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PREFACE

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How are the two graphs beneficial to the students?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two graphs provide a subtopic's weightage distribution over the past 36 years (for NEET/AIPMT) and over the past 11 years (for NEET-UG). The students can use these graphs as a self-evaluation tool by analyzing and comparing a particular subtopic's weightage with their preparation of the subtopic. This exercise would help the students to get a clear picture about their strength and weakness based on the subtopics. Students can also use the graphs as a source to know the most important as well as least important subtopics as per weightage of a particular chapter which will further help them in planning the study structure of a particular chapter. <p><i>(Note: The percentage-wise weightage analysis of subtopics is solely for the knowledge of students and does not guarantee questions from subtopics having the most weightage, in the future exams. Question classification of a subtopic is done as per the authors' discretion and may vary with respect to another individual.)</i></p>

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Usage of symbols:

- ◉ – Part of the chapter excluded from the NEET (UG) 2024 syllabus (in index)
- ◻ – Sub-topics or questions that are not part of the NCERT Rationalised (2023-24) textbooks (in book)

Questions based on the concepts excluded from the NEET (UG) 2024 Syllabus

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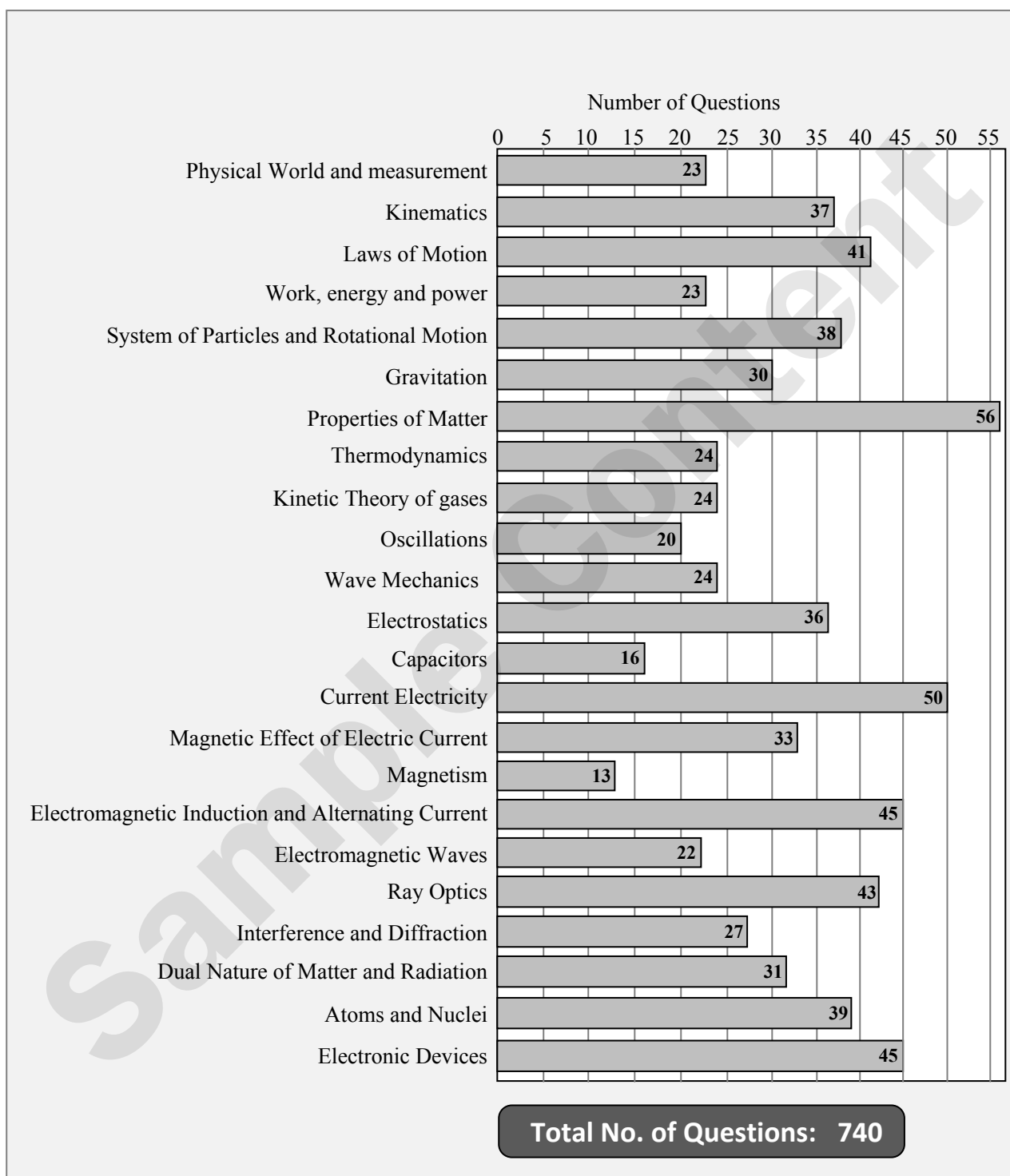
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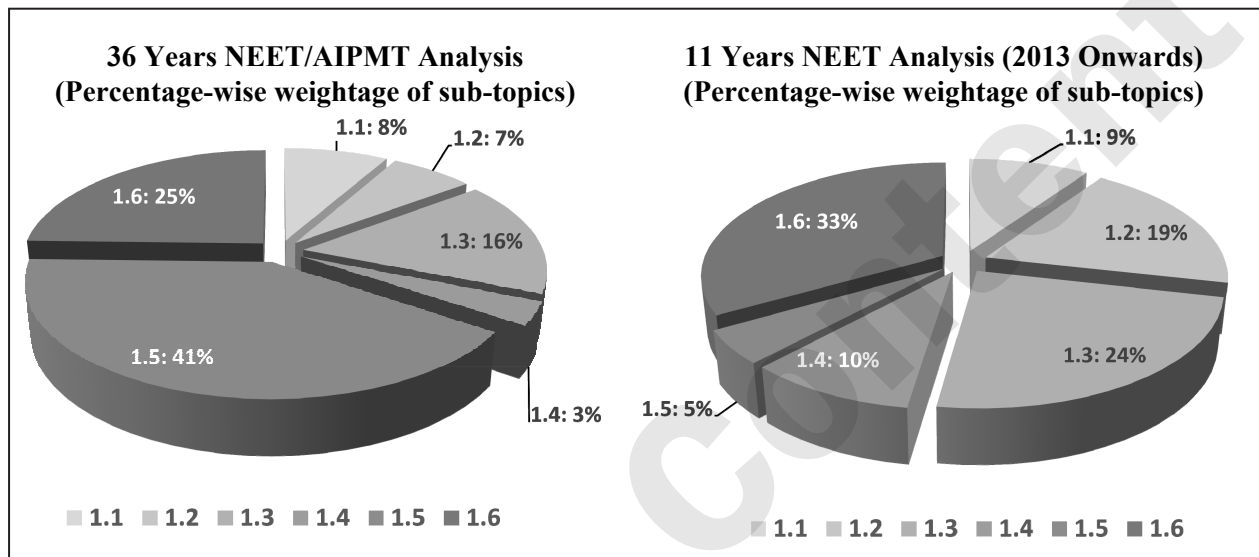
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Chapter-wise Weightage Analysis of past 11 Years (2013 Onwards)



