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M.Sc. Semester- III Examination, 2022 PHYSICS

PAPER: C-PHS 304

INTRODUCTORY ASTROPHYSICS (CBCS)

Full Marks: 40



Time: 2 Hours

 $4 \times 2 = 8$

GROUP-A

1. Answer any FOUR from the following questions:

a) What is the size of Milkyway?

- b) What is a celestial sphere?
- c) Define parsec.
- d) What is Astronomical Unit (AU)?
- e) The distance to Proxima Centuri is 4.246 light years. What is the corresponding distance in parsec?
- f) What are the differences between asteroids and comets?
- g) What are umbra and penumbra of a Sun spot?
- h) What are active galactic nuclei?

GROUP-B

2. Answer any FOUR from the following questions:

 $4 \times 4 = 16$

- a) Why is the temperature of the sunspots lower than their surroundings?
- b) Why does the temperature in the chromosphere of Sun increase with height?
- c) Describe the nebular model of origin of solar system.
- d) Describe CNO cycle to produce energy in a star.
- e) Discuss why a star cannot sustain most of its energy using chemical ways.
- f) What are differences between stars, brown dwarfs and giant planets?
- g) Describe the butterfly diagram of sunspot cycle.
- h) Describe how a star can be classified in terms of its spectrum.

GROUP-C

3. Answer any TWO from the following questions:

 $2 \times 8 = 16$

- a) Discuss the idea of expansion of Universe and how it leads to the big bang theory.
- b) Write a short notes on different layers of solar atmosphere using diagram?
- c) Describe Hubble's classification of galaxies.
- d) Describe the rotation of our galaxy and how it led to the idea of dark matter.

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