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Seventh Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Jan./Feb. 2021 Aircraft Stability and Control

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.

Module-1

1 a. Explain longitudinal static stability.

(06 Marks)

b. Derive an expression for wing contribution $\left(\frac{dc_m}{dc_L}\right)_w$ for the longitudinal static stability of an airplane and discuss the significance of C.G. position with respect to the wing aerodynamic center. (10 Marks)

OR

- 2 a. Define stick fixed neutral point and static margin. Give the expression for stick fixed neutral point and discuss the effect of C.G. shift on pitching movement. (08 Marks)
 - b. A high performance glider has the following characteristics: $C_D = 0.02 + 0.025C_L^2$, $C_{L_{\alpha_w}} = 0.093$, $\alpha_{OL_w} = -4$, $i_w = 0$, $C_{m_{ac}} = -0.08$, $X_{ac} = 0.24$ \overline{C} , $S_t = \frac{S}{7}$, $l_t = 4\overline{C}$, $\epsilon = 0.4$ α , $C_{L_{\alpha t}} = 0.05$ and $\eta = 0.9$. All the angles are in degrees. Neglect the contribution of fuselage. Find the C.G. location (X_{cg}) for which the equilibrium is reached with zero lift on the tail at

Find the C.G. location (X_{cg}) for which the equilibrium is reached with zero lift on the tail at the lift coefficient corresponding to the best gliding angle. Calculate the tail settling angle (i_t) . Is the glider stable? (08 Marks)

Module-2

a. Briefly explain hinge moment parameters and trim tabs.

(08 Marks)

b. Obtain the expression for $(\delta_e)_{free}$: elevator deflection condition for stick-free condition.

(08 Marks)

OR

- a. Explain the following terms using in directional control:
 - (i) Adverse yaw

(iii) Asymmetric power

(ii) Cross Wind Landings(iv) Spin recovery

(08 Marks)

(06 Marks)

b. Explain the function of dorsal fin in directional stability. Also explain with example of the effect of dorsal fin on pedal free versus sideslip characteristics. (08 Marks)

Module-3

5 a. Explain dihedral effect and describe on the aspect of estimation of airplane dihedral effect.
(08 Marks)

Obtain the relation for lateral control power $(C_{\ell_{S_{-}}})$. (08 Marks)

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- 6 a. Explain the various methods of Aileron Balancing.
 - Briefly describe the longitudinal types of modes with relevant sketches of phugoid motion and short period motion.

 (10 Marks)

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Module-4

- 7 a. Derive rigid body equation of motion. (12 Marks)
 - b. Briefly explain gravitational and thrust forces. (04 Marks)

OR

- 8 a. Explain with expressions of aerodynamic forces and moments representation. (10 Marks)
 - b. Derive the derivatives due to the time rate of change of angle of attack. (06 Marks)

Module-5

- 9 a. Briefly explain Routh's criterion and determine whether the characteristic equations given below have stable or unstable roots:
 - i) $\lambda^4 + 2\lambda^3 + 5\lambda^2 + 2\lambda + 2 = 0$
 - ii) $\lambda^3 + 6\lambda^2 + 12\lambda + 8 = 0$ (08 Marks)
 - b. Write short note on Cooper-Harper scale. (08 Marks)

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- Write short notes on the following:
 - a. Wing rock
 - b. Roll control reversal
 - c. Dutch roll instability
 - d. Autorotation and spin (16 Marks)