- 1.1 Fundamental and derived units
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- 1.3 Errors in measurement
- 1.4 Significant figures
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1.1 Fundamental and derived units

- If $x = at + bt^2$, where x is the distance travelled by the body in kilometres while t is the time in seconds, then the units of b is [1989]
 (A) km/s (B) km s
 (C) km/s² (D) km s²
- The unit of permittivity of free space ϵ_0 is [2004]
 (A) coulomb/(newton metre)
 (B) newton metre²/coulomb²
 (C) coulomb²/newton metre²
 (D) coulomb²/(newton metre)²
- The damping force on an oscillator is directly proportional to the velocity. The units of the constant of proportionality are [2012]
 (A) kg m s⁻¹ (B) kg m s⁻²
 (C) kg s⁻¹ (D) kg s
- The angle of 1' (minute of arc) in radian is nearly equal to [Phase-II 2020]
 (A) 1.75×10^{-2} rad
 (B) 2.91×10^{-4} rad
 (C) 4.85×10^{-4} rad
 (D) 4.80×10^{-6} rad

- Plane angle and solid angle have: [2022]
 (A) No units and no dimensions
 (B) Both units and dimensions
 (C) Units but no dimensions
 (D) Dimensions but no units

D 1.2 Accuracy, precision and least count of measuring instruments

- A student measured the diameter of a small steel ball using a screw gauge of least count 0.001 cm. The main scale reading is 5 mm and zero of circular scale division coincides with 25 divisions above the reference level. If screw gauge has a zero error of -0.004 cm, the correct diameter of the ball is [2018]
 (A) 0.521 cm (B) 0.525 cm
 (C) 0.053 cm (D) 0.529 cm
- The main scale of a vernier callipers has n divisions/cm. n divisions of the vernier scale coincide with $(n - 1)$ divisions of main scale. The least count of the vernier callipers is, [Odisha 2019]
 (A) $\frac{1}{n(n+1)}$ cm (B) $\frac{1}{(n+1)(n-1)}$ cm
 (C) $\frac{1}{n}$ cm (D) $\frac{1}{n^2}$ cm



3. A screw gauge has least count of 0.01 mm and there are 50 divisions in its circular scale. The pitch of the screw gauge is: **[Phase-I 2020]**
 (A) 0.25 mm (B) 0.5 mm
 (C) 1.0 mm (D) 0.01 mm
4. A screw gauge gives the following readings when used to measure the diameter of a wire
 Main scale reading: 0 mm
 Circular scale reading: 52 divisions
 Given that 1 mm on main scale corresponds to 100 divisions on the circular scale. The diameter of the wire from the above data is: **[2021]**
 (A) 0.026 cm (B) 0.26 cm
 (C) 0.052 cm (D) 0.52 cm

D 1.3 Errors in measurement

1. A certain body weighs 22.42 g and has a measured volume of 4.7cc. The possible error in the measurement of mass and volume are 0.01 g and 0.1 cc. Then maximum error in the density will be **[1991]**
 (A) 22% (B) 2%
 (C) 0.2% (D) 0.02%
2. Percentage errors in the measurement of mass and speed are 2% and 3% respectively. The error in the estimate of kinetic energy obtained by measuring mass and speed will be **[1995]**
 (A) 8% (B) 2%
 (C) 12% (D) 10%
3. The density of a cube is measured by measuring its mass and length of its sides. If the maximum error in the measurement of mass and length are 3% and 2% respectively, the maximum error in the measurement of density would be **[1996]**
 (A) 12% (B) 14% (C) 7% (D) 9%
4. If the error in the measurement of radius of a sphere is 2%, then error in the determination of volume of the sphere will be **[2008]**
 (A) 8% (B) 2% (C) 4% (D) 6%
5. A student measures the distance traversed in free fall of a body, initially at rest, in a given time. He uses this data to estimate g , the acceleration due to gravity. If the maximum percentage errors in measurement of the distance and the time are e_1 and e_2 respectively, the percentage error in the estimation of g is **[2010]**
 (A) $e_2 - e_1$ (B) $e_1 + 2e_2$
 (C) $e_1 + e_2$ (D) $e_1 - 2e_2$
6. In an experiment, four quantities a , b , c and d are measured with percentage errors 1%, 2%, 3% and 4% respectively. Quantity P is calculated as follows:

$$P = \frac{a^3 b^2}{cd} \quad \text{\% error in } P \text{ is} \quad \mathbf{[2013]}$$
- (A) 14% (B) 10%
 (C) 7% (D) 4%
7. In an experiment, the percentage of error occurred in the measurement of physical quantities A , B , C and D are 1%, 2%, 3% and 4% respectively. Then the maximum percentage of error in the measurement X , where $X = \frac{A^2 B^{\frac{1}{2}}}{C^3 D^3}$, will be: **[2019]**
 (A) -10% (B) 10%
 (C) $\left(\frac{3}{13}\right)\%$ (D) 16%
8. Time intervals measured by a clock give the following readings:
 1.25 s, 1.24 s, 1.27 s, 1.21 s and 1.28 s
 What is the percentage relative error of the observations? **[Phase-II 2020]**
 (A) 1.6% (B) 2%
 (C) 4% (D) 16%
9. The errors in the measurement which arise due to unpredictable fluctuations in temperature and voltage supply are: **[2023]**
 (A) Personal errors
 (B) Least count errors
 (C) Random errors
 (D) Instrumental errors
10. A metal wire has mass (0.4 ± 0.002) g, radius (0.3 ± 0.001) mm and length (5 ± 0.02) cm. The maximum possible percentage error in the measurement of density will nearly be: **[2023]**
 (A) 1.3% (B) 1.6%
 (C) 1.4% (D) 1.2%

