their equations and the angle between them. [15 Marks]

62. Show that the locus of the centers of sphere of a co-axial system is a straight line. [15 Marks]

63. Obtain the equation of a right circular cylinder on the circle through the points $(a, 0, 0), (0, b, 0), (0, 0, c)$ as the guiding curve. [15 Marks]

64. Reduce the following equation to canonical form and determine which surface is represented by it: $x^2 - 7y^2 + 2z^2 - 10yz - 8zx - 10xy + 6x + 12y - 6z + 2 = 0$ [15 Marks]

2004

65. Prove that the locus of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from the vertex on a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ is $(x + a)y^2 + x^3 = 0$ [12 Marks]

66. Find the equations of the tangent planes to the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x + 2y - 6z + 5 = 0$, which are parallel to the plane $2x + y - z = 4$ [12 Marks]

67. Find the locus of the middle points of the chords of the rectangular hyperbola $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$ which touch the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ [15 Marks]

68. Prove that the locus of a line which meets the lines $y = \pm mx, z = \pm c$ and the circle $x^2 + y^2 = a^2, z = 0$ is $c^2m^2(cy - mzx)^2 + c^2(yz - cmx)^2 = a^2m^2(z - c^2)^2$ [15 Marks]

69. Prove that the lines of intersection of pairs of tangent planes to $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 = 0$ which touch along perpendicular generators lie on the cone $a^2(b + c)x^2 + b^2(c + a)y^2 + c^2(a + b)z^2 = 0$ [15 Marks]

70. Tangent planes are drawn to the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ through the point (α, β, γ) . Prove that the perpendiculars to them through the origin generate the cone $(\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z)^2 = a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + c^2z^2$ [15 Marks]

2003

71. A variable plane remains at a constant distance unity from the point $(1, 0, 0)$ and cuts the coordinate axes at A, B , and C , find the locus of the center of the sphere passing through the origin and the point and the point A, B and C . [12 Marks]
72. Find the equation of the two straight lines through the point $(1, 1, 1)$ that intersect the line $x - 4 = 4(y - 4) = 2(z - 1)$ at an angle of 60° [12 Marks]
73. Find the volume of the tetrahedron formed by the four planes $lx + my + nz = p, lx + my = 0, my + nz = 0$ and $nz + lx = 0$ [15 Marks]
74. A sphere of constant radius r passes through the origin O and cuts the co-ordinate axes at A, B and C . Find the locus of the foot of the perpendicular from O to the plane ABC . [15 Marks]
75. Find the equations of the lines of intersection of the plane $x + 7y - 5z = 0$ and the cone $3xy + 14zx - 30xy = 0$ [15 Marks]
76. Find the equations of the lines of shortest distance between the lines: $y + z = 1, x = 0$ and $x + z = 1, y = 0$ as the intersection of two planes [15 Marks]

2002

77. Show that the equation $9x^2 - 16y^2 - 18x - 32y - 151 = 0$ represents a hyperbola. Obtain its eccentricity and foci. [12 Marks]
78. Find the co-ordinates of the center of the sphere inscribed in the tetrahedron formed by the plane $x = 0, y = 0, z = 0$ and $x + y + z = a$ [12 Marks]
79. Tangents are drawn from any point on the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$. Show that the chords of contact are tangents to the ellipse $a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 = r^2$ [15 Marks]
80. Consider a rectangular parallelepiped with edges a, b and c . Obtain the shortest distance between one of its diagonals and an edge which does not intersect this diagonal [15 Marks]
81. Show that the feed of the six normals drawn from any point (α, β, γ) to the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ lie on the cone $\frac{a^2(b^2 - c^2)\alpha}{x} + \frac{b^2(c^2 - a^2)\beta}{y} + \frac{c^2(a^2 - b^2)\gamma}{z} = 0$ [15 Marks]
82. A variable plane $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 0$ is parallel to the plane meets the co-ordinate axes of A, B and C . Show that the circle ABC lies on the conic $yz\left(\frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{b}\right) + zx\left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{a}{c}\right) + xy\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a}\right) = 0$ [15 Marks]

2001

83. Show that the equation $x^2 - 5xy + y^2 + 8x - 20y + 15 = 0$ represents a hyperbola. Find the coordinates of its center and the length of its real semi-axes. [12 Marks]
84. Find the shortest distance between the axis of z and the lines $ax + by + cz + d = 0, a^1x + b^1y + c^1z + d^1 = 0$ [12 Marks]
85. Find the equation of the circle circumscribing the triangle formed by the points $(a, 0, 0), (0, b, 0), (0, 0, c)$. Obtain also the coordinates of the center of the circle. [15 Marks]
86. Find the locus of equal conjugate diameters of the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ [15 Marks]

87. Prove that $5x^2 + 5y^2 + 8z^2 + 8yz + 8zx - 2xy + 12x - 12y + 6 = 0$ represents a cylinder whose cross-section is an ellipse of eccentricity $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ [15 Marks]
88. If TP, TQ and T^1P^1, T^1Q^1 all lie on a conic. [15 Marks]

