

Previous Year's Solution (GATE 2021)

SECTION - GA (GENERAL APTITUDE)

Q1–Q5 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ), carry ONE mark each (for each wrong answer: $-1/3$).

- Q1. (i) Arun and Aparna are here
(ii) Arun and Aparna is here
(iii) Arun's families is here
(iv) Arun's family is here

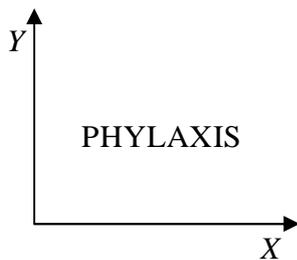
Which of the above sentences are grammatically CORRECT?

- (a) (i) and (ii) (b) (i) and (iv) (c) (ii) and (iv) (d) (iii) and (iv)

Ans. : (b)

Solution: The first statement is correct because for plural subject we need plural verb. The fourth statement is correct because a single person can have only one family.

Q2.



The mirror image of the above text about the X - axis is

- (a) PHYLAXIS (b) PHYLAXIS
(c) SYLAXIHP (d) SYLAXIHP

Ans. : (b)

Solution: In plane mirror there is lateral inversion of image. Hence word *PHYLAXIS* will look as

Q3. Two dice each with faces numbered 1 to 6 are rolled simultaneously. The probability that an even number is rolled out on each dice is:

- (a) $\frac{1}{36}$ (b) $\frac{1}{12}$ (c) $\frac{1}{8}$ (d) $\frac{1}{4}$

Ans. : (d)

Solution: The total number of outcomes when two dice are thrown is $6 \times 6 = 36$.

The number of ways in which an even number is rolled on each dice is $3 \times 3 = 9$.

Hence required probability = $\frac{9}{36} = \frac{1}{4}$

Q4. \oplus and \odot are two operators on numbers p and q such that

$$p \odot q = p - q, \text{ and } p \oplus q = p \times q$$

$$\text{Then, } (9 \odot (6 \oplus 7)) \odot (7 \oplus (6 \odot 5)) =$$

- (a) 40 (b) -26 (c) -33 (d) -40

Ans. : (d)

$$\text{Solution: } (9 \odot (6 \oplus 7)) \odot (7 \oplus (6 \odot 5))$$

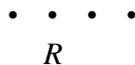
$$= (9 - (6 \times 7)) - (7 \times (6 - 5)) = (9 - 42) - (7 \times 1) = -33 - 7 = -40$$

Q5. Four persons P, Q, R and S are to be seated in a row. R should not be seated at the second position from the left end of the row. The number of distinct seating arrangements possible is:

- (a) 6 (b) 9 (c) 18 (d) 24

Ans. : (c)

Solution: Total number of sitting arrangements of four persons P, Q, R and S is $4! = 24$. The number of ways in which R is at the second position from the left end is



The permutations of three persons = $3! = 6$

Hence the required number of ways = $24 - 6 = 18$

Q6–Q10 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ), carry TWO marks each (for each wrong answer: – 2/3).

Q6. On a planar field, you travelled 3 units East from a point O . Next you travelled 4 units South to arrive at point P . Then you travelled from P in the North-East direction such that you arrive at a point that is 6 units East of point O . Next, you travelled in the North-West direction, so that you arrive at point Q that is 8 units North of point P .

The distance of point Q to point O , in the same units, should be _____

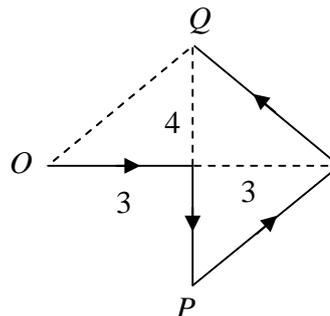
- (a) 3 (b) 4 (c) 5 (d) 6

Ans. : (c)

Solution: The movement of the person is shown below

by the arrowed diagram. From the diagram we see that the distance between O and Q is

$$OQ = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5 \text{ units}$$



Q7. The author said, "Musicians rehearse before their concerts. Actors rehearse their roles before the opening of a new play. On the other hand, I find it strange that many public speakers think they can just walk on to the stage and start speaking. In my opinion, it is no less important for public speakers to rehearse their talks."

Based on the above passage, which one of the following is TRUE?

- (a) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is important for musicians, actors and public speakers.
- (b) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is less important for public speakers than for musicians and actors.
- (c) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is more important only for musicians than public speakers.
- (d) The author is of the opinion that rehearsal is more important for actors than musicians.

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Before discussing about the leaders the author gives much emphasis on rehearsals by musicians and actor. Hence in author's view public speakers should also rehearse before their talk.

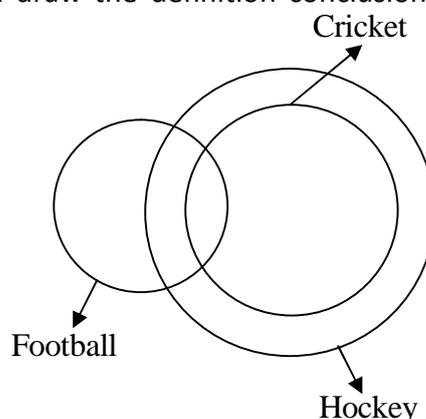
Q8. 1. Some football players play cricket
2. All cricket players play hockey

Among the options given below, the statement that logically follows from the two statements 1 and 2 above, is:

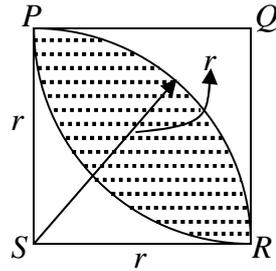
- (a) No football player plays hockey
- (b) Some football players play hockey
- (c) All football players play hockey
- (d) All hockey players play football

Ans. : (b)

Solution: From the Venn-diagram we can draw the definition conclusion that some football players play Hockey.



Q9.