1.4 Significant figures

1. Taking into account of the significant figures, what is the value of $9.99 \text{ m} - 0.0099 \text{ m}$? **[Phase-I 2020]**
 (A) 9.98 m (B) 9.980 m
 (C) 9.9 m (D) 9.9801 m
2. The area of a rectangular field (in m^2) of length 55.3 m and breadth 25 m after rounding off the value for correct significant digits is: **[2022]**
 (A) 1382.5 (B) 14×10^2
 (C) 138×10^1 (D) 1382

1.5 Dimensions of physical quantities

1. The dimensional formula of angular momentum is **[1988]**
 (A) $[\text{ML}^2 \text{T}^{-2}]$ (B) $[\text{ML}^{-2} \text{T}^{-1}]$
 (C) $[\text{MLT}^{-1}]$ (D) $[\text{ML}^2 \text{T}^{-1}]$



2. If C and R denote capacitance and resistance, the dimensional formula of CR is [1988]
(A) $[M^0 L^0 T^1]$
(B) $[M^0 L^0 T^0]$
(C) $[M^0 L^0 T^{-1}]$
(D) not expressible in terms of MLT
3. The dimensional formula of torque is [1989]
(A) $[ML^2 T^{-2}]$ (B) $[MLT^{-2}]$
(C) $[ML^{-1} T^{-2}]$ (D) $[ML^{-2} T^{-2}]$
4. Dimensional formula of self inductance is [1989]
(A) $[MLT^{-2} A^{-2}]$ (B) $[ML^2 T^{-1} A^{-2}]$
(C) $[ML^2 T^{-2} A^{-2}]$ (D) $[ML^2 T^{-2} A^{-1}]$
5. Of the following quantities, which one has dimensions different from the remaining three? [1989]
(A) Energy per unit volume
(B) Force per unit area
(C) Product of voltage and charge per unit volume
(D) Angular momentum.
6. The dimensional formula of permeability of free space μ_0 is [1991]
(A) $[MLT^{-2} A^{-2}]$ (B) $[M^0 L^1 T]$
(C) $[M^0 L^2 T^{-1} A^2]$ (D) none of these
7. Which of the following has the dimensions of pressure? [1994, 1990]
(A) $[MLT^{-2}]$ (B) $[ML^{-1} T^{-2}]$
(C) $[ML^{-2} T^{-2}]$ (D) $[M^{-1} L^{-1}]$
8. The dimensions of RC is [1995]
(A) square of time
(B) square of inverse time.
(C) time
(D) inverse time.
9. Which of the following is a dimensional constant? [1995]
(A) Relative density
(B) Gravitational constant
(C) Refractive index
(D) Poisson ratio
10. Which of the following dimensions will be the same as that of time? [1996]
(A) $\frac{L}{R}$ (B) $\frac{C}{L}$ (C) LC (D) $\frac{R}{L}$
11. The dimensions of impulse are equal to that of [1996]
(A) pressure
(B) linear momentum
(C) force
(D) angular momentum
12. The dimensional formula of magnetic flux is [1999]
(A) $[M^0 L^{-2} T^{-2} A^{-2}]$ (B) $[ML^0 T^{-2} A^{-2}]$
(C) $[ML^2 T^{-2} A^{-1}]$ (D) $[ML^2 T^{-1} A^3]$
13. Which pair do not have equal dimensions? [2000]
(A) Energy and torque
(B) Force and impulse
(C) Angular momentum and Planck constant
(D) Elastic modulus and pressure.
14. The dimensions of Planck's constant equals to that of [2001]
(A) energy
(B) momentum
(C) angular momentum
(D) power
15. The dimensions of universal gravitational constant are [2004, 1992]
(A) $[M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}]$ (B) $[ML^2 T^{-1}]$
(C) $[M^{-2} L^3 T^{-2}]$ (D) $[M^{-2} L^2 T^{-1}]$
16. The ratio of the dimensions of Planck's constant and that of moment of inertia has the dimensions of [2005]
(A) time
(B) frequency
(C) angular momentum
(D) velocity
17. Dimensions of resistance in an electrical circuit, in terms of dimension of mass M, of length L, of time T and of current I, would be [2007]
(A) $[ML^2 T^{-2}]$ (B) $[ML^2 T^{-1} I^{-1}]$
(C) $[ML^2 T^{-3} I^{-2}]$ (D) $[ML^2 T^{-3} I^{-1}]$
18. Which two of the following five physical parameters have the same dimensions? [2008]
i. energy density
ii. refractive index
iii. dielectric constant
iv. Young's modulus
v. magnetic field
(A) 1 and 4 (B) 1 and 5
(C) 2 and 4 (D) 3 and 5
19. If the dimensions of a physical quantity are given by $M^a L^b T^c$, then the physical quantity will be [2009]
(A) velocity if $a = 1, b = 0, c = -1$
(B) acceleration if $a = 1, b = 1, c = -2$
(C) force if $a = 0, b = -1, c = -2$
(D) pressure if $a = 1, b = -1, c = -2$
20. The dimensions of $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$, where ϵ_0 is permittivity of free space and E is electric field, is [2010]
(A) $[ML^2 T^{-2}]$ (B) $[ML^{-1} T^{-2}]$
(C) $[ML^2 T^{-1}]$ (D) $[MLT^{-1}]$
21. The dimensions of $(\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}$ are [2012, 2011]
(A) $[L^{1/2} T^{-1/2}]$ (B) $[L^{-1} T]$
(C) $[LT^{-1}]$ (D) $[L^{1/2} T^{1/2}]$



