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Department of Physics
Bachelor of Science with Honours in Physics
Second semester of Third year

Course no.: PHY 3209 Course title: Statistical Mechanics
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1. What are the ensembles that are considered in statistical mechanics? Write down their characteristics. [5]
2. What is meant by “entropy of mixing”? Explain in details how Gibbs paradox is resolved. [10]
3. Calculate the average energy of a three-dimensional harmonic oscillator. [5]
4. From Bose–Einstein distribution derive Planck Radiation Law. What are the observations that may be made concerning Planck Radiation Law. [10]
5. Evaluate the partition function at temperature T for a classical one-dimensional oscillator having an energy $\epsilon = \frac{p_x^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}\mu x^2$. Hence find the mean energy of such an oscillator at this temperature. [10]