In the figure shown above, $PQRS$ is a square. The shaded portion is formed by the intersection of sectors of circles with radius equal to the side of the square and centers at S and Q . The probability that any point picked randomly within the square falls in the shaded area is _____

- (a) $4 - \frac{f}{2}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) $\frac{f}{2} - 1$ (d) $\frac{f}{4}$

Ans. : (c)

Solution: Area within the square but lying below the shaded region $= r^2 - \frac{f r^2}{4}$

Similarly, area within the square but lying above the shaded region $= r^2 - \frac{f r^2}{4}$

Hence area of shaded region $= r^2 - 2\left(r^2 - \frac{f r^2}{4}\right) = r^2 - 2r^2 + \frac{f r^2}{2} = \frac{f r^2}{2} - r^2$

Hence required probability $= \frac{\left(\frac{f}{4} - 1\right) r^2}{r^2} = \frac{f}{4} - 1$

Q10. In an equilateral triangle PQR , side PQ is divided into four equal parts, side QR is divided into six equal parts and side PR is divided into eight equal parts. The length of each subdivided part in cm is an integer.

The minimum area of the triangle PQR possible, in cm^2 , is

- (a) 18 (b) 24 (c) $48\sqrt{3}$ (d) $144\sqrt{3}$

Ans. : (d)

Solution: The minimum area of the equilateral triangle will occur when the side length is minimum.

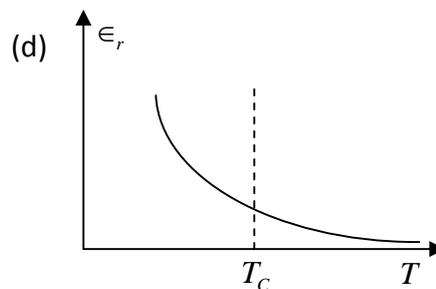
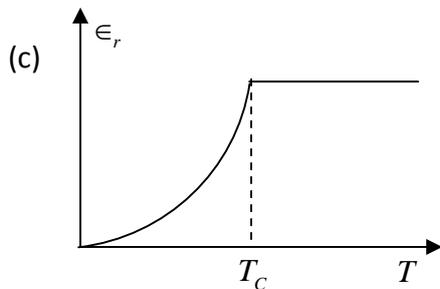
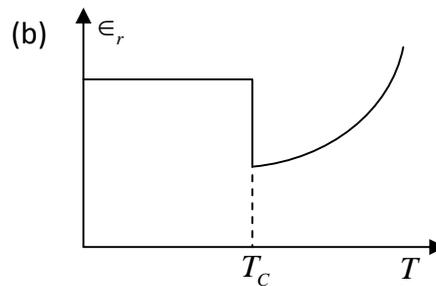
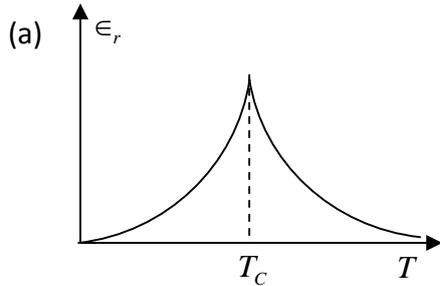
Under the given conditions the minimum side length is the LCM of 4, 6 and 8.

Thus minimum side length $= LCM(4, 6, 8) = 24$

SECTION - PHYSICS

Q1 – Q9 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ), Carry ONE mark each (for each wrong answer: – 1/3).

Q1. Choose the graph that best describes the variation of dielectric constant (ϵ_r) with temperature (T) in ferroelectric material. (T_c is the Curie temperature)



Topic- Electromagnetic Theory

Subtopic- Magnetism

Ans. : (a)

Solution: A ferromagnetic state is usually observed at low temperatures, but not at high temperatures, when there is no spontaneous polarization. The temperature at which ferroelectric properties are lost is referred to as the ferroelectric curie temperature T_c . And above this temperature, the material becomes Paraelectric. Most of these materials above T_c will lose the piezoelectric property as well. The variation of dielectric constant (ϵ_r) by means of temperature (T) in the non-polar, paraelectric state is shown by Curie-Weiss law as given below

$$\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon_\infty + A}{T - T_c}$$

Thus the correct option is (a).

Q2. A matter wave is represented by the wave function

$$\Psi(x, y, z, t) = Ae^{i(4x+3y+5z-10ft)}$$

where A is a constant. The unit vector representing the direction of the propagation of this matter wave is

(a) $\frac{4}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{x} + \frac{3}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{y} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{z}$

(b) $\frac{3}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{x} + \frac{4}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{y} + \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{z}$

(c) $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{x} + \frac{3}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{y} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{z}$

(d) $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{x} + \frac{4}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{y} + \frac{3}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{z}$

Topic- Mathematical Physics

Subtopic- Vector Analysis

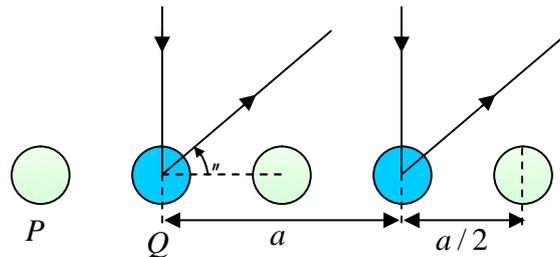
Ans. : (a)

Solution: Propagation vector is given by: $\vec{k} = 4\hat{x} + 3\hat{y} + 5\hat{z}$

The unit vector representing the direction of the propagation of this matter wave is

$$\hat{k} = \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|} = \frac{(4\hat{x} + 3\hat{y} + 5\hat{z})}{\sqrt{16+9+25}} = \frac{(4\hat{x} + 3\hat{y} + 5\hat{z})}{5\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{x} + \frac{3}{5\sqrt{2}}\hat{y} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{z}$$

Q3. As shown in the figure, X - ray diffraction pattern is obtained from a diatomic chain of atoms P and Q . The diffraction condition is given by $a \cos \theta = n\lambda$, where n is the order of the diffraction peak. Here, a is the lattice constant and λ is the wavelength of the X - rays. Assume that atomic form factors and resolution of the instrument do not depend on θ . Then, the intensity of the diffraction peaks is



- (a) Lower for even values of n , when compared to odd values of n
- (b) Lower for odd values of n , when compared to even values of n
- (c) Zero for odd values of n
- (d) Zero for even values of n

