



Grade 12 Physics Modern Physics Test

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Directions:

- Please answer to 2 decimal points
- The test is designed to be completed in 75 minutes

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Multiple Choice (10 marks)

1. (1 point) Which phenomenon directly demonstrates the particle nature of light?
 - A. Photoelectric effect
 - B. Diffraction
 - C. Interference
 - D. Polarization
2. (1 point) In special relativity, proper time is measured by:
 - A. A clock at rest relative to the event
 - B. A clock moving at constant velocity
 - C. Any inertial observer
 - D. An accelerating observer
3. (1 point) Millikan's oil drop experiment determined:
 - A. Electron mass
 - B. Elementary charge
 - C. Planck's constant
 - D. Speed of light
4. (1 point) The Lorentz factor for $v = 0.8c$ is:
 - A. 1.25
 - B. 2.00
 - C. 1.67
 - D. 0.60
5. (1 point) Which best describes wave-particle duality?
 - A. Particles behave as waves at high speeds
 - B. Waves can become particles in electric fields
 - C. Photons switch between wave and particle states
 - D. All matter has both wave and particle properties
6. (1 point) The work function of a metal is 2.3 eV. The minimum light frequency needed for photoemission is:
 - A. 3.5×10^{14} Hz
 - B. 1.1×10^{15} Hz
 - C. 2.3×10^{15} Hz
 - D. 5.6×10^{14} Hz
7. (1 point) A meter stick moving at $0.6c$ appears contracted to:
 - A. 0.60 m
 - B. 1.00 m
 - C. 0.80 m
 - D. 1.25 m

8. (1 point) The ultraviolet catastrophe refers to:
- A. X-ray production in cathode tubes
 - B. Classical theory's failure at short wavelengths
 - C. Quantum tunneling effects
 - D. Relativistic length contraction
9. (1 point) Which is NOT a consequence of special relativity?
- A. Time dilation
 - B. Length contraction
 - C. Mass variation with speed
 - D. Simultaneity relativity
10. (1 point) The rest energy of a proton ($m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$ kg) is:
- A. 1.50×10^{-10} J
 - B. 1.50×10^{-10} J
 - C. 2.25×10^{-19} J
 - D. 4.50×10^{-19} J

Long Answer (40 marks)

11. Relativistic Space Travel

- (a) (4 points) A spaceship travels to Alpha Centauri (4.37 ly away) at $0.95c$. Calculate the travel time experienced by astronauts.
- (b) (4 points) Determine the distance to Alpha Centauri in the spaceship's frame.

12. Photoelectric Analysis

- (a) (4 points) Light with $\lambda = 250$ nm strikes a metal (work function 4.7 eV). Calculate the maximum kinetic energy of emitted electrons.
- (b) (4 points) If intensity doubles, what happens to: (i) Stopping potential (ii) Photocurrent?

13. Charge Quantization

- (a) (4 points) In Millikan's experiment, an oil drop with 8 excess electrons is suspended when $E = 2.1 \times 10^4$ N/C. Find the drop's mass.
- (b) (4 points) Calculate possible charges for a drop experiencing forces of 3.2×10^{-14} N in the same field.

14. (8 points) Particle-Wave Duality

- (a) (4 points) Calculate de Broglie wavelength for a 150 g baseball moving at 40 m/s.
- (b) (4 points) Why don't we observe wave properties for macroscopic objects?

15. (8 points) Blackbody Radiation

- (a) (4 points) A star emits peak radiation at 400 nm. Estimate its surface temperature.
- (b) (4 points) If the star's radius is 7×10^8 m, calculate its total power output.