

THE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY (IU) – VIETNAM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY - HCMC
FINAL EXAMINATION – CLASS

Student Name: _____ Student ID: _____


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Duration: 90 minutes

SUBJECT: PHYSICS 4

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INSTRUCTIONS: This is a closed book examination. Use of cell phones, laptops, dictionaries is not allowed.

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J.s}; \quad c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}; \quad e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}; \quad \text{rest mass of electron: } 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$$

Question 1 (20 pts) The objective lens of a telescope has a focal length of 171 cm. The distance between objective and eyepiece is 180 cm. This telescope is used to observe a star and the final image is at infinity. Determine the position of the first image of the star and compute the focal length of the eyepiece.

Question 2 (20 pts) Suppose that the momentum of a certain particle can be measured to an accuracy of 0.1%. Determine the minimum uncertainty in the position of the particle if the particle is

- (a) a $5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$ mass moving with a speed of 2 m/s,
- (b) an electron moving with a speed of $1.8 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$.
- (c) Explain the physical meaning of your answers in (a) and (b).

Question 3 (20 pts) Knowing that the energy of hydrogen atom is given by: $E_n = -\frac{13.6}{n^2} \text{ eV}$.

- (a) What are the shortest and the largest wavelengths of light emitted in the Lyman series of the hydrogen atom spectrum lines?
- (b) From the result in (a), deduce the range of the Lyman series in the electromagnetic spectrum.

Question 4 (20 pts) A μ -meson with an average lifetime of $2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}$ is created in the atmosphere of the Earth at an elevation of 6000 m. When it is created it has a velocity of $0.998c$ in a direction toward the Earth.

- (a) Will this particle reach the surface of the Earth before decaying according to classical mechanics?
- (b) What is its lifetime because of time dilation and what is the average distance that it will travel before decaying, as determined relativistically by an observer on the earth?
- (c) Compare two results in (a) and (b) and give your observation.

Question 5 (20 pts) A nucleus ${}^A_Z X$ undergoes β^- decays and has ${}^3_2 \text{He}$ as product after a nuclear reaction.

- (a) Write the reaction and determine the mass number A of the nucleus X . How many neutrons are there in a X nucleus?
- (b) Knowing that the halflife of X is 12.3 years. Suppose some quantity of gas of X nucleus is released into the atmosphere in a nuclear power plant accident. What is the time needed for 90.0% of X to become nonradioactive?

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