Topic- Solid state physics

Subtopic- X-ray diffraction

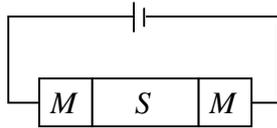
Ans. : (b)

Solution: Intensity for even values of n is $I = 16|f_p + f_q|^2$

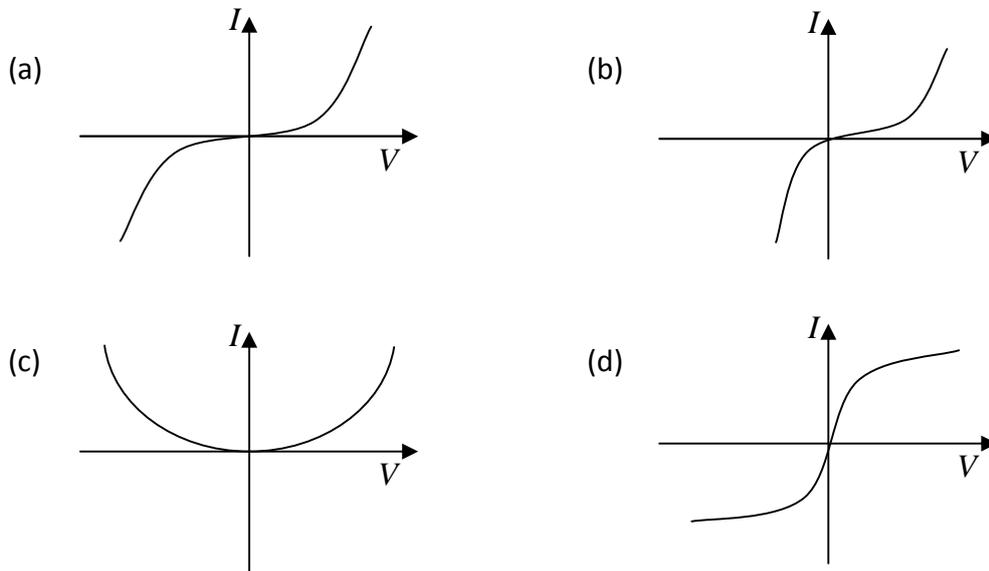
And the Intensity for odd values of n is $I = 16|f_p - f_q|^2$.

Where, f_p & f_q are the atomic scattering factor of atom P and atom Q.

Q4. As shown in the figure, two metal-semiconductor junctions are formed between an n -type semiconductor S and metal M . The work functions of S and M are ϕ_s and ϕ_m , respectively with $\phi_m > \phi_s$.



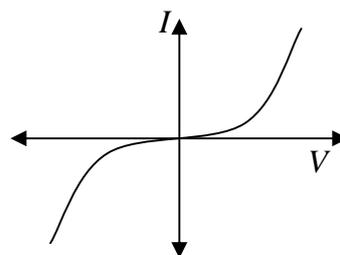
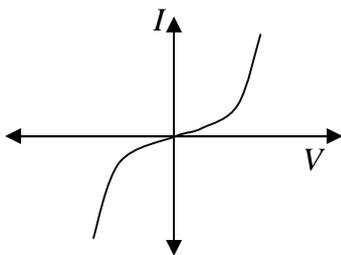
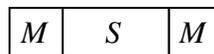
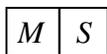
The $I - V$ characteristics (on linear scale) of the junctions is best represented by



Topic- Solid state physics
Subtopic- Semiconductor physics

Ans. : (a)

Solution: *Shottkey diode*



Q5. Consider a tiny current loop driven by a sinusoidal alternating current. If the surface integral of its time-averaged Poynting vector is constant, then the magnitude of the time-averaged magnetic field intensity, at any arbitrary position, \vec{r} , is proportional to

- (a) $\frac{1}{r^3}$ (b) $\frac{1}{r^2}$ (c) $\frac{1}{r}$ (d) r

Topic- Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- Poynting vector

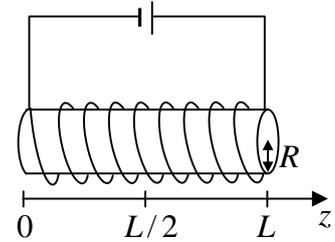
Ans. : (c)

Solution: If $|\vec{E}| \propto \frac{1}{r^2}$, Formula for pointing vector: $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0} (\vec{E} \times \vec{B})$

Time-averaged Poynting vector: $\bar{S} = \frac{1}{2} c \epsilon_0 E_0^2 = \frac{1}{2 \mu_0} c B_0^2$

Then $\oint_s \langle \bar{S} \rangle \cdot d\vec{a} = \oint_s \frac{1}{2 \mu_0} c B_0^2 \cdot d\vec{a} = \text{constant}$

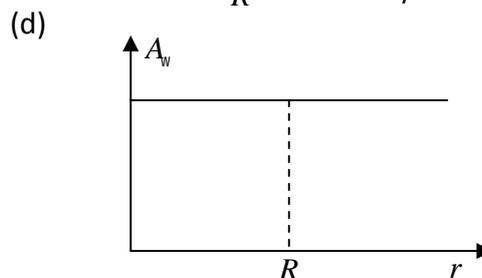
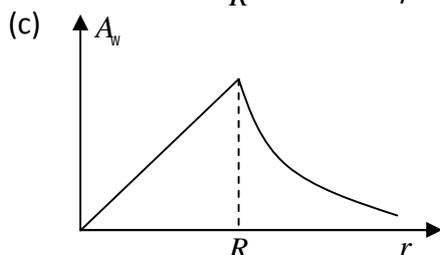
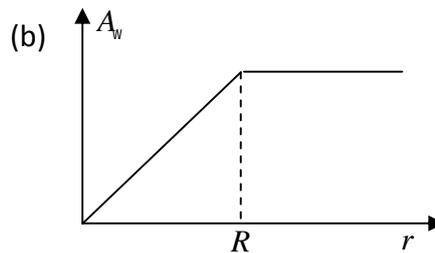
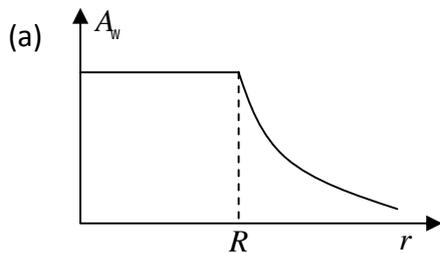
Q6. Consider a solenoid of length L and radius R , where $R \ll L$. A steady-current flows through the solenoid. The magnetic field is uniform inside the solenoid and zero outside.



