

- 31) The Lagrangian of a particle of mass  $m$  is  $L = \frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dz}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{V}{2} (x^2 + y^2) + W \sin \omega t$ , where  $V, W$  and  $\omega$  are constants. The conserved quantities are [GATE 2007]
- energy and  $z$ -component of linear momentum only.
  - energy and  $z$ -component of angular momentum only.
  - $z$ -components of both linear and angular momenta only.
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- 32) Three particles of mass  $m$  each situated at  $x_1(t), x_2(t)$ , and  $x_3(t)$  respectively are connected by two springs of spring constant  $k$  and un-stretched length  $l$ . The system is free to oscillate only in one direction along straight line joining all the three particles. The Lagrangian of the system is [GATE 2007]
- $L = \frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_2 - l)^2 + \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 - l)^2$
  - $L = \frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_3 - l)^2 + \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 - l)^2$
  - $L = \frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_2 + l)^2 - \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 + l)^2$
  - $L = \frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_2 - l)^2 - \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 - l)^2$
- 33) The Hamiltonian of a particle is  $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + pq$ , where  $q$  is the generalized coordinate and  $p$  is the corresponding canonical momentum. The Lagrangian is [GATE 2007]
- $\frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{dq}{dt} + q \right)^2$
  - $\frac{m}{2} \left( \frac{dq}{dt} - q \right)^2$
  - $\frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 + q \frac{dq}{dt} - q^2 \right]^2$
  - $\frac{m}{2} \left[ \left( \frac{dq}{dt} \right)^2 - q \frac{dq}{dt} + q^2 \right]^2$
- 34) A toroidal coil has  $N$  closely-wound turns. Assume the current through the coil to be  $I$  and the toroid is filled with a magnetic material of relative permittivity  $\mu_r$ . The magnitude of magnetic induction  $\vec{B}$  inside the toroid, at a radial distance  $r$  from the axis, is given by [GATE 2007]
- $\mu_r \mu_0 N I r$
  - $\frac{\mu_r \mu_0 N I}{r}$
  - $\frac{\mu_r \mu_0 N I}{2\pi r}$
  - $2\pi \mu_r \mu_0 N I r$
- 35) An electromagnetic wave with  $\vec{E}(z, t) = E_0 \cos(\omega t - kz) \hat{i}$  is traveling in free space and crosses a disc of radius  $2m$  placed perpendicular to the  $z$ -axis. If  $E_0 = 60 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$ , the average power, in Watt, crossing the disc along  $z$ -direction is [GATE 2007]

- a) 130                      b) 60                      c) 120                      d) 270

36) Can the following scalar and vector potentials describe an electromagnetic field?

$$\phi(\vec{x}, t) = 3xyz - 4t$$

$$\vec{A}(\vec{x}, t) = (2x + \omega t)\hat{i} + (y - 2z)\hat{j} + (z - 2xe^{i\omega t})\hat{k}$$

where  $\omega$  is a constant.

[GATE 2007]

- a) Yes, in the Coulomb gauge.                      c) Yes, provided  $\omega = 0$ .  
b) Yes, in the Lorentz gauge.                      d) No.

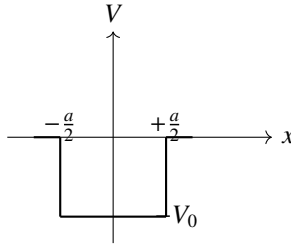
37) For a particle of mass  $m$  in a one-dimensional harmonic oscillator potential of the form  $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2$ , the first excited energy eigenstate is  $\psi(x) = xe^{-ax^2}$ . The value of  $a$  is [GATE 2007]

- a)  $\frac{m\omega}{4\hbar}$                       b)  $\frac{m\omega}{3\hbar}$                       c)  $\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}$                       d)  $\frac{2m\omega}{3\hbar}$

38) If  $[x, p] = i\hbar$ , the value of  $[x^3, p]$  is [GATE 2007]

- a)  $2i\hbar x^2$                       b)  $-2i\hbar x^2$                       c)  $3i\hbar x^2$                       d)  $-3i\hbar x^2$

39) There are only three bound states for a particle of mass  $m$  in one-dimensional potential well of the form shown in the figure. The depth  $V_o$  of the potential satisfies [GATE 2007]



- a)  $\frac{2\pi^2\hbar^2}{9ma^2} < V_o < \frac{9\pi^2\hbar^2}{2ma^2}$                       c)  $\frac{2\pi^2\hbar^2}{ma^2} < V_o < \frac{8\pi^2\hbar^2}{2ma^2}$   
b)  $\frac{\pi^2\hbar^2}{ma^2} < V_o < \frac{2\pi^2\hbar^2}{ma^2}$                       d)  $\frac{2\pi^2\hbar^2}{ma^2} < V_o < \frac{50\pi^2\hbar^2}{2ma^2}$

40) An atomic state of hydrogen is represented by the following wavefunction:

$$\psi(r, \theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{1}{a_o} \right)^{\frac{3}{2}} \left( 1 - \frac{r}{2a_o} \right) e^{-\frac{r}{2a_o}} \cos \theta.$$

where  $a_o$  is a constant. The quantum numbers of the state are [GATE 2007]

- a)  $l = 0, m = 0, n = 1$                       c)  $l = 1, m = 0, n = 2$   
b)  $l = 1, m = 1, n = 2$                       d)  $l = 2, m = 0, n = 3$

41) Three operators  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  satisfy the commutation relations  $[X, Y] = i\hbar Z$ ,  $[Y, Z] = i\hbar X$  and  $[Z, X] = i\hbar Y$ .

