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TDC (CBCS) Odd Semester Exam., 2022

PHYSICS

(5th Semester)

Course No. : PHSDSE-502T

Full Marks : 70

Pass Marks : 28

Time : 3 hours

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

Candidates have to answer either Option—A
or Option—B

OPTION—A

Course No. : PHSDSE-502T (A)

(Nuclear and Particle Physics)

UNIT—I

1. Answer any *four* questions : 1×4=4

(a) What is the mathematical relationship between the radius and the atomic mass of a nucleus?

(b) What is the energy of electron at rest?



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- (c) Define nuclear magnetic dipole moment.
(d) What is electrical quadrupole moment of a nucleus?
(e) Define average binding energy of a nucleus.
2. Answer any *one* question : 2
- (a) Why can electrons not be present inside the nucleus?
(b) Calculate the mass number of the nucleus whose radius is 4.8×10^{-15} m. (Given $r_0 = 1.3$ fm)
3. Answer any *one* question : 8
- (a) (i) Explain the significance of angular momentum quantum numbers in relation to individual nucleons. 4
(ii) Write a short note on parity of a nucleus. 4
- (b) Draw the curve for binding energy per nucleon against mass number. Discuss the characteristics of this curve in detail.

UNIT—II

4. Answer any *four* questions : 1×4=4
- (a) What is shell model?
(b) Define nuclear force.

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- (c) What are magic numbered nuclei?
(d) Name a parameter of a nucleus that is analogous to the heat energy within a liquid drop.
(e) On what factors does the stability of a nucleus depend?
5. Answer any *one* question : 2
- (a) What are the basic similarities between a liquid drop and an atomic nucleus?
(b) Explain the salient features of nuclear force.
6. Answer any *one* question : 8
- (a) Write Bethe-Weizsaecker semi-empirical mass formula explaining various terms in it.
(b) (i) What are the evidences in favour of shell model? 3
(ii) Discuss meson theory of nuclear force in detail. 5

UNIT—III

7. Answer any *four* questions : 1×4=4
- (a) What is meant by range of an α -particle?
(b) State Geiger-Nuttall law.

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- (c) What is β -decay?
- (d) Define internal conversion.
- (e) What do you mean by endoergic reaction?

8. Answer any *one* question : 2

- (a) What is the difference between electron capture and positron emission?
- (b) Explain conservation of mass-energy in nuclear reactions.

9. Answer any *one* question : 8

- (a) What do you mean by range of α -particles? Give an account of experiments to determine the range of α -particles accurately. 2+6=8
- (b) What do you mean by Q-value of a nuclear reaction? Discuss various conservation laws in nuclear reactions with illustrative examples. 1+7=8

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any *four* questions : 1×4=4

- (a) In Compton effect, whether the energy of photon increases or decreases after scattering by an electron?
- (b) What is proportional counter?

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- (c) What is the approximate collection time of electrons by the anode in the GM counter?

- (d) Why can electrons not be accelerated to high energy in a cyclotron?

- (e) What are the processes by which γ -radiation loses energy on passing through matter?

11. Answer any *one* question : 2

- (a) Write down the difference between proportional counter and GM counter.
- (b) What is Cerenkov radiation?

12. Answer any *one* question : 8

- (a) (i) Explain how gamma rays are absorbed in matter while passing through it. 2
- (ii) Discuss interaction of gamma rays with matter with special reference to Compton scattering, photo-elective effect and pair production. 6

- (b) Describe the construction and action of a cyclotron. Discuss its limitations.

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UNIT—V

13. Answer any four questions : 1×4=4

- (a) Which conservation law is applicable only in strong interaction?
- (b) Define strangeness quantum number.
- (c) Write the lepton numbers of electron and positron.
- (d) On the basis of what a particle is classified as hadron or lepton?
- (e) What are the electric charges of top and bottom quark?

14. Answer any one question : 2

- (a) Explain CPT theorem.
- (b) Draw the quark structures of the following :
 - (i) Proton
 - (ii) Neutron

15. Answer any one question : 8

- (a) (i) Explain the conservation laws, which govern the elementary particle reaction and decay. 5
- (ii) How are hadrons divided into more subgroups? 3

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- (b) What is a charmed quark? Write down three generations of quarks and leptons. What do you mean by standard model? 2+3+3=8

OPTION—B

Course No. : PHSDSE-502T (B)

(Advance Mathematical Physics)

UNIT—I

1. Answer any four questions as directed : 1×4=4

- (a) Let a binary operation '*' be defined on a set such that $a*b = b*a$ where a and b are elements of the set. The operation is commutative. (State true or false)
- (b) Define the term 'basis'.
- (c) What do you mean by dimension of a vector space.
- (d) Give one example of infinite-dimensional vector space.
- (e) Give one example of basis vectors in three dimensions.