Among the given options, choose the one that best represents the variation in the magnitude of the vector potential, $(0, A_\phi, 0)$ at $z = L/2$, as a function of the radial distance (r) in cylindrical coordinates.

Useful information: The curl of a vector \vec{F} , in cylindrical coordinates is

$$\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}(r, \phi, z) = \hat{r} \left[\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial \phi} - \frac{\partial F_\phi}{\partial z} \right] + \hat{\phi} \left[\frac{\partial F_r}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial F_z}{\partial r} \right] + \hat{z} \frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial (r F_\phi)}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial F_r}{\partial \phi} \right]$$



Topic- Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- Vector potential

Ans. : (c)

Solution: Since $\vec{B} = \vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A} \Rightarrow \oint_{line} \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{l} = \int_S \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a}$.

$$\text{For } r < R: B = \text{Constant} \Rightarrow |\vec{A}| \times 2\pi r = B \times \pi r^2 \Rightarrow |\vec{A}| \propto r$$

$$\text{For } r > R: B = 0 \Rightarrow |\vec{A}| \times 2\pi r = \text{Constant} \times \pi R^2 \Rightarrow |\vec{A}| \propto \frac{1}{r}$$

Q7. Assume that $^{13}\text{N} (Z=7)$ undergoes first forbidden S^+ decay from its ground state with spin-parity J_i^f , to a final state J_f^f . The possible values for J_i^f and J_f^f , respectively, are

- (a) $\frac{1^-}{2}, \frac{5^+}{2}$ (b) $\frac{1^+}{2}, \frac{5^+}{2}$ (c) $\frac{1^-}{2}, \frac{1^-}{2}$ (d) $\frac{1^+}{2}, \frac{1^-}{2}$

Topic- Nuclear Physics

Subtopic- Spin-parity

Ans. : (b)

Solution: $^{13}_7\text{N}$; Proton = 7: $1s^2, 1p_{3/2}^4, 1p_{1/2}^1 \Rightarrow J_i^f = \frac{1^-}{2}$

In first forbidden transition $\Delta f = \text{yes}$, $\Delta I = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2$

\therefore Possible values of $f_f = \text{+ive}$; $I = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{5}{2}$

$\therefore J_f^f = \frac{1^+}{2}, \frac{3^+}{2}, \frac{5^+}{2}$

Q8. In an experiment, it is seen that an electric-dipole ($E1$) transition can connect an initial nuclear state of spin-parity $J_i^f = 2^+$ to a final state J_f^f . All possible values of J_f^f are

- (a) $1^+, 2^+$ (b) $1^+, 2^+, 3^+$ (c) $1^-, 2^-$ (d) $1^-, 2^-, 3^-$

Topic- Nuclear Physics

Subtopic- Selection rule

Ans. : (d)

Solution: In an electric-dipole ($E1$) transition: $\Delta J = 0, \pm 1$ and Parity will change

$$J_i^f = 2^+ \text{ so } \Rightarrow J_f^f = 1^-, 2^-, 3^-$$

So, option (d) is correct.

Q9. Choose the correct statement from the following:

- (a) Silicon is a direct band gap semiconductor.
- (b) Conductivity of metals decreases with increase in temperature.
- (c) Conductivity of semiconductor decreases with increase in temperature.
- (d) Gallium Arsenide is an indirect band gap semiconductor.

Topic- Solid state physics

Subtopic- semiconductor physics

Ans. 9: (b)

Solution: Silicon is indirect and GaAs is a direct bandgap semiconductor. The conductivity of the semiconductor increases with temperature due to increase in carrier concentration. The conductivity of metals decreases with increase in temperature due to increase in number of phonons and hence electron-phonon scattering. Thus correct option is (b)

Q10-Q16 Multiple Select Question (MSQ), carry ONE mark each (no negative marks).

Q10. A two-dimensional square lattice has lattice constant a . k represents the wavevector in reciprocal space. The coordinates (k_x, k_y) of reciprocal space where band gap(s) can occur are

- (a) $(0,0)$ (b) $\left(\pm\frac{f}{a}, \pm\frac{f}{a}\right)$ (c) $\left(\pm\frac{f}{a}, \pm\frac{f}{1.3a}\right)$ (d) $\left(\pm\frac{f}{3a}, \pm\frac{f}{a}\right)$

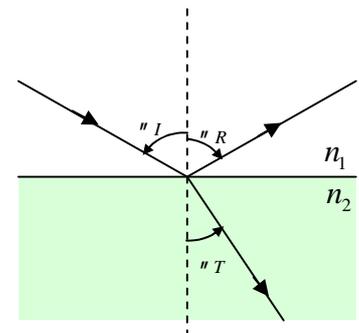
Topic- Solid state physics

Subtopic- Band theory

Ans. : (b), (c), (d)

Solution: The band structure of a two-dimensional photonic crystal with a square lattice shows zero band gap at $(0,0)$, while the band gap increases along (k_x, k_y) directions. Thus, correct options are (b), (c) and (d).

Q11. As shown in the figure, an electromagnetic wave with intensity I_i is incident at the interface of two media having refractive indices $n_1 = 1$ and $n_2 = \sqrt{3}$. The wave is reflected with intensity I_R and transmitted with intensity I_T . Permeability of each medium is the same. (Reflection coefficient $R = I_R / I_i$ and Transmission coefficient $T = I_T / I_i$).



