

INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY
 (A Central University Government of India)
END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS- JUNE 2022
B. Sc (NAUTICAL SCIENCE): Semester - III
CELESTIAL NAVIGATION – I : SUBJECT CODE: UG21T4301
Use of selected pages of Nautical Almanac 2008, Nories Table and
Non- programmable scientific calculator is permitted

Max. Marks: 70
Pass Marks: 35

Date: 17.05.2022
Time: 3 hours

PART A is compulsory .

Q.1 Multiple choice questions [10 x 1 = 10 Marks]

(i)	The planet that completes its rotation around the Sun in shorter time than the Earth is: -	ANSWER
A	Superior planet	
B	Dwarf planet	
C	Inferior planet	
D	Super Nova	
(ii)	Vernal Equinox occurs on: -	
A	22 nd Dec	
B	21 st March	
C	21 st June	
D	23 rd Sept	
(iii)	The planet furthest from Sun amongst the following: -	
A	Jupiter	
B	Mars	
C	Earth	
D	Saturn	
(iv)	When at aphelion: -	
A	Sun is furthest from Moon	
B	Earth is closest to Sun	
C	Earth is equidistant from Sun and Moon	
D	Earth is furthest from Sun	
(v)	Tropic of Cancer: -	
A	Is the parallel of latitude in Northern hemisphere equal to the Sun's greatest Northern declination	
B	Is the parallel of latitude in Southern hemisphere equal to the Sun's greatest Northern declination	
C	Is the parallel of latitude equal 66.66° S	
D	None of the choices	
(vi)	The brighter the star seen from earth: -	

A	Smaller is its magnitude number	
B	larger is its magnitude number	
C	Closer the star is	
D	None of the choices	
(vii)	In the Nautical Almanac following data are not available: -	
A	Meridian passage time of Sun	
B	Upper and lower meridian passage of Moon	
C	Daily semi diameter of planets	
D	Civil and nautical twilight time	
(viii)	Great circle that passes through the Zenith, Nadir of the observer and the east and west points on rational horizon is: -	
A	Principal Vertical circle	
B	Prime Vertical circle	
C	Longitude of the observer	
D	None of the choices	
(ix)	The complement of declination is called: -	
A	Co- Altitude	
B	Zenith Distance	
C	Co- Latitude	
D	Polar distance	
(x)	Standard time is: -	
A	Same as zonal time	
B	Time corresponding to longitude of the observer	
C	Official time kept at a place or country	
D	Time of meridian passage of Sun	

PART - B is compulsory [2 x 5 = 10 Marks]

- Q. 2 A)** Define Rational horizon.
B) Define Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).
C) Define perihelion.
D) Define elevated and Depressed celestial pole.
E) Define Local Hour Angle (LHA) of a celestial body.

PART - C ANSWER ANY 5 OUT OF THE 7 QUESTIONS

- Q. 3 A)** Using a neat diagram explain obliquity of the ecliptic. **(5 Marks)**
B) Explain the reasons of unequal hours of daylight and darkness in a day with neat diagrams. **(5 Marks)**
Q. 4 A) What are Kepler's Law of planetary motion? **(5 Marks)**
B) Explain with a diagram what causes the eclipse of the Sun?

(5 Marks)

Q. 5 A) Define Local Mean Time (LMT). What is the relationship between LMT and LHA of the Sun? (5 Marks)

B) Fill in the blanks in the table below: - (5 Marks)

GHA	089° 49.4'	165° 47.4'		047° 00.1'	294° 44.3'
Long	130° 27' W		178° 11.0'E		075° 00'E
LHA		357° 36.4'	59° 03.0'	312° 30.1'	

Q. 6 A) Define Dip correction. Explain why does the dip correction change for the same ship. (5 Marks)

B) On 26th May 2008, in DR 14° 04' N; 174° 54'W, the sextant altitude of the Sun's UL was 36° 50.5'. If the IE was 2.0' off the arc and HE was 16.2 mtrs, find the true zenith distance of the Sun. (Dip corr given 7.1' and Total Corr given 17.1'). (5 Marks)

Q. 7 A) On 2nd Sept in Longitude 049° 59' E the true Sextant meridian altitude of the Sun was 34° 24.8' South of the observer. The Declination of the Sun at meridian passage was 08° 06.2' N. Find the latitude of the observer and the direction of the position line. (5 Marks)

B) Draw and show the following on the plane of the rational horizon.
i. Prime vertical circle
ii. Equinoctial
iii. Zenith
iv. Elevated North pole
v. North declination circle of Sun (5 Marks)

Q. 8 A) With a neat diagram prove that the altitude of the elevated pole above the Rational Horizon is equal to the latitude of the observer. (5 Marks)

B) Why does a ship advance and retard clocks during its passage from one port to another? (5 Marks)

Q.9 A) What are the contents of the daily pages of the Nautical Almanac? (5 Marks)

B) Explain with a neat diagram Parallax in altitude. (5 Marks)

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