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**MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KOTTAYAM**  
**FIRST SEMESTER MGU-UGP (HONOURS) REGULAR**  
**EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2024**

**First Semester**

**Discipline Specific Core Course - MG1DSCSDV100 - FUNDAMENTALS OF**  
**ACOUSTICS**

(2024 ADMISSION ONWARDS)

Duration: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

**Remember (K), Understand (U), Apply (A), Analyse (An), Evaluate (E), Create (C), Interest (I),  
Appreciation (Ap), and Skill (S)**

*Students should attempt atleast one question from each course outcome to enhance their overall  
outcome attainability.*

[Learning Domain][CO No(s)]

**Part A**

Very Short Answer Questions

Answer any ten questions

Each question carries 2 marks

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| 1 | What is a Transverse wave ?                           | [U] [1]  |
| 2 | What is sound ?                                       | [U] [1]  |
| 3 | The device used to measure the sound pressure level ? | [U] [1]  |
| 4 | Why there is no sound in space ?                      | [U] [1]  |
| 5 | Factors that affecting the speed of Sound in Medium ? | [An] [1] |
| 6 | what is the frequency of an sound wave ?              | [U] [1]  |
| 7 | Define a harmonic sound.                              | [U] [2]  |
| 8 | Define timbre.  | [U] [2]  |
| 9 | What is an echo?                                      | [K] [4]  |

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| 10 | What is the refraction of sound? | [K] | [4] |
| 11 | What is diffraction?             | [K] | [4] |
| 12 | What is a critical band?         | [K] | [6] |

(10 × 2 = 20)

### Part B

Short Answer Type Questions

Answer any six questions

Each question carries 5 marks

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| 13 | Explain the source, medium, receiver of sound ?                      | [U]  | [1] |
| 14 | What is pitch ? How frequency related with pitch ?                   | [An] | [1] |
| 15 | Define medium density and its importance in sound transmission.      | [U]  | [3] |
| 16 | What is a wave Equation?   | [U]  | [1] |
| 17 | Describe the role of harmonics in determining the timbre of a sound. | [A]  | [2] |
| 18 | What is law of reflection ?  | [K]  | [4] |
| 19 | Describe an example of diffraction in everyday life.                 | [A]  | [4] |
| 20 | How can we sound proof a room ?                                      | [A]  | [5] |
| 21 | What is the function of eustachian tube?                             | [U]  | [6] |

(6 × 5 = 30)

### Part C

Essay Type Questions

Answer any two questions

Each question carries 10 marks

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| 22 | Explain the differences between simple and complex sounds. How do harmonics and partials influence the richness and characteristics of complex sounds in everyday life?  | [An] | [2] |
| 23 | Describe the stages of a sound envelope and explain how they influence the perception of a musical sound. How do these stages differ across various instruments?   | [E]  | [2] |
| 24 | Discuss the fundamental characteristics of a sound wave, including amplitude, frequency, wavelength, and velocity. Explain how each characteristic influences sound perception and propagation, providing examples to illustrate these concepts. | [An] | [1] |

(2 × 10 = 20)

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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