22. Dimensions of stress are: **[Phase-I 2020]**
 (A) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$ (B) $[ML^0T^{-2}]$
 (C) $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$ (D) $[MLT^{-2}]$

1.6 Dimensional analysis and its applications

1. According to Newton, the viscous force acting between liquid layers of area A and velocity gradient $\Delta v/\Delta Z$ is given by $F = -\eta A \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta Z}$, where η is constant called coefficient of viscosity. The dimensional formula of η is **[1990]**
 (A) $[ML^{-2}T^{-2}]$ (B) $[M^0L^0T^0]$
 (C) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$ (D) $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$
2. The frequency of vibration f of a mass m suspended from a spring of spring constant k is given by a relation $f = am^xk^y$, where a is a dimensionless constant. The values of x and y are **[1990]**
 (A) $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}$ (B) $x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = -\frac{1}{2}$
 (C) $x = \frac{1}{2}, y = -\frac{1}{2}$ (D) $x = -\frac{1}{2}, y = \frac{1}{2}$
3. P represents radiation pressure, c represents speed of light and S represents radiation energy striking per unit area per sec. The non zero integers x, y, z such that $P^x S^y c^z$ is dimensionless are **[1992]**
 (A) $x = 1, y = 1, z = 1$
 (B) $x = -1, y = 1, z = 1$
 (C) $x = 1, y = -1, z = 1$
 (D) $x = 1, y = 1, z = -1$
4. Turpentine oil is flowing through a tube of length l and radius r . The pressure difference between the two ends of the tube is P . The viscosity of oil is given by $\eta = \frac{P(r^2 - x^2)}{4vl}$ where v is the velocity of oil at a distance x from the axis of the tube. The dimensions of η are **[1993]**
 (A) $[M^0L^0T^0]$ (B) $[MLT^{-1}]$
 (C) $[ML^2T^{-2}]$ (D) $[ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$
5. The time dependence of a physical quantity p is given by $p = p_0 \exp(-\alpha t^2)$, where α is a constant and t is the time. The constant α **[1993]**
 (A) is dimensionless
 (B) has dimensions $[T^{-2}]$
 (C) has dimensions $[T^2]$
 (D) has dimensions of p
6. An equation is given here $\left(P + \frac{a}{V^2}\right) = b \frac{\theta}{V}$ where P = Pressure, V = Volume and θ = Absolute temperature. If a and b are constants, the dimensions of a will be **[1996]**
 (A) $[ML^{-5}T^{-1}]$ (B) $[ML^5T^{-1}]$
 (C) $[ML^5T^{-2}]$ (D) $[M^{-1}L^5T^2]$

7. The velocity v of a particle at time t is given by $v = at + \frac{b}{t+c}$, where a, b and c are constant. The dimensions of a, b and c are respectively **[2006]**

- (A) $[L^2], [T]$ and $[LT^2]$
 (B) $[LT^2], [LT]$ and $[L]$
 (C) $[L], [LT]$ and $[T^2]$
 (D) $[LT^{-2}], [L]$ and $[T]$
8. The density of a material in CGS system of units is 4 g cm^{-3} . In a system of units in which unit of length is 10 cm and unit of mass is 100 g , the value of density of material will be **[2011]**
 (A) 0.04 (B) 0.4
 (C) 40 (D) 400
9. If force (F), velocity (V) and time (T) are taken as fundamental units, then the dimensions of mass are **[2014]**
 (A) $[FVT^{-1}]$ (B) $[FVT^{-2}]$
 (C) $[FV^{-1}T^{-1}]$ (D) $[FV^{-1}T]$
10. If energy (E), velocity (V) and time (T) are chosen as the fundamental quantities, the dimensional formula of surface tension will be **[2015]**
 (A) $[E V^{-2}T^{-1}]$ (B) $[E V^{-1}T^{-2}]$
 (C) $[E V^{-2}T^{-2}]$ (D) $[E^{-2}V^{-1}T^{-3}]$
11. In dimension of critical velocity v_c , of liquid following through a tube are expressed as $(\eta^x \rho^y r^z)$, where η, ρ and r are the coefficient of viscosity of liquid, density of liquid and radius of the tube respectively, then the values of x, y and z are given by **[Re-Test 2015]**
 (A) $1, 1, 1$ (B) $1, -1, -1$
 (C) $-1, -1, 1$ (D) $-1, -1, -1$
12. Planck's constant (h), speed of light in vacuum (c) and Newton's gravitational constant (G) are three fundamental constants. Which of the following combinations of these has the dimension of length? **[Phase-II 2016]**
 (A) $\sqrt{\frac{Gc}{h^{3/2}}}$ (B) $\frac{\sqrt{hG}}{c^{3/2}}$
 (C) $\frac{\sqrt{hG}}{c^{5/2}}$ (D) $\sqrt{\frac{hc}{G}}$
13. A physical quantity of the dimensions of length that can be formed out of c, G and $\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$ is **[2017]**
 [c is velocity of light, G is universal constant of gravitation and e is charge]
 (A) $\frac{1}{c^2} \left[G \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$ (B) $c^2 \left[G \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$
 (C) $\frac{1}{c^2} \left[\frac{e^2}{G4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{1/2}$ (D) $\frac{1}{c} G \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$



14. If E and G respectively denote energy and gravitational constant, then $\frac{E}{G}$ has the dimensions of: **[2021]**
 (A) $[M][L^{-1}][T^{-1}]$ (B) $[M][L^0][T^0]$
 (C) $[M^{-1}][L^{-2}][T^{-1}]$ (D) $[M^{-1}][L^{-1}][T^0]$

15. If force $[F]$, acceleration $[A]$ and time $[T]$ are chosen as the fundamental physical quantities. Find the dimensions of energy. **[2021]**
 (A) $[F][A][T^2]$ (B) $[F][A][T^{-1}]$
 (C) $[F][A^{-1}][T]$ (D) $[F][A][T]$

