



# UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY STUDIES

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## SECTION – A (30 MARKS)

**Q1:** Choose the appropriate word/phrase, out of the four option given below: (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

- I. The number of natural frequencies in case of simply supported beam is:  
A. Zero                      B. One                      C. Two                      D. Infinite
- II. If the flexural axes and the aerodynamic center coincides then the wing is:  
A. Unstable                B. Stable                    C. Neutral                    D. Can't say
- III. A  $\frac{1}{4}$  kg mass is suspended by a spring having a stiffness of 0.1533 N/mm. The natural frequency in cycles per second of the system is:  
A. 1.27 Hz                B. 24.76 Hz                C. 12.7 Hz                    D. 4.33 Hz
- IV. When there is a reduction in amplitude over every cycle of vibration, then the body is said to have  
A. free vibration            B. forced vibration        C. damped vibration  
D. none of the mentioned.
- V. Longitudinal vibrations are said to occur when the particles of a body moves  
A. perpendicular to its axis    B. parallel to its axis    C. in a circle about its axis  
D. none of the mentioned.
- VI. When a body is subjected to transverse vibrations, the stress induced in a body will be  
A. shear stress    B. bending stress    C. tensile stress    D. compressive stress
- VII. The divergence speed is dependent on:  
A. Thrust            B. Drag.            C. Camber            D. None of the these
- VIII. If  $V_d = V_r$ , then the aileron is completely:  
A. Ineffective at all speeds                      B. Effective at all speeds  
C. Unstable    D. None of the above
- IX. Flutter occurs largely on:  
A. Wings            B. Landing Gear            C. Longerons            D. cockpit control
- X. Buffeting is a high-frequency instability, caused by:  
A. Deformation of components                B. Flow separation  
C. Twisting of components                        D. None of the these.

**Q2:** Fill in the blanks with the correct idiom/phrase: (10x1= 10 Marks)

- I. Natural frequency of a system is due to-----.
- II. wing divergence occurs due to interaction of ----- and -----.
- III. Flutter is a ----- of an elastic structure in a fluid flow.
- IV. Buffeting is a high-frequency instability, caused by ----- oscillations from one object striking another.
- V. An elastic system having just ----- degree of freedom system cannot be unstable unless some peculiar mechanical characteristic exists.
- VI. Aileron reversal speed is ----- proportional to the rate of change of wing pitching moment coefficient with aileron deflection.
- VII. ----- is the non-classical form of flutter.
- VIII. The aerodynamic forces, which oscillate in a flutter condition, act through a center analogues to the aerodynamic center of a wing in steady motion; this center is known as-----.
- IX. Inertial coupling is prevented if the center of gravity ----- with the flexural axis.
- X. If the aerodynamic center coincides with or aft of the flexural center then the wing is -----at all speeds

**Q3:** Mark the following “True” or “False” (10x1 = 10 Marks)

- I. Aerodynamic coupling is associated with changes of lift produced by wind rotation or translation.
- II. Buffeting is Produced most commonly in a power-plant.
- III. Frequencies at which the response amplitude is a relative maximum are also known as resonant frequencies.
- IV. The synthesis of aero-elasticity with thermodynamics is known as aerothermoelasticity.
- V. Swept forward wing produces bending deflection and having stabilizing effect and divergence speeds are high.
- VI. Aircraft structures, being extremely flexible, are prone to distortion under the loads.
- VII. Aileron buzz may be prevented by employing control jacks of sufficient stiffness.
- VIII. All materials used in aerospace vehicles are designed by keeping in mind the aero-elastic effects.
- IX. Flutter is a static stability of an elastic structure in a fluid flow.
- X. Buffeting is a high-frequency instability, caused by airflow separation or shock wave oscillations from one object striking another.

### **SECTION – B (10 X 5 = 50 Marks)**

Q4: Define the following terms: Natural frequency, Resonance, Degree of Freedom, Amplitude of vibration and Time period.

Q5: Explain the Good and Bad effect of vibration.

Q6: With the help of Collar's, define the different aero-elastic problems.

Q7: What are the difference between static and dynamic aero-elasticity. Mention different types of static and dynamic aero-elastic problem in general.

Q8: Explain FIVE methods for Prevention of Aero-elastic Instabilities.

Q9: Write shot notes on Aerothermoelasticity and Aeroservoelasticity

Q10: What do mean by the term control surface reversal? Explain.

Q11: What do you mean by the term Buffeting? Which component effects the most by buffeting and why?

Q12: Write shot notes on swept wing divergence.

Q13: What do you mean by the term thermal instability? Explain in detail.

### **SECTION – C (1 X 20 = 20 Marks)**

Q14: Explain the cause/failure of any ONE of the following. Also, Mention the effects of failure and methods to reduce the effects. (Braniff International Airways Flight 542/Elephant Mountain B-52 1963).