



**VSEMESTER B.TECH. (AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING)**

**END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOV/DEC 2018**

**SUBJECT: ORBITAL MECHANICS [AAE 4012]**

**REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM  
(30/12/2018)**

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

**Instructions to Candidates:**

- ❖ Answer **ALL** the questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitable assumed.

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| <b>1A.</b> | What is meant by rectilinear ellipse? Analyze its properties  | <b>2</b> |
| <b>1B.</b> | Analyze the relative acceleration formula in detail.  | <b>3</b> |
| <b>1C.</b> | Derive and analyze Kepler's law of periods from fundamentals.   | <b>5</b> |
| <b>2A.</b> | What do you mean by Kepler's equation? Comment on its significance.   | <b>2</b> |
| <b>2B.</b> | Explain the procedure to calculate orbital elements from state vectors.   | <b>3</b> |
| <b>2C.</b> | A geocentric elliptical orbit has a perigee radius of 9600 km and an apogee radius of 21,000 km. Calculate the time to fly from perigee to a true anomaly of 120 degrees. | <b>5</b> |
| <b>3A.</b> | Explain the term orbit phase with necessary diagrams.   | <b>2</b> |
| <b>3B.</b> | Explain Gibb's method of orbit determination from fundamentals.   | <b>3</b> |
| <b>3C.</b> | Calculate the total delta-v required for a Hohmann transfer from a circular orbit of radius $r$ to a circular orbit of radius $12r$ .                                     | <b>5</b> |
| <b>4A.</b> | Examine the term synodic period in detail.  | <b>2</b> |
| <b>4B.</b> | Examine interplanetary Hohmann transfer with necessary diagrams and equations.  | <b>3</b> |
| <b>4C.</b> | Derive and examine the equation for calculating sphere of influence from fundamentals.  | <b>5</b> |

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| <b>5A.</b> | What are the perturbing factors affecting RAAN of an orbit.               | <b>2</b> |
| <b>5B.</b> | Discuss the issues caused by space debris with possible solutions.        | <b>3</b> |
| <b>5C.</b> | Analyze the various causes and effects of orbital perturbation in detail. | <b>5</b> |