Choose the correct statement(s)

- (a) $R = 0$ if $\theta_i = 0^\circ$ and polarization of incident light is parallel to the plane of incidence.
- (b) $T = 1$ if $\theta_i = 60^\circ$ and polarization of incident light is parallel to the plane of incidence
- (c) $R = 0$ if $\theta_i = 60^\circ$ and polarization of incident light is perpendicular to the plane of incidence
- (d) $T = 1$ if $\theta_i = 60^\circ$ and polarization of incident light is perpendicular to the plane of incidence

Topic- Electromagnetic Theory

Subtopic-EM Wave

Ans. 11: (b)

Solution: Brewster angle at interface is $\tan \theta_B = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \theta_B = \theta_i = 60^\circ, \theta_t = \frac{f}{2} = 60$

In case of parallel polarization or Transverse magnetic polarization

$$R = \left| \frac{n_2 \cos \theta_i - n_1 \cos \theta_t}{n_2 \cos \theta_i + n_1 \cos \theta_t} \right|^2 = 0, \quad R + T = 1 \Rightarrow T = 1$$

Q12. A material is placed in a magnetic field intensity H . As a result, bound current density J_b is induced and magnetization of the material is M . The magnetic flux density is B . Choose the correct option(s) valid at the surface of the material

- (a) $\nabla \cdot M = 0$
- (b) $\nabla \cdot B = 0$
- (c) $\nabla \cdot H = 0$
- (d) $\nabla \cdot J_b = 0$

Topic- Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- Magnetic field

Ans. : (b), (d)

Solution: (a) $B = \mu_0(H + M) \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot B = \mu_0(\nabla \cdot H + \nabla \cdot M) \Rightarrow 0 = \mu_0(\nabla \cdot H + \nabla \cdot M) \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot H = -\nabla \cdot M$

(b) $\nabla \cdot B = 0$ (By gauss magnetic law)

(c) $H = \nabla W_m \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot H = \nabla \cdot \nabla W_m \neq 0$

(d) $J = \nabla \times M \Rightarrow \nabla \cdot J_b = \nabla \cdot \nabla \times M = 0$

Q13. For a finite system of Fermions where the density of states increases with energy, the chemical potential

- (a) Decreases with temperature
- (b) Increases with temperature
- (c) Does not vary with temperature
- (d) Corresponds to the energy where the occupation probability is 0.5

Topic- Statistical mechanics

Subtopic- Fermi dirac distribution

Ans. : (a), (d)

Solution: For fermionic system the chemical potential is equal to the fermi energy. The probability function is written as

$$F(E) = \frac{1}{e^{(E-\mu)/k_B T} + 1} = \frac{1}{e^{(E-E_F)/k_B T} + 1}$$

At finite temperature the chemical potential and hence the fermi energy is written as

$$\mu = E_F = E_{F_0} \left[1 - \frac{1}{12} \left(\frac{k_B T}{E_{F_0}} \right)^2 \right]$$

With increasing temperature, the chemical potential decrease and from probability distribution function it is clear that is also corresponds to the energy where the occupation probability is 0.5. Thus correct options are (a) and (d).

Q14. Among the term symbols

$${}^4S_1, {}^2D_{7/2}, {}^3S_1 \text{ and } {}^2D_{5/2}$$

Choose the option(s) possible in the LS coupling notation

- (a) 4S_1 (b) ${}^2D_{7/2}$ (c) 3S_1 (d) ${}^2D_{5/2}$

Topic- Atomic physics

Subtopic- LS Coupling

Ans. : (c), (d)

Solution: (a) ${}^4S_1 \Rightarrow M = 2S + 1 = 4 \Rightarrow S = \frac{3}{2}, L = 0, J = \frac{3}{2}$

So, 4S_1 is not possible

(b) ${}^3D_{7/2} \Rightarrow M = 2S + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{2}, L = 2, J = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$

So, ${}^3D_{7/2}$ is not possible

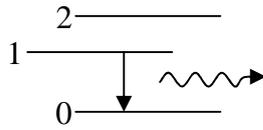
(c) ${}^3S_1 \Rightarrow M = 2S + 1 = 3 \Rightarrow S = 1, L = 0, J = 1$

so, 3S_1 is possible

(d) ${}^2D_{5/2} \Rightarrow M = 2S + 1 = 2 \Rightarrow S = \frac{1}{2}, L = 2, J = \frac{5}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$

so, ${}^2D_{5/2}$ is possible

Q15. To sustain lasing action in a three-level laser as shown in the figure, necessary condition (s) is (are)



- (a) Lifetime of the energy level 1 should be greater than that of energy level 2
- (b) Population of the particles in level 1 should be greater than that of level 0
- (c) Lifetime of the energy level 2 should be greater than that of energy level 0
- (d) Population of the particles in level 2 should be greater than that of level 1

Topic- Optics

Subtopic- Laser

Ans. : (a), (b)

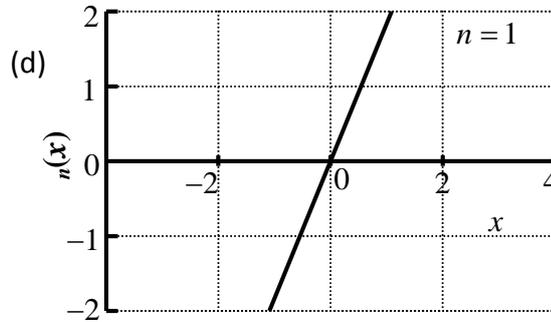
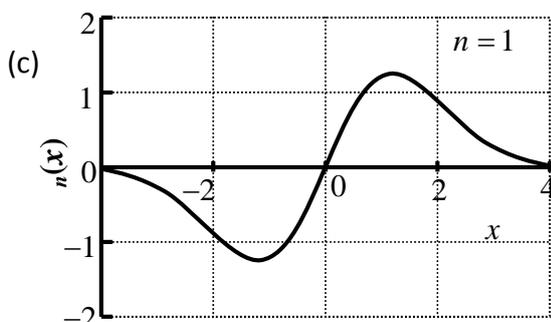
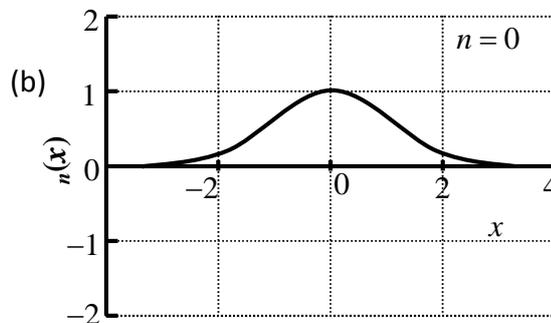
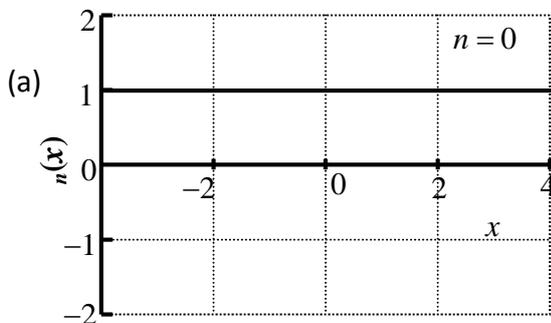
Solution: (a) Level one should be metastable state for lasing action.

