

**Paper – III: Differential Equations, Calculus of Variations & Special Functions:**

- Unit 1:** Non-linear ordinary differential equations of particular forms, Riccati's equation –General solution and the solution when one, two or three particular solutions are known.
- Unit 2:** Total Differential equations.
- Unit 3:** Partial differential equations of second order with variable co-efficients- Monge's method.
- Unit 4:** Classification of linear partial differential equation of second order, Cauchy's problem, Method of separation of variables.
- Unit 5:** Laplace, Wave and Diffusion equations, Canonical forms.
- Unit 6:** Linear homogeneous boundary value problems. Eigen values and eigen functions. Sturm-Liouville boundary value problems, Orthogonality of eigen functions, Reality of eigen values.
- Unit 7:** Calculus of variation – Functionals. Variation of a functional and its properties, Variational problems with fixed boundaries, Euler's equation, Extremals, Functional dependent on several unknown functions and their first order derivatives.
- Unit 8:** Functionals dependent on higher order derivatives, Functionals dependent on the function of more than one independent variable, Variational problems in parametric form.
- Unit 9:** Series solution of a second order linear differential equation near a regular/singular point (Method of Frobenius) with special reference to Gauss hypergeometric equation and Legendre's equation.
- Unit 10:** Gauss hypergeometric function and its properties, Integral representation.
- Unit 11:** Linear transformation formulas, Contiguous function relations, Differentiation formulae, Linear relation between the solutions of Gauss hypergeometric equation, Kummer's confluent hypergeometric function and its properties, Integral representation, Kummer's first transformation.
- Unit 12:** Legendre polynomials and functions  $P_n(x)$  and  $Q_n(x)$ .
- Unit 13:** Bessel functions  $J_n(x)$ .
- Unit 14:** Hermite polynomials  $H_n(x)$ .
- Unit 15:** Laguerre and Associated Laguerre polynomials.

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