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TDC (CBCS) Even Semester Exam., 2022

PHYSICS

(Honours)

3 (4th Semester)

Course No. : PHSOCC-402T

3 (Elements of Modern Physics)

Full Marks : 50
Pass Marks : 20

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

SECTION—A

Answer any ten of the following questions :

$2 \times 10 = 20$

1. State Planck's quantum hypothesis.
2. What is quantum theory of light?
3. What is matter wave? Whose variations give rise to matter wave? $1+1=2$
4. State Heisenberg uncertainty principle.
Mention its mathematical expression. $1+1=2$



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5. Does the uncertainty in quantum mechanics arise because of some errors in measurements? Justify your answer.
6. What is the uncertainty in momentum for a single monochromatic wave?
7. What do you mean by stationary state?
8. What is the importance of normalizing a wave function?
9. Can the wave function $\psi(n) = A \sin(kn - \omega t)$ represent a free particle? Justify your answer.
10. What is called zero point energy of a particle in one-dimensional box?
11. What is quantum mechanical tunnel effect?
12. What do you mean by dynamical evolution of a quantum state?
13. Write the full form of LASER. Mention some of its uses. 1+1=2
14. Why can fusion take place only at very high temperature?
15. Define mean life and half life in the context of radioactivity. 1+1=2

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SECTION-B

Answer any five of the following questions : 6x5=30

16. Define phase velocity and group velocity. Show that if phase velocity is constant, then group velocity is equal to the phase velocity. 2+4=6
17. Explain Davisson and Germer experiment in detail with necessary diagram. 4
18. (a) How does the concept of Bohr orbit violate the principle of uncertainty? 2
(b) Using uncertainty relation, show that electrons cannot reside within a nucleus. 4
19. (a) Obtain the expression of ground state energy of hydrogen atom using uncertainty relation. 4
(b) If the uncertainty in the location of a particle is equal to the de Broglie wavelength, then find its uncertainty in velocity. 2

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20. (a) What are the fundamental postulates of quantum mechanics? 3

- (b) Normalize the wave function

$$\psi(x) = Ae^{-\alpha x^2}$$

where A and α are constants.

21. (a) Deduce the orthogonality condition of wave functions. 3

- (b) Show that the probability current density for the wave function

$$\psi(x, t) = Ae^{i\phi(x, t)} \text{ is } A^2 \frac{\hbar}{m} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x}$$

where A is a constant. 3

22. (a) Why should wave function be single-valued everywhere? 2

- (b) Deduce the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation for a particle of mass m in time-dependent form. 4

23. (a) A particle cannot exist in one-dimensional infinitely rigid box if its energy is zero. Justify. 3

- (b) For a potential step, write down the two Schrödinger equations corresponding to the regions $x < 0$ and $x > 0$ for the case $E > V_0$. Also write the boundary conditions at the junction between two regions. 1+1+1=3

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24. (a) What is radioactivity? 1

- (b) State the radioactive decay laws. Using these laws, deduce the equation

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

where symbols have their own meanings.

2+3=5

25. (a) Distinguish between nuclear fission and nuclear fusion. 3

- (b) Mention three differences between spontaneous emission and stimulated emission. 3