(b) It is necessary for population inversion.

Q16. If $y_n(x)$ is a solution of the differential equation

$$y'' - 2xy' + 2ny = 0$$

where n is an integer and the prime (') denotes differentiation with respect to x , then acceptable plot(s) of $\Xi_n(x) = e^{-x^2/2} y_n(x)$, is(are)



Topic- Mathematical Physics

Subtopic- Special Functions

Ans. : (b), (c)

Solution: It's a Hermite Differential Equation

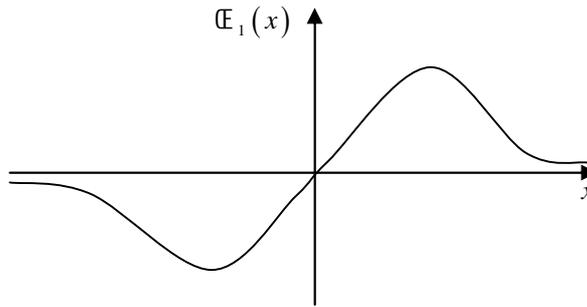
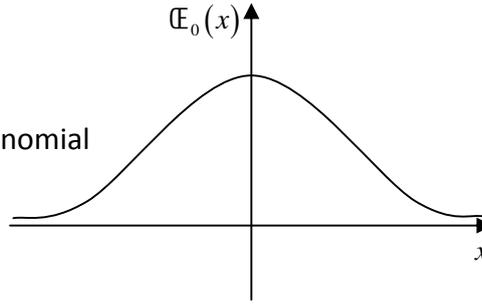
$$y'' - 2xy' + 2ny = 0, \quad y_n(x) \text{ is Hermite Polynomial}$$

$$H_0(x) = 1, \quad H_1(x) = 2x$$

$$\Psi_n(x) = e^{-x^2/2} y_n(x)$$

for $n = 0$: $\Psi_0(x) = e^{-x^2/2} (1) = e^{-x^2/2}$

For $n = 1$: $\Psi_1(x) = e^{-x^2/2} (2x) = 2xe^{-x^2/2}$



Q17-Q25 Numerical Answer Type (NAT), carry ONE mark each (no negative marks).

Q17. The donor concentration in a sample of n -type silicon is increased by a factor of 100. Assuming the sample to be non-degenerate, the shift in the Fermi level (in meV) at 300 K (rounded off to the nearest integer) is _____

(Given: $k_B T = 25 \text{ meV}$ at 300 K)

Topic-Solid state physics

Subtopic- Semiconductor physics

Ans. 17: 115.15

Solution: $E_C - E_F = kT \ln\left(\frac{N_c}{N_d}\right)$ and $E_C - E'_F = kT \ln\left(\frac{N_c}{100N_d}\right) = kT \ln\left(\frac{N_c}{N_d}\right) - kT \ln(100)$

Thus shift is $\Delta E = kT \ln(100) = 25 \ln(100) \text{ meV} = 115.15 \text{ meV}$

Q18. Two observers O and O' observe two events P and Q . The observers have a constant relative speed of $0.5c$. In the units, where the speed of light, c , is taken as unity, the observer O obtained the following coordinates:

Event P : $x = 5, \quad y = 3, \quad z = 5, \quad t = 3$

Event Q : $x = 5, \quad y = 1, \quad z = 3, \quad t = 5$

The length of the space-time interval between these two events, as measured by O' , is L . The value of $|L|$ (in integer) is _____

Topic- Classical Mechanics

Subtopic- STR

Ans. : 2

Solution: $|L| = \sqrt{(\Delta x)^2 + (\Delta y)^2 + (\Delta z)^2 - c^2 (\Delta t)^2} = \sqrt{0 + 2^2 + 2^2 - 1^2 \cdot 2^2} = 2$

Q19. A light source having its intensity peak at the wavelength 289.8nm which is calibrated as $10,000\text{K}$ which is the temperature of an equivalent black body radiation. Considering the same calibration, the temperature of light source (in K) having its intensity peak at the wavelength 579.6 nm (rounded off to the nearest integer) is _____.

Topic- Statistical Mechanics
Subtopic- Black body radiation

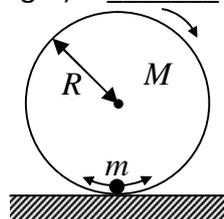
Ans. : 5000

Solution: By Wein's law: $\lambda_{\max} T = b$, b is known as Wein's constant.

$$\lambda_{\max 1} T_1 = \lambda_{\max 2} T_2$$

$$579.6 \times T = 289.8 \times 10000, \quad T = \frac{289.8 \times 10000}{579.6} = 5000\text{K}$$

Q20. A hoop of mass M and radius R rolls without slipping along a straight line on a horizontal surface as shown in the figure. A point mass m slides without friction along the inner surface of the hoop, performing small oscillations about the mean position. The number of degrees of freedom of the system (in integer) is _____.



Topic- Classical Mechanics
Subtopic- Degree of freedom

Ans. : 2

Solution: Two independent motion one is pure rotation and other is pure translation in one dimension. So degrees of freedom is two.

Q21. Three non-interacting bosonic particles of mass m each, are in a one-dimensional infinite potential well of width a . The energy of the third excited state of the system is $x \times \frac{\hbar^2 f^2}{ma^2}$. The value of x (in integer) is _____.