2000

89. Find the equations to the planes bisecting the angles between the planes $2x - y - 2z = 0$ and $3x + 4y + 1 = 0$ and specify the one which bisects the acute angle. [12 Marks]
90. Find the equation to the common conjugate diameters of the conics $x^2 + 4xy + 6y^2 = 1$ and $2x^2 + 6xy + 9y^2 = 1$ [12 Marks]
91. Reduce the equation $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz + 2zx + x - y - 2z + 6 = 0$ into canonical form and determine the nature of the quadric [15 Marks]
92. Find the equation of the sphere through the circle $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4, x + 2y - z = 2$ and the point $(1, -1, 1)$ [15 Marks]
93. A variable straight line always intersects the lines $x = c, y = 0; y = c, z = 0; z = c, x = 0$. Find the equations to its locus [15 Marks]
94. Show that the locus of mid-points of chords of the cone $ax^2 + by^2 + cz^2 + 2fyz + 2gzx + 2hxy = 0$ drawn parallel to the line $\frac{x}{l} = \frac{y}{m} = \frac{z}{n}$ is the plane $(al + hm + gn)x + (hl + bm + fn)y + (gl + fm + cn)z = 0$ [20 Marks]

1999

95. If P and D are ends of a pair of semi-conjugate diameters of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ show that the tangents at P and D meet on the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2$ [20 Marks]
96. Find the equation of the cylinder whose generators touch the sphere $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$ and are perpendicular to the plane $x - y - 3z = 5$ [20 Marks]

1998

97. Find the locus of the pole of a chord of the conic $\frac{l}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$ which subtends a constant angle 2α at the focus [20 Marks]
98. Show that the plane $ax + by + cz + d = 0$ divides the join of $P_1 \equiv (x_1, y_1, z_1), P_2 \equiv (x_2, y_2, z_2)$ in the ratio $-\frac{ax_1 + by_1 + cz_1 + d}{ax_2 + by_2 + cz_2 + d}$. Hence show that the planes $U \equiv ax + by + cz + d = 0 = a^1x + b^1y + c^1z + d^1 \equiv V, U + \lambda V = 0$ and $U - \lambda V = 0$ divide any transversal harmonically [20 Marks]
99. Find the smallest sphere (i.e. the sphere of smallest radius) which touches the lines $\frac{x-5}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-1} = \frac{z-5}{-1}$ and $\frac{x+4}{-3} = \frac{y+5}{-6} = \frac{z-4}{4}$ [20 Marks]

100. Find the co-ordinates the point of intersection of the generators $\frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{b} - 2\lambda = 0 = \frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{b} - \frac{z}{\lambda}$ and

$$\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} - 2\mu = 0 = \frac{x}{a} - \frac{y}{b} - \frac{z}{\mu} \text{ of the surface } \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 2z. \text{ Hence show that the locus of the points of}$$

intersection of perpendicular generators curves of intersection of the surface with the plane $2z + (a^2 - b^2) = 0$

[20 Marks]

101. Let $P \equiv (x', y', z')$ lie on the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$. If the length of the normal chord through P is equal to $4PG$, where G is the intersection of the normal with the z -plane, then show that P lies on the cone

$$\frac{x^2}{a^6}(ac^2 - a^2) + \frac{y^2}{b^6}(ac^2 - b^2) + \frac{z^2}{c^4} = 0$$

[20 Marks]

1997

102. Let P be a point on an ellipse with its center at the point C . Let CD and CP be two conjugate diameters. If

the normal at P cuts CD in F , show that $CD \cdot PF$ is a constant and the locus of F is $\frac{a^2}{x^2} + \frac{b^2}{y^2} = \left[\frac{a^2 - b^2}{x^2 + y^2} \right]^2$

where $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ equation of the given ellipse

[20 Marks]

103. A circle passing through the focus of conic section whose latus rectum is $2l$ meets the conic in four points

whose distances from the focus are $\gamma_1, \gamma_2, \gamma_3$ and γ_4 . Prove that $\frac{1}{\gamma_1} + \frac{1}{\gamma_2} + \frac{1}{\gamma_3} + \frac{1}{\gamma_4} = \frac{2}{l}$

[20 Marks]

104. Find the reflection of the plane $x + y + z - 1 = 0$ in plane $3x + 4z + 1 = 0$

[20 Marks]

105. Show that the point of intersection of three mutually perpendicular tangent planes to the ellipsoid

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1 \text{ lies on the sphere } x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$$

[20 Marks]

106. Find the equation of the spheres which pass through the circle $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 4x - y + 3z + 12 = 0$,

$$2x + 3y - 7z = 10 \text{ and touch the plane } x - 2y + 2z = 1$$

[20 Marks]

1996

107. A variable plane is at a constant distance p from the origin and meets the axes in A, B and C . Through A, B, C the planes are drawn parallel to the coordinate planes. Show that the locus of their point of

intersection is given by $x^{-2} + y^{-2} + z^{-2} = p^{-2}$

[20 Marks]

108. Find the equation of the sphere which passes through the points $(1, 0, 0), (0, 1, 0), (0, 0, 1)$ and has the smallest possible radius.