The set of all possible eigenvalues of the operator  $Z$ , in units of  $\hbar$ , is [GATE 2007]

- a)  $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$  c)  $\{0, \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 2, \pm \frac{5}{2}, \dots\}$   
 b)  $\{\frac{1}{2}, 1, \frac{3}{2}, 2, \frac{5}{2}, \dots\}$  d)  $\{-\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2}\}$

42) A heat pump working on the Carnot cycle maintains the inside temperature of a house at  $22^\circ\text{C}$  by supplying  $450\text{kJ s}^{-1}$ . If the outside temperature is  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , the heat taken, in  $\text{kJ s}^{-1}$ , from the outside air is approximately [GATE 2007]

- a) 487                      b) 470                      c) 467                      d) 417

43) The vapour pressure  $p$  (in  $\text{mm}$  of Hg) of a solid, at temperature  $T$ , is expressed by  $\ln p = 23 - \frac{3863}{T}$  and that of its liquid phase by  $\ln p = 19 - \frac{3063}{T}$ . The triple point (in Kelvin) of the material is [GATE 2007]

- a) 185                      b) 190                      c) 195                      d) 200

44) The free energy for a photon gas is given by  $F = -\left(\frac{a}{3}\right)VT^4$ , where  $a$  is a constant. The entropy  $S$  and the pressure  $P$  of the photon gas are [GATE 2007]

- a)  $S = \frac{4}{3}aVT^3, P = \frac{a}{3}T^4$                       c)  $S = \frac{4}{3}aVT^4, P = \frac{a}{3}T^3$   
 b)  $S = \frac{1}{3}aVT^4, P = \frac{4a}{3}T^3$                       d)  $S = \frac{1}{3}aVT^3, P = \frac{4a}{3}T^4$

45) A system has energy levels  $E_o, 2E_o, 3E_o, \dots$ , where the excited states are triply degenerate. Four non-interacting bosons are placed in the system. If the total energy of the bosons is  $5E_o$ , the number of microstates is [GATE 2007]

- a) 2                      b) 3                      c) 4                      d) 5

46) In the accordance with the selection rules for the electric dipole transitions, the  $4^3P_1$  state of helium can decay by photon emission to the states [GATE 2007]

- a)  $2^1S_o, 2^1P_1$  and  $3^1D_2$                       c)  $3^3P_2, 3^3D_3$  and  $3^3P_o$   
 b)  $3^1P_1, 3^1D_2$  and  $3^1S_o$                       d)  $2^3S_1, 3^3D_2$  and  $3^3D_1$

47) If an atom is in the  $^3D_3$  state, the angle between its orbital and spin angular momentum vectors ( $\vec{L}$  and  $\vec{S}$ ) is [GATE 2007]

- a)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$                       b)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$                       c)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$                       d)  $\cos^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

48) The hyperfine structure of  $\text{Na}(3^2P_{\frac{3}{2}})$  with nuclear spin  $i = \frac{3}{2}$  has [GATE 2007]

- a) 1 state                      b) 2 state                      c) 3 state                      d) 4 state

49) The allowed rotational energy levels of a rigid hetero-nuclear diatomic molecules are expressed as  $\epsilon_J = BJ(J+1)$ , where  $B$  is the rotational constant and  $J$  is a rotational quantum number.

In a system of such diatomic molecules of reduced mass  $\mu$ , some of the atoms of one element are replaced by a heavier isotope, such that the reduced mass is changed to  $1.05\mu$ . In the rotational spectrum of the system, the shift in the spectral line, corresponding to a transition  $J = 4 \rightarrow J = 5$ , is [GATE 2007]

- a)  $0.475B$                       b)  $0.50B$                       c)  $0.95B$                       d)  $1.0B$

50) The number of fundamental vibrational modes of  $CO_2$  molecules is [GATE 2007]

- a) four : 2 are Raman active 2 are infrared active.  
 b) four : 1 are Raman active 3 are infrared active.  
 c) four : 1 are Raman active 2 are infrared active.  
 d) four : 2 are Raman active 1 are infrared active.

51) A piece of paraffin is placed in a uniform magnetic field  $H_o$ . The sample contains hydrogen nuclei of mass  $m_p$ , which interact only with external magnetic field. An additional oscillating magnetic field is applied to observe resonance absorptions takes place, is given by [GATE 2007]

- a)  $\frac{3g_1 e H_o}{2\pi m_p}$                       b)  $\frac{3g_1 e H_o}{4\pi m_p}$                       c)  $\frac{g_1 e H_o}{2\pi m_p}$                       d)  $\frac{g_1 e H_o}{4\pi m_p}$