Gate Questions

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1) The energy levels of a particle of mass m in a potential of the form

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$$V(x) = \begin{cases} \infty, & x \le 0 \\ \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$
are given, in terms of quantum number $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...,$ by

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- a) $\left(n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$
- b) $\left(2n+\frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$
- c) $(2n + \frac{3}{2})\hbar\omega$
- d) $\left(n+\frac{3}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$
- 2) The electromagnetic field due to a point change must be described by Lienard-Weichert potentials when [February 2007]
 - a) the point charge is highly accelerated.
 - b) the electric and magnetic fields are not perpendicular.
 - c) the point charge is moving with velocity close to that of light.
 - d) the calculation is done for the radiation zone, i.e far away from the charge.
- 3) The strangeness quantum numbers is conserved in

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- a) strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions.
- b) weak and electromagnetic interactions only.
- c) strong and weak interactions only.
- d) strong and electromagnetic interactions only.
- 4) The eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ are [February 2007]

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5) A vector field is defined everywhere as $(F) = -\frac{y^2}{L}\hat{i} + z\hat{k}$. The net flux of (F) associated with a cube of side L, with one vertex at the origin and sides along the positive X, Y, and Z axes, is [February 2007]

- a) $2L^{3}$
- b) $10L^{3}$
- c) $4L^3$
- d) None of the above
- 6) If $(r) = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$, then

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a)
$$\nabla \cdot (r) = 0$$
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b) $\nabla \cdot (r) = 2$ and $\nabla |r| = \hat{r}$

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d)
$$\nabla \cdot (r) = 3$$
 and $\nabla |r| = \frac{r}{r}$

- 7) Consider a vector $(p) = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ in the coordinate system $(\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k})$. The axes are rotated anti-clockwise about the Y axis by an angle of 60° . The vector (p) in the rotated coordinate system $(\hat{i}', \hat{j}', \hat{k}')$ is [February 2007]
 - a) $(1 \sqrt{3})\hat{i}' + 3\hat{j}' + (1 + \sqrt{3})\hat{k}'$
 - b) $(1 + \sqrt{3})\hat{i}' + 3\hat{j}' + (1 \sqrt{3})\hat{k}'$
 - c) $(1 \sqrt{3})\hat{i}' + (3 + \sqrt{3})\hat{j}' + 2\hat{k}'$
 - d) $(1 \sqrt{3})\hat{i}' + (3 \sqrt{3})\hat{j}' + 2\hat{k}'$
- 8) The contour integral $\oint \frac{dz}{z^4 + a^4}$ is to be evaluated on a circle of radius 2a centered at the origin. It will have contributions only from the points [February 2007]
 - a) $\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}a$ and $\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}a$ b) ia and -ia

 - c) ia,-ia, $\frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}a$ and $\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}a$ d) $\frac{1+i}{\sqrt{2}}a$, $\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}a$, $\frac{-i}{\sqrt{2}}a$ and $\frac{1-i}{\sqrt{2}}a$
- 9) Inverse Laplace transform of $\left(\frac{s+1}{s^2-4}\right)$ is

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- a) $\cos 2x + \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x$ b) $\cos x + \frac{1}{2} \sin x$
- c) $\cosh x + \frac{1}{2} \sinh x$
- d) $\cosh 2x + \frac{1}{2} \sinh 2x$
- 10) The points, where the series solution of the Legendre differential equation

$$(1-x^2)\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 2x\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{3}{2} + 1\right)y = 0$$
 [February 2007] will diverge, are located at

- a) 0and1
- b) 0and 1
- c) -1and1
- d) $\frac{3}{2}$ and $\frac{5}{2}$

11) Solution of the differential equation $x\frac{dy}{dx} + y = x^4$, with the boundary condition that [February 2007] y = 1 at x = 1, is

a) $y = 5x^4 - 4$ b) $y = \frac{x^4}{5} + \frac{4x}{5}$ c) $y = \frac{4x^4}{5} + \frac{1}{5x}$ d) $y = \frac{x^4}{5} + \frac{4}{5x}$

12) Match the following [February 2007]

> P. rest mass

Q. charge

four-momentum

electromagnetic field

timelike vector

2. Lorentz invariant

3. tensor of rank 2

4. conserved and Lorentz invariant

a)
$$P-2, Q-4, R-3, S-1$$

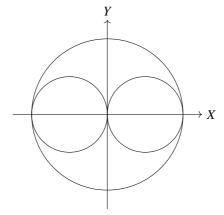
b)
$$P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3$$

c)
$$P-2, Q-4, R-1, S-3$$

d)
$$P-4, Q-2, R-3, S-1$$

13) The moment of inertia of a uniform sphere of radius r about an axis passing through its center is given by $\frac{2}{5} \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} r^3 \rho \right)$

A rigid sphere of uniform mass density *rho* and radius *R* has two smaller spheres of radius R/2 hollowed out of it, as shown in the figure. The moment of inertia of the resulting body about the Y axis is: [February 2007]



a)
$$\frac{\pi \rho R^3}{4}$$

 $5\pi \rho R^5$

b)
$$\frac{3hpk}{12}$$

c)
$$\frac{7\pi\rho R^3}{12}$$

d)
$$\frac{3\pi\rho R^3}{4}$$

14) The Lagrangian of a particle of mass m is [February 2007] $L = \frac{m}{2} \left(\left(\frac{dx}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dz}{dt} \right) \right) - \frac{V}{2} \left(x^2 + y^2 \right) + W \sin \omega t \text{ where } V \text{ , } W \text{ , and } \omega \text{ are constants. The conserved quantities are:}$

- a) energy and z-component of linear momentum only.
- b) energy and z-component of angular momentum only.
- c) z-components of both linear and angular momenta only.
- d) energy and z-components of both linear and angular momenta.
- 15) 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 dimension along the straight line joining all three particles. The Lagrangian of the system is: [February 2007]

a)
$$L = \frac{m}{2} \left[\left(\frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_2 - \ell)^2 - \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 - \ell)^2$$

b)
$$L = \frac{m}{2} \left[\left(\frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_3 - \ell)^2 - \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 - \ell)^2$$

c)
$$L = \frac{m}{2} \left[\left(\frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_2 + \ell)^2 - \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 + \ell)^2$$

d)
$$L = \frac{m}{2} \left[\left(\frac{dx_1}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_2}{dt} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{dx_3}{dt} \right)^2 \right] - \frac{k}{2} (x_1 - x_2 - \ell)^2 - \frac{k}{2} (x_3 - x_2 + \ell)^2$$

16) 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

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a)
$$\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{dq}{dt} + q \right)^2$$

b)
$$\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{dq}{dt} - q \right)^2$$

c)
$$\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right)^2 + q\frac{dq}{dt} - q^2$$

d)
$$\frac{m}{2} \left(\frac{dq}{dt}\right)^2 - q\frac{dq}{dt} + q^2$$

- 17) 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 μ_r . The magnitude of magnetic induction (B) inside the toroid, at a radial distance r from the axis, is given by [February 2007]
 - a) $\mu_r \mu_0 NIr$

b)
$$\frac{\mu_r \mu_0 NI}{\mu_r \mu_0 NI}$$

c)
$$\frac{r}{\mu_r \mu_0 NI}$$

d)
$$\frac{2\pi\mu_r\mu_0NIr}{r}$$