Topic- Quantum mechanics
Subtopic- Identical Particles

Ans. : 6

Solution: Ground state is $\frac{3\hbar^2 f^2}{2ma^2}$ first excited state is $2 \times \frac{\hbar^2 f^2}{2ma^2} + 1 \times \frac{4\hbar^2 f^2}{2ma^2} = \frac{3f^2 \hbar^2}{ma^2}$

Second excited state is $1 \times \frac{\hbar^2 f^2}{2ma^2} + 2 \times \frac{4\hbar^2 f^2}{2ma^2} = \frac{9f^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2}$

Third excited state is $3 \times \frac{4\hbar^2 f^2}{2ma^2} = \frac{12f^2 \hbar^2}{2ma^2} = 6 \frac{\hbar^2 f^2}{ma^2}$

Q22. The spacing between two consecutive S -branch lines of the rotational Raman spectra of hydrogen gas is 243.2 cm^{-1} . After excitation with a laser of wavelength 514.5 nm , the Stoke's line appeared at 17611.4 cm^{-1} for a particular energy level. The wavenumber (rounded off to the nearest integer), in cm^{-1} , at which Stoke's line will appear for the next higher energy level is _____.

Topic- Molecular physics

Subtopic- Raman spectra

Ans. : 17368.2

Solution: The spacing between two consecutive S -branch lines of the rotational Raman spectra

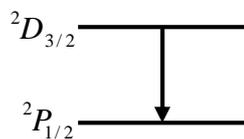
$$4B = 243.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

The wavenumber of a stoke's line for a particular energy level = 17611.4 cm^{-1} .

The wavenumber of the stoke's line for the next higher energy level

$$= 17611.4 - 4B = 17611.4 - 243.2 = 17368.2 \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

Q23. The transition line, as shown in the figure, arises between ${}^2D_{3/2}$ and ${}^2P_{1/2}$ states without any external magnetic field. The number of lines that will appear in the presence of a weak magnetic field (in integer) is _____.



Topic- Atomic physics

Subtopic- Anomalous zeeman effect

Ans. : 6

Solution: in the presence of a weak magnetic field : Anomalous zeeman effect

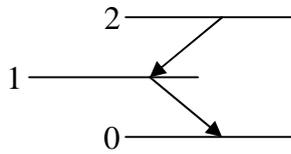
$$E = (gm_j)(\sim_B B)$$

$${}^2D_{3/2} : J = \frac{3}{2} : m_j = -\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$$

$${}^2P_{1/2} : J = \frac{1}{2} : m_j = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$$

Selection rule: $\Delta m_j = 0, \pm 1$

- Q24. Consider the atomic system as shown in the figure, where the Einstein A coefficients for spontaneous emission for the levels are $A_{2 \rightarrow 1} = 2 \times 10^7 s^{-1}$ and $A_{1 \rightarrow 0} = 10^8 s^{-1}$. If 10^{14} atoms/ cm^3 are excited from level 0 to level 2 and a steady state population in level 2 is achieved, then the steady state population at level 1 will be $x \times 10^{13} cm^{-3}$. The value of x (in integer) is _____



Topic- Optics

Subtopic- Laser

Ans. : 2

Solution: $N_2 = 10^{14} \text{ atoms} / \text{cm}^3$; $\frac{dN_1}{dt} = \frac{N_2}{\tau_2} - \frac{N_1}{\tau_1} = A_{21}N_2 - A_{10}N_1$

In steady state $\frac{dN_1}{dt} = 0$

$$N_1 = \frac{1}{A_{10}} A_{21} N_2 = \frac{10^{14}}{10^8} \times 2 \times 10^7 = 2 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

- Q25. If \vec{a} and \vec{b} are constant vectors, \vec{r} and \vec{p} are generalized positions and conjugate momenta, respectively, then for the transformation $Q = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{p}$ and $P = \vec{b} \cdot \vec{r}$ to be canonical, the value of $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$ (in integer) is _____.

Topic- Classical mechanics

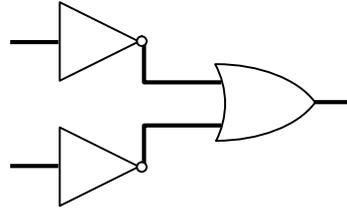
Subtopic- Canonical transformation

Ans. : -1

Solution: $[Q, P] = 1 = [\vec{a} \cdot \vec{p}, \vec{b} \cdot \vec{r}] = 1 \Rightarrow -\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 1 \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = -1$

Q26-Q41 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ), carry Two marks each (for each wrong answer: -2/3)

Q26.



The above combination of logic gates represents the operation

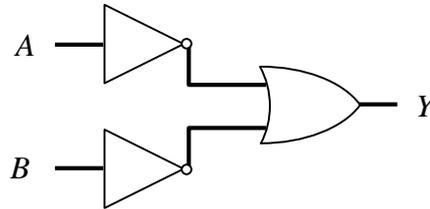
- (a) OR (b) NAND (c) AND (d) NOR

Topic- Electronics

Subtopic- Logic gates

Ans. 26: (b)

Solution: $Y = \overline{A} + \overline{B} = \overline{AB}$



Q27. In a semiconductor, the ratio of the effective mass of hole to electron is 2:11 and the ratio of average relaxation time for hole to electron is 1:2. The ratio of the mobility of the hole to electron is

- (a) 4:9 (b) 4:11 (c) 9:4 (d) 11:4

Topic- Solid state physics

Subtopic- Semiconductor physics

Ans. 27: (d)

Solution: $\mu_h \equiv \frac{e\tau_h}{m_h^*}$ and $\mu_e \equiv \frac{e\tau_e}{m_e^*}$.

$$\text{Thus } \frac{\mu_h}{\mu_e} \equiv \frac{m_e^* \tau_h}{\tau_e m_h^*} = \frac{11}{4}$$

Q28. Consider a spin $S = \hbar/2$ particle in the state $|w\rangle = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2+i \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$. The probability that a measurement finds the state with $S_x = +\hbar/2$ is