**Answers to MCQs**

- 1.1 :** 1. (C) 2. (C) 3. (C) 4. (B) 5. (C)
1.2 : 1. (D) 2. (D) 3. (B) 4. (C)
1.3 : 1. (B) 2. (A) 3. (D) 4. (D) 5. (B) 6. (A) 7. (D) 8. (A) 9. (C) 10. (B)
1.4 : 1. (A) 2. (B)
1.5 : 1. (D) 2. (A) 3. (A) 4. (C) 5. (D) 6. (A) 7. (B) 8. (C) 9. (B) 10. (A)
 11. (B) 12. (C) 13. (B) 14. (C) 15. (A) 16. (B) 17. (C) 18. (A) 19. (D) 20. (B)
 21. (C) 22. (C)
1.6 : 1. (D) 2. (D) 3. (C) 4. (D) 5. (B) 6. (C) 7. (D) 8. (C) 9. (D) 10. (C)
 11. (B) 12. (B) 13. (A) 14. (D) 15. (A)

**Solutions to MCQs****1.1 Fundamental and derived units**

1. $[x] = [bt^2] \Rightarrow [b] = [x/t^2] = \text{km/s}^2$
 2. $F = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{r^2}$
 $\therefore \epsilon_0 \propto \frac{Q^2}{F \times r^2}$
 So ϵ_0 has units of coulomb²/ newton m²
 3. $F \propto v$ or $F = kv$
 where k is the constant of proportionality
 $\therefore k = \frac{F}{v} = \frac{N}{\text{ms}^{-1}} = \frac{\text{kg ms}^{-2}}{\text{ms}^{-1}} = \text{kg s}^{-1}$
 4. $\theta = 1' = \left(\frac{1}{60}\right)^\circ = \left(\frac{1}{60}\right) \times \left(\frac{\pi}{180}\right)$ radian
 $= 2.91 \times 10^{-4}$ radian

1.2 Accuracy, precision and least count of measuring instruments

1. Least count of screw gauge = 0.001 cm
 = 0.01 mm
 Main scale reading = 5 mm,
 Zero error = -0.004 cm
 = -0.04 mm
 Zero correction = +0.04 mm
 Observed reading = Main scale reading
 + (Division \times least count)
 Observed reading = 5 + (25 \times 0.01) = 5.25 mm
 Corrected reading = Observed reading + zero correction

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Corrected reading} &= 5.25 + 0.04 \\ &= 5.29 \text{ mm} \\ &= 0.529 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

2. 1 V.S.D. = $\frac{(n-1)}{n}$ M.S.D.
 L.C. = 1 M.S.D. - 1 V.S.D.
 $= 1 \text{ M.S.D.} - \frac{(n-1)}{n} \text{ M.S.D.}$
 $= \frac{1}{n} \text{ M.S.D.}$
 $= \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{1}{n} \text{ cm}$
 $\therefore \text{L.C.} = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ cm}$
 3. L.C. = $\frac{\text{Pitch of screw}}{\text{Total number of division on circular scale}}$
 $\therefore \text{Pitch} = 0.01 \text{ mm} \times 50 = 0.5 \text{ mm}$
 4. Least count = $\frac{1 \text{ mm}}{100} = 0.01 \text{ mm}$
 Diameter = Main scale reading
 + Circular scale reading
 $= 0 + (52 \times 0.01) \text{ mm}$
 $= 0.52 \text{ mm}$
 $= 0.052 \text{ cm}$

1.3 Errors in measurement

1. Density (ρ) = $\frac{\text{mass (m)}}{\text{volume (V)}}$ (i)
 Percentage error in density is given by,
 $\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho} \times 100 = \left(\frac{\Delta m}{m} + \frac{\Delta v}{v}\right) \times 100$



- $$\therefore \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \times 100 = \left[\frac{\Delta m}{m} + \frac{\Delta v}{v} \right] \times 100\%$$

$$= \left[\frac{0.01}{22.42} + \frac{0.1}{4.7} \right] \times 100\%$$

$$= 2\%$$
2. K.E. = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$
 The percentage error in measurement of kinetic energy is,

$$\frac{\Delta \text{K.E.}}{\text{K.E.}} \times 100 = \left[\frac{\Delta m}{m} + 2 \times \frac{\Delta v}{v} \right] \%$$

$$= [2 + (2 \times 3)] \% = 8\%$$
3. Density (ρ) = $\frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{m}{l^3}$... (for cube $V = l^3$)
 Percentage relative error in density will be,

$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \times 100 = \left[\frac{\Delta m}{m} + 3 \frac{\Delta l}{l} \right] \%$$

$$= [3 + (3 \times 2)] \%$$

$$= (3 + 6) \% = 9 \%$$
4. $V = \frac{4}{3} \pi R^3$;
 Taking natural logarithm on both side,
 $\ln V = \ln \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi \right) + \ln R^3$
 Differentiating, $\frac{dV}{V} = 3 \frac{dR}{R}$
 Error in the determination of the volume
 $= 3 \times 2\% = 6\%$
5. $h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$
 $\therefore h = \frac{1}{2}gt^2 \Rightarrow g = \frac{2h}{t^2}$
 ($\because u = 0$, as body is initially at rest)
 Percentage error in estimation of g will be,

$$\left(\frac{\Delta g}{g} \times 100 \right) = \left(\frac{\Delta h}{h} \times 100 \right) + 2 \times \left(\frac{\Delta t}{t} \times 100 \right) \dots (i)$$

$$\frac{\Delta h}{h} \times 100 = e_1 \text{ and } \frac{\Delta t}{t} \times 100 = e_2 \dots (\text{given})$$
 Substituting in equation (i),

$$\left(\frac{\Delta g}{g} \times 100 \right) = e_1 + 2e_2$$
6. Given that: $P = \frac{a^3 b^2}{cd}$
 error contributed by $a = 3 \times \left(\frac{\Delta a}{a} \times 100 \right)$
 $= 3 \times 1\% = 3\%$
 error contributed by $b = 2 \times \left(\frac{\Delta b}{b} \times 100 \right)$
 $= 2 \times 2\% = 4\%$
 error contributed by $c = \left(\frac{\Delta c}{c} \times 100 \right) = 3\%$
 error contributed by $d = \left(\frac{\Delta d}{d} \times 100 \right) = 4\%$
 \therefore Percentage error in P is given as,