[20 Marks]

109. The generators through a point P on the hyperboloid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ meet the principal elliptic section in two points such that the eccentric angle of one is double that of the other. Show that P lies on the curve

$$x = \frac{a(1 - 3t^2)}{1 + t^2}, y = \frac{bt(3 - t^2)}{1 + t^2}, z = ct$$

[20 Marks]

1995

110. Two conjugate semi-diameters of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ cuts the circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ at P and Q . Show that

the locus of middle point of PQ is $a^2 \{(x^2 + y^2)^2 - r^2 x^2\} + b^2 \{(x^2 + y^2)^2 - r^2 y^2\} = 0$

[20 Marks]

111. If the normal at one of the extremities of latus rectum of the conic $\frac{1}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$, meets the curve again at Q , show that $SQ = \frac{l(1 + 3e^2 + e^4)}{(1 + e^2 - e^4)}$, where S is the focus of the conic. [20 Marks]
112. Through a point $P(x', y', z')$ a plane is drawn at right angles to OP to meet the coordinate axes in A, B, C . Prove that the area of the triangle ABC is $\frac{r^2}{2x'y'z'}$ where r is the measure of OP . [20 Marks]
113. Two spheres of radii r_1 and r_2 cut orthogonally. Prove that the area of the common circle is $\frac{\pi r_1^2 r_2^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}$. [20 Marks]
114. Show that a plane through one member of the λ -system and one member of μ -system is tangent plane to the hyperboloid at the point of intersection of the two generators. [20 Marks]

1994

115. If 2ϕ be the angle between the tangents from $P(x_1, y_1)$ to $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, prove that $\lambda_1 \cos^2 \phi + \lambda_2 \sin^2 \phi = 0$ where λ_1, λ_2 are the parameters of two confocals to the ellipse through P . [20 Marks]
116. If the normals at the points $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ on the conic $\frac{1}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$ meet at (ρ, ϕ) , prove that $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta - 2\phi = \text{odd multiple of } \pi$ radians. [20 Marks]
117. A variable plane is at a constant distance p from the origin O and meets the axes in A, B and C . Show that the locus of the centroid of the tetrahedron $OABC$ is $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} + \frac{1}{z^2} = \frac{16}{p^2}$. [20 Marks]
118. Find the equations to the generators of hyperboloid, through any point of the principal elliptic section $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1, z = 0$. [20 Marks]
119. Planes are drawn through a fixed point (α, β, γ) so that their sections of the paraboloid $ax^2 + by^2 = 2z$ are rectangular hyperbolas. Prove that they touch the cone $\frac{(x-\alpha)^2}{b} + \frac{(y-\beta)^2}{a} + \frac{(z-\gamma)^2}{a+b} = 0$. [20 Marks]

1993

120. Two conjugate semi-diameters of the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ cut the circle $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$ at P and Q . Show that the locus of the middle points of PQ is $a^2 \{(x^2 + y^2)^2 - r^2 x^2\} + b^2 \{(x^2 + y^2)^2 - r^2 y^2\} = 0$. [20 Marks]
121. If the normal at one of the extremities of latus rectum of the conic $\frac{1}{r} = 1 + e \cos \theta$, meets the curve again at Q , show that $SQ = \frac{l(1 + 3e^2 + e^4)}{(1 + e^2 - e^4)}$ where S is the focus of the conic. [20 Marks]
122. Through a point $P(x', y', z')$ a plane is drawn at right angles to OP to meet the coordinate axes in A, B, C . Prove that the area of the triangle ABC is $\frac{r^2}{2x'y'z'}$, where r is the measure of OP . [20 Marks]
123. Two spheres of radii r_1 and r_2 cut orthogonally. Prove that the area of the common circle is $\frac{\pi r_1^2 r_2^2}{r_1^2 + r_2^2}$. [20 Marks]

124. Show that a plane through one member of λ - system and one member μ - system is tangent plane to the hyperboloid at the point of intersection of the two generators [20 Marks]

1992

125. If $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ represents two intersecting lines, show that the square of the distance of the point of intersection of the straight lines from the origin is $\frac{c(a+b) - f^2 - g^2}{ab - h^2}$ ($ab - h^2 \neq 0$) [20 Marks]
126. Discuss the nature of the conic $16x^2 - 24xy + 9y^2 - 104x - 172y + 144 = 0$ in detail [20 Marks]
127. A straight line, always parallel to the plane of yz , passed through the curves $x^2 + y^2 = a^2, z = 0$ and $x^4 = ax, y = 0$ prove that the equation of the surface generated is $x^4 y^2 = (x^2 - az)^2 (a^2 - x^2)$ [20 Marks]
128. Tangent planes are drawn to the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ through the point (α, β, γ) . Prove that the perpendiculars from the origin to these planes generate the cone $(\alpha x, \beta y, \gamma z)^2 = a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2$ [20 Marks]
129. Show that the locus of the foot of the perpendicular from the center to the plane through the extremities of three conjugate semi-diameters of the ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$ is $a^2 x^2 + b^2 y^2 + c^2 z^2 = 3(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$ [20 Marks]