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2. Answer any *one* question : 2
- (a) Define binary operation.
- (b) Explain the term 'equivalence relation'.
3. Answer any *one* question : 8
- (a) (i) Discuss axioms of vector space. 4
- (ii) Prove that the set of real numbers \mathbb{R} together with regular addition (+) and multiplication (\times) is a field. 4
- (b) (i) Discuss group axioms. 4
- (ii) Show that the vectors $\vec{X} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j})$, $\vec{Y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{i} - \hat{j})$ and $\vec{Z} = \hat{k}$ are linearly independent in \mathbb{R}^3 . 4

UNIT—II

4. Answer any *four* questions as directed : $1 \times 4 = 4$
- (a) When is a matrix said to be orthogonal?
- (b) What is the relation between trace and determinant of a square matrix?
- (c) Give an example of a 2×2 orthogonal matrix.

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- (d) If one of the eigenvalues of a matrix is zero, then it must be a null matrix. (State true or false)
- (e) If X and Y are two column matrices, then what is inner product of these two?
5. Answer any *one* question : 2
- (a) If U is an $n \times n$ unitary matrix, then how many real independent parameters are required to describe it?
- (b) Show that a real orthogonal matrix is also an unitary matrix.
6. Answer any *one* question : 8
- (a) State and prove Cayley-Hamilton theorem.
- (b) How do you diagonalize a matrix? Discuss the steps involved in it.

UNIT—III

7. Answer any *four* questions as directed : $1 \times 4 = 4$
- (a) What is the name of the group formed by Pauli spin matrices?
- (b) Identity element remains the same for a group and its subgroups. (State true or false)
- (c) When is a group said to be Abelian?



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(d) Cyclic groups are Abelian groups.
(State true or false)

(e) What is order of a group?

8. Answer any one question : 2

(a) Give definition of subgroup.

(b) What do you mean by matrix multiplication table?

9. Answer any one question : 8

(a) State and prove Lagrange's theorem.

(b) Prove that the group of order 3 is cyclic. Show using matrix table that ω (cube root of unity) can be the generator of the group under multiplication. 4+4=8

UNIT—IV

10. Answer any four questions : 1×4=4

(a) What do you mean by Einstein's summation convention?

(b) What are the direction cosines of the vector $\vec{A} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$?

(c) State true or false :

$$x^\mu x_\mu = x^\nu x_\nu$$

(d) Define rank of a tensor.

(e) When is a rank 2 tensor said to be symmetric?

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11. Answer any one question : 2

(a) Find the number of independent parameters in $g_{\mu\nu}$ if it is a symmetric tensor.

(b) Define covariant vector and give its properties.

12. Answer any one question : 8

(a) (i) Prove that $F^{\mu\nu} g_{\mu\nu} = 0$ where $F^{\mu\nu}$ and $g_{\mu\nu}$ are rank 2 anti-symmetric and symmetric tensors. 4

(ii) Prove that addition of two covariant vectors is also a vector. Is it true if one of them is contravariant? 4

(b) (i) Evaluate δ^μ_μ and $\delta^{\mu\nu} \delta_{\mu\nu}$ for four dimensions. 4

(ii) Show that the expression $A(i, j, k)$ is a tensor, if its inner product with an arbitrary tensor B_k^j is a tensor. 4

UNIT—V

13. Answer any four questions as directed : 1×4=4

(a) Give signature of metric tensor in Minkowski space-time.

(b) What is Levi-Civita symbol in three dimensions?

(c) What is the metric tensor for flat space-time in spherical polar coordinate system?

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(d) Metric tensor can be used to raise or lower an index of a tensor.
(State true or false)

(e) State true or false :

$$\delta^{ij} \epsilon_{ijk} = 3$$

14. Answer any one question : 2

(a) Find metric tensor for cylindrical coordinate system.

(b) Find inverse metric tensor in Cartesian coordinate system.

15. Answer any one question : 8

(a) (i) State and explain quotient law of tensors. 4

(ii) Show that $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} F^{\mu\nu}$ is also a rank 2 anti-symmetric tensor if $F^{\mu\nu}$ is a rank 2 anti-symmetric tensor. 4

(b) (i) Prove that

$$\epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{lmk} = \begin{vmatrix} \delta_{il} & \delta_{im} \\ \delta_{jl} & \delta_{jm} \end{vmatrix}$$

(ii) If all the components of a tensor are zero in one frame, then prove that it is zero in all other frames. 4