$$\frac{\Delta P}{P} \times 100 = (\text{error contributed by } a) +$$

$$(\text{error contributed by } b) +$$

$$(\text{error contributed by } c) +$$

$$(\text{error contributed by } d)$$

$$= 3\% + 4\% + 3\% + 4\%$$

$$= 14\%$$

7. Given: $X = \frac{A^2 B^2}{C^3 D^3}$
 Error contributed by $A = 2 \times \left(\frac{\Delta A}{A} \times 100 \right)$
 $= 2 \times 1\% = 2\%$
 Error contributed by $B = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{\Delta B}{B} \times 100 \right)$
 $= \frac{1}{2} \times 2\% = 1\%$
 Error contributed by $C = \frac{1}{3} \times \left(\frac{\Delta C}{C} \times 100 \right)$
 $= \frac{1}{3} \times 3\% = 1\%$
 Error contributed by $D = 3 \times \left(\frac{\Delta D}{D} \times 100 \right)$
 $= 3 \times 4 = 12\%$
 \therefore Percentage error in x is given as,

$$\frac{\Delta x}{x} \times 100 = (\text{error contributed by } A)$$

$$+ (\text{error contributed by } B) + (\text{error contributed by } C) + (\text{error contributed by } D)$$

$$= 2\% + 1\% + 1\% + 12\%$$

$$= 16\%$$
8. Mean value,

$$t_m = \frac{t_1 + t_2 + t_3 + t_4 + t_5}{5}$$

$$t_m = \frac{1.25 + 1.24 + 1.27 + 1.21 + 1.28}{5}$$

$$t_m = 1.25 \text{ s}$$
 Mean absolute error,

$$\Delta t_m = \frac{|t_m - t_1| + |t_m - t_2| + |t_m - t_3| + |t_m - t_4| + |t_m - t_5|}{5}$$

$$\Delta t_m = \frac{0 + 0.01 + 0.02 + 0.04 + 0.03}{5} = 0.02$$
 Percentage error = $\frac{\Delta t_m}{t_m} \times 100 = \frac{0.02}{1.25} \times 100$
 $= 1.6\%$
10. The density of a metal wire is given by,

$$\rho = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{m}{\pi r^2 l}$$
 The relative error in density is,

$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} = \frac{\Delta m}{m} + 2 \frac{\Delta r}{r} + \frac{\Delta l}{l}$$

$$= \left(\frac{0.002}{0.4} + \frac{2 \times 0.001}{0.3} + \frac{0.02}{5} \right)$$

$$= (0.005) + (0.0067) + (0.004)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} = 0.0157$$

$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \times 100 = 0.0157 \times 100$$

$$\frac{\Delta \rho}{\rho} \% = 1.57\% \approx 1.6\%$$

**1.4 Significant figures**

- Performing subtraction we get,
 $9.99 - 0.0099 = 9.9801$
 But number of significant digits after decimal place in 9.99 is 2 and number of significant digits after decimal place in 0.0099 is also 2. Hence, subtraction carried out should be considered upto 2 significant figures after decimal, i.e., 9.98
- Area = length \times breadth = $55.3 \times 25 = 1382.5 \text{ m}^2$
 According to rules for significant figures, the final answer must have as many significant figures as that of the number with least significant figures.
 The value of the area correct upto 2 significant figures is,
 $A = 14 \times 10^2 \text{ m}^2$

1.5 Dimensions of physical quantities

- Angular momentum (L)
 = Moment of inertia (I) \times Angular velocity (ω).
 $\therefore [L] = [ML^2] [T^{-1}] = [ML^2 T^{-1}]$
- Capacitance = $\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{Potential difference}}$
 $[C] = \frac{[AT]}{[ML^2 T^{-3} A^{-1}]} = [M^{-1} L^{-2} T^4 A^2]$
 Resistance R = $\frac{\text{Potential difference}}{\text{current}}$
 $\therefore [R] = \frac{[ML^2 T^{-3} A^{-1}]}{[A]} = [ML^2 T^{-3} A^{-2}]$
 $\therefore [CR] = [M^{-1} L^{-2} T^4 A^2] [ML^2 T^{-3} A^{-2}] = [T]$
- Torque (τ) = Force \times distance
 $\therefore [\tau] = [MLT^{-2}] [L] = [ML^2 T^{-2}]$
- induced emf (e) = $L \frac{dI}{dt}$
 $\therefore L = \frac{e}{dI/dt} = \frac{w/dq}{dI/dt} = \frac{w}{dq/dI} = \frac{w}{IdI}$
 $\therefore [L] = \frac{[W]}{[I][dI]} = \frac{[M^1 L^2 T^{-2}]}{[A^2]} = [M^1 L^2 T^{-2} A^{-2}]$
- Energy per unit volume = $\frac{E}{V} = \frac{[ML^2 T^{-2}]}{[L^3]} = [ML^{-1} T^{-2}]$
 Force per unit area = $\frac{F}{A} = \frac{[MLT^{-2}]}{[L^2]} = [ML^{-1} T^{-2}]$
 Product of voltage and charge per unit volume
 $= \frac{V \times Q}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{VIt}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{\text{Power} \times \text{Time}}{\text{Volume}}$
 $\therefore \frac{[ML^2 T^{-3}] [T]}{[L^3]} = [ML^{-1} T^{-2}]$
 Angular momentum = $[L] = [mvr] = [ML^2 T^{-1}]$
 So angular momentum has different dimensions.

- $\mu_0 = \frac{2\pi \times \text{force} \times \text{distance}}{\text{current} \times \text{current} \times \text{length}}$
 $\therefore [\mu_0] = \frac{[MLT^{-2}] [L]}{[A][A][L]} = [MLT^{-2} A^{-2}]$
- Pressure = $\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}}$
 $\therefore [\text{pressure}] = \frac{[MLT^{-2}]}{[L^2]} = [ML^{-1} T^{-2}]$
- $[R] = [M^1 L^2 T^{-3} A^{-2}]$
 $[C] = [M^{-1} L^{-2} T^4 A^2]$
 $\therefore [RC] = [M^1 L^2 T^{-3} A^{-2}] [M^{-1} L^{-2} T^4 A^2] = [T]$
- Relative density, refractive index and Poisson ratio are all ratios of similar quantities, therefore they are dimensionless constants. Gravitational constant is a dimensional constant.
- $[L] = [M^1 L^2 T^{-2} A^{-2}]$
 $[R] = [M^1 L^2 T^{-3} A^{-2}]$
 $\therefore [L]/[R] = \frac{[M^1 L^2 T^{-2} A^{-2}]}{[M^1 L^2 T^{-3} A^{-2}]} = [T]$
- [impulse] = $[M^1 L^1 T^{-1}]$
 [linear momentum] = $[M^1 L^1 T^{-1}]$
 [force] = $[M^1 L^1 T^{-2}]$
 [angular momentum] = $[M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]$
 \therefore impulse and linear momentum have same dimensions.
- Magnetic flux, $\phi = BA = \left(\frac{F}{lI}\right) A$
 $= \left[\frac{[MLT^{-2}][L^2]}{[A][L]}\right]$
 $= [ML^2 T^{-2} A^{-1}]$
- [force] = $[MLT^{-2}]$
 [impulse] = $[MLT^{-1}]$
 [energy] and [Torque] = $[M^1 L^2 T^{-2}]$
 [Angular momentum] and [Planck's Constant] = $[M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]$
 [elastic modulus] and [Pressure] = $[M^1 L^{-1} T^{-2}]$
- [Planck's constant] = $\frac{[\text{Energy}]}{[\text{Frequency}]} = \frac{[ML^2 T^{-2}]}{[T^{-1}]} = [ML^2 T^{-1}]$
 [angular momentum] = [Moment of inertia] \times [Angular velocity]
 $= [ML^2][T^{-1}] = [ML^2 T^{-1}]$
 [momentum] = $[M^1 L^1 T^{-1}]$
 [power] = $[M^1 L^2 T^{-3}]$
 \therefore [Planck's constant] = [angular momentum]



15. $F = G \frac{Mm}{R^2}$
 $\therefore G = \frac{F(R)^2}{Mm}$
 $\therefore [G] = \frac{[MLT^{-2}][L^2]}{[M][M]} = [M^{-1}L^3T^{-2}]$
16. Unit of Planck's constant (h) is J-s
 \therefore Dimension of h = $[M^1L^2T^{-2}][T^1] = [M^1L^2T^{-1}]$
 Unit of moment of inertia is $kg\ m^2$
 \therefore Dimension of M.I. = $[M^1L^2]$

$\therefore \frac{[h]}{[I]} = \frac{[M^1L^2T^{-1}]}{[M^1L^2]} = [T^{-1}] = [\text{frequency}]$

17. $R = \frac{V}{I}$
 $[V] = \frac{[W]}{[q]} = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}]}{[IT]}$

$\therefore [R] = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}/IT]}{[I]} = [ML^2T^{-3}I^{-2}]$

18. $[\text{Energy density}] = \frac{[\text{Work done}]}{[\text{Volume}]} = \frac{[MLT^{-2}L]}{[L^3]} = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

Refractive index and dielectric constant are dimensionless quantities

[Magnetic field] = $[M^1T^{-2}I^{-2}]$

[Young's modulus] = $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

\therefore Energy density and young's modulus have same dimensions.

19. $P = \frac{\text{force}}{\text{area}} = \frac{\text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}}{\text{area}}$

$\therefore [P] = \frac{[M^1L^1T^{-2}]}{[L^2]} = [M^1L^{-1}T^{-2}]$

$\therefore a = 1, b = -1, c = -2$

20. Energy density of an electric field E is

$u_E = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$

where ϵ_0 is permittivity of free space

$u_E = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}]}{[L^3]} = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

Hence, the dimensions of $\frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$ is $[ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

21. $c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu_0 \epsilon_0}} = (\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2}$

$\therefore (\mu_0 \epsilon_0)^{-1/2} = [c] = [LT^{-1}]$

22. $[\text{Stress}] = \frac{[F]}{[A]} = \frac{[M^1L^1T^{-2}]}{[L^2]} = [M^1L^{-1}T^{-2}]$

1.6 Dimensional analysis and its applications

1. $[F] = [MLT^{-2}]$
 $\left[\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta z}\right] = \frac{[LT^{-1}]}{[L]} = [T^{-1}]$

\therefore Dimensional formula for coefficient of viscosity,

$\eta = \frac{F}{(A)\left(\frac{\Delta v}{\Delta z}\right)} = \frac{[MLT^{-2}]}{[L^2][T^{-1}]} = [ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$

2. $f = am^xk^y$

Dimensions of frequency $f = [M^0L^0T^{-1}]$

Dimensions of constant $a = [M^0L^0T^0]$

Dimensions of mass $m = [M]$

Dimensions of spring constant $k = [MT^{-2}]$

Putting these values in equation (i), we get $[M^0L^0T^{-1}] = [M]^x [MT^{-2}]^y$

Applying principle of homogeneity of dimensions, we get

$x + y = 0$ (i)

$-2y = -1$ (ii)

$\therefore y = \frac{1}{2}, x = -\frac{1}{2}$

3. given that, $P^x S^y c^z$ is dimensionless

$\therefore [P]^x [S]^y [c]^z = [M^0L^0T^0]$

$\therefore [P] = \frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} = \frac{[MLT^{-2}]}{[L^2]} = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

$[S] = \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Area} \times \text{time}} = \frac{[ML^2T^{-2}]}{[L^2][T]} = [MT^{-3}]$

$[c] = [LT^{-1}]$

$\therefore [M^0L^0T^0] = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]^x [MT^{-3}]^y [LT^{-1}]^z$

.....(i)

Applying the principle of homogeneity of dimensions, we get

$x + y = 0$ (ii)

$-x + z = 0$ (iii)

$-2x - 3y - z = 0$ (iv)

Solving (ii), (iii) and (iv), we get

$x = 1, y = -1, z = 1$

4. $[P] = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}]$

$[r] = [L]$

$[v] = [LT^{-1}]$

$[l] = [L]$

$\therefore [\eta] = \frac{[P][r^2 - x^2]}{[4v]l} = \frac{[ML^0T^{-2}][L^0]}{[LT^0][L]} = [ML^{-1}T^{-1}]$

5. $p = p_0 e^{-at^2}$

at^2 is dimensionless

$\therefore a = \frac{1}{t^2} = \frac{1}{[T^2]} = [T^{-2}]$

6. $\left(P + \frac{a}{\sqrt{v}}\right) = b \frac{\theta}{V}$ Since $\frac{a}{\sqrt{v}}$ is added to the pressure,

$[P] = \frac{[a]}{[\sqrt{v}]}$

$\therefore [a] = [P][\sqrt{v}]$

$\therefore [a] = [ML^{-1}T^{-2}][L^{\frac{1}{2}}]$

$\therefore [a] = [ML^{\frac{1}{2}}T^{-2}]$



7. $v = at + \frac{b}{t+c}$
As c is added to time t , therefore, c must have the dimensions of time $[T]$.
From $v = at$, $a = \frac{v}{t}$

$$[a] = \frac{[LT^{-1}]}{[T]} = [LT^{-2}]$$

$$\text{From } [t+c] = [T] = [c], \\ [T] = [c]$$

$$\text{From } [v] = \left[\frac{b}{t+c} \right],$$

$$[b] = [v][t] = [LT^{-1}][T]$$

$$[b] = [L]$$

- \therefore Dimensions of a , b , c are $[LT^{-2}]$, $[L]$ and $[T]$ respectively.

$$8. \quad n_2 = n_1 \left(\frac{M_1}{M_2} \right)^1 \left(\frac{L_1}{L_2} \right)^{-3} \\ = 4 \left(\frac{\text{gm}}{\text{kg}} \right)^1 \left(\frac{\text{cm}}{\text{m}} \right)^{-3} \\ = 4 \left(\frac{\text{gm}}{100\text{gm}} \right)^1 \left(\frac{\text{cm}}{10\text{cm}} \right)^{-3}$$

$$\therefore n_2 = \frac{4}{0.1} = 40$$

9. Let $m \propto F^x V^y T^z$

$$\therefore [M^1] = [M^1 L^1 T^{-2}]^x [L^1 T^{-1}]^y [T^1]^z$$

equating powers on both sides, we get,

$$x = 1 \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$x + y = 0 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$-2x - y + z = 0 \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

From equations (i), (ii) and (iii)

$$x = 1, y = -1, z = 1$$

$$\therefore [m] = [F^1 V^{-1} T^1]$$

10. Surface tension (T) is given as,

$$[T] = \left[\frac{F}{L} \right]$$

where, $\{F \equiv \text{force}, L \equiv \text{length}\}$

But energy $[E] = [F][L]$

$$\therefore [F] = \left[\frac{E}{L} \right]$$

$$\therefore [T] = \left[\frac{E}{L^2} \right]$$

$$\text{But velocity } [V] = \left[\frac{L}{T} \right]$$

$$\therefore [L] = [VT]$$

$$\therefore [T] = \left[\frac{E}{V^2 T^2} \right]$$

$$[T] = [E V^{-2} T^{-2}]$$

$$11. [v_c] = [\eta^x \rho^y r^z]$$

$$[M^0 L^1 T^{-1}] = [M^1 L^{-1} T^{-1}]^x [M^1 L^{-3}]^y [L^1]^z$$

$$[M^0 L^1 T^{-1}] = [M^{x+y} L^{-x-3y+z} T^{-x}]$$

Comparing both sides,

$$x + y = 0, -x - 3y + z = 1, -x = -1$$

$$\therefore x = 1, y = -1, z = -1$$

$$12. [G] = [M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}]$$

$$[c] = [M^0 L^1 T^{-1}]$$

$$[h] = [M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]$$

Now, let the relation between given quantities and length be,

$$L = G^x c^y h^z$$

$$\therefore [L^1] = [M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}]^x [M^0 L^1 T^{-1}]^y [M^1 L^2 T^{-1}]^z$$

\therefore We get,

$$-x + z = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } z = x \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$3x + y + 2z = 1 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$-2x - y - z = 0 \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

$$\therefore y = -3x \quad \dots \text{[from (i) and (iii)]}$$

Substituting the value in eq. (ii)

$$\therefore 3x - 3x + 2z = 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } z = \frac{1}{2}$$

Substituting this value we get,

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } y = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$$\therefore L = \frac{\sqrt{hG}}{c^{3/2}}$$

13. Let the physical quantity formed of the dimensions of length be given as,

$$[L] = [c]^x [G]^y \left[\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^z \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

Now,

Dimensions of velocity of light $[c]^x = [LT^{-1}]^x$

Dimensions of universal gravitational constant

$$[G]^y = [M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}]^y$$

$$\text{Dimensions of } \left[\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^z = [ML^3 T^{-2}]^z$$

Substituting these in equation (i)

$$[L] = [LT^{-1}]^x [M^{-1} L^3 T^{-2}]^y [ML^3 T^{-2}]^z \\ = [L^{x+3y+3z} M^{-y+z} T^{-x-2y-2z}]$$

Solving for x , y , z

$$x + 3y + 3z = 1$$

$$-y + z = 0$$

$$x + 2y + 2z = 0$$

Solving the above equations,

$$x = -2, y = \frac{1}{2}, z = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore L = \frac{1}{c^2} \left[G \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$14. \text{ Unit of energy (E)} = \frac{\text{kg m}^2}{\text{s}^2}$$

$$\text{Unit of gravitational constant (G)} = \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}^2 \text{kg}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Unit of } \left(\frac{E}{G} \right) = \frac{\text{kg m}^2}{\text{s}^2} \times \frac{\text{s}^2 \text{kg}}{\text{m}^3} = \frac{\text{kg}^2}{\text{m}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Dimension of } \left(\frac{E}{G} \right) = [M^2 L^{-1} T^0]$$

15. Using dimensional analysis,

$$E \propto [F]^a [A]^b [T]^c$$

$$[M^1][L^2][T^{-2}] \propto [M^1 L^1 T^{-2}]^a [L T^{-2}]^b [T]^c$$

Comparing, $a = 1$, $a + b = 2 \Rightarrow b = 1$,

$$-2a - 2b + c = -2 \Rightarrow c = 2$$

$$\therefore a = 1, b = 1, c = 2$$

$$\therefore E \propto [F][A][T^2]$$