- (a) 5/18 (b) 11/18 (c) 15/18 (d) 17/18

Topic- Quantum mechanics

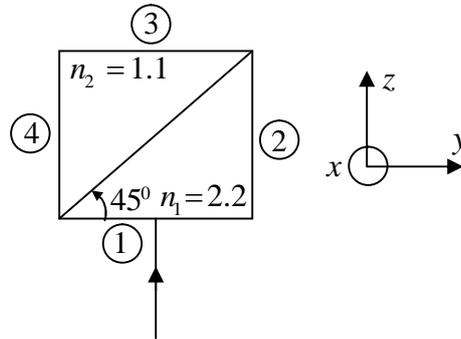
Subtopic- Spin

Ans. : (d)

Solution: $S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ the eigen state corresponds to eigen value $S_x = +\hbar/2$ is $|u_1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$P(\hbar/2) = \frac{|\langle u_1 | W \rangle|^2}{\langle W | W \rangle} = \frac{\left| \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (4+i) \right|^2}{1} = \frac{17}{18}$$

Q29. An electromagnetic wave having electric field $E = 8 \cos(kz - \check{S}t) \hat{y} V \text{ cm}^{-1}$ is incident at 90° (normal incidence) on a square slab from vacuum (with refractive index $n_0 = 1.0$) as shown in the figure. The slab is composed of two different materials with refractive indices n_1 and n_2 . Assume that the permeability of each medium is the same. After passing through the slab for the first time, the electric field amplitude, in $V \text{ cm}^{-1}$, of the electromagnetic wave, which emerges from the slab in region 2, is closest to



(a) $\frac{11}{1.6}$

(b) $\frac{11}{3.2}$

(c) $\frac{11}{25.6}$

(d) $\frac{11}{13.8}$

Topic- Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- EM Wave

Ans. 29: (a)

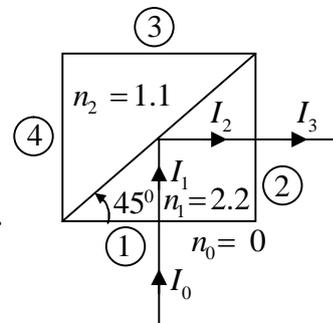
Solution: Critical angle at the interface of two slab is

$$\sin \theta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1} = \frac{1.1}{2.2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \theta_c = 30^\circ$$

Since incident angle at the interface is $\theta_i = 45^\circ > \theta_c = 30^\circ$, so there is total internal reflection at interface. Thus $I_2 = I_1$.

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{2} c \nu_0 E_0^2 \Rightarrow I_0 = \frac{1}{2} c \nu_0 (8)^2 = 32 c \nu_0 V / \text{cm}$$

At interface 1; $R_1 = \left(\frac{n_0 - n_1}{n_0 + n_1} \right)^2$



$$\Rightarrow R_1 = \left(\frac{1-2.2}{1+2.2} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{1.2}{3.2} \right)^2 = \frac{9}{64} \Rightarrow T_1 = 1 - R_1 = 1 - \frac{9}{64} = \frac{55}{64} \Rightarrow I_1 = T_1 I_0 = \frac{55}{64} I_0 = I_2$$

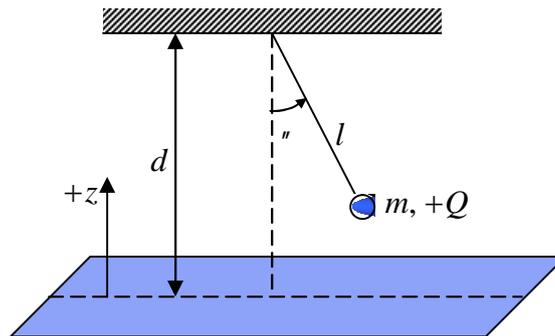
At interface 2; $R_2 = \left(\frac{n_1 - n_0}{n_1 + n_0} \right)^2$

$$\Rightarrow R_2 = \left(\frac{2.2-1}{2.2+1} \right)^2 = \frac{9}{64} \Rightarrow T_2 = 1 - R_2 = 1 - \frac{9}{64} = \frac{55}{64} \Rightarrow I_3 = T_2 I_2 = \frac{55}{64} I_2 = \frac{55}{64} \times \frac{55}{64} I_0$$

$$I_3 = \frac{1}{2} c v_0 E_{03}^2 \Rightarrow \frac{55}{64} \times \frac{55}{64} I_0 = \frac{1}{2} c v_0 E_{03}^2 \Rightarrow \frac{55}{64} \times \frac{55}{64} \times 32 c v_0 = \frac{1}{2} c v_0 E_{03}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{03} = \frac{55}{64} \times 8 \Rightarrow E_{03} = \frac{11}{1.6}$$

- Q30. Consider a point charge $+Q$ of mass m suspended by a massless, inextensible string of length l in free space (permittivity v_0) as shown in the figure. It is placed at a height d ($d > l$) over an infinitely large, grounded conducting plane. The gravitational potential energy is assumed to be zero at the position of the conducting plane and is positive above the plane.



if θ represents the angular position and p_θ its corresponding canonical momentum, then the correct Hamiltonian of the system is

(a) $\frac{p_\theta^2}{2ml^2} - \frac{Q^2}{16fv_0(d-l\cos\theta)} - mg(d-l\cos\theta)$

(b) $\frac{p_\theta^2}{2ml^2} - \frac{Q^2}{8fv_0(d-l\cos\theta)} + mg(d-l\cos\theta)$

(c) $\frac{p_\theta^2}{2ml^2} - \frac{Q^2}{8fv_0(d-l\cos\theta)} - mg(d-l\cos\theta)$

(d) $\frac{p_\theta^2}{2ml^2} - \frac{Q^2}{16fv_0(d-l\cos\theta)} + mg(d-l\cos\theta)$

Topic- Classical Mechanics

Subtopic- Hamiltonian

Ans. : (d)

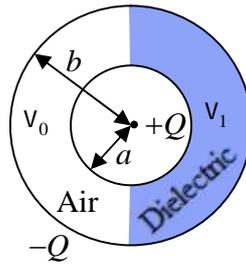
Solution: Potential energy due to gravitation $mg(d - l \cos \theta)$

Potential energy due to conducting plate is $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{-Q^2}{4(d - l \cos \theta)}$ (we can use a concept of image problem)

Kinetic energy is $\frac{p_r^2}{2ml^2}$.

So Hamiltonian is $H = \frac{p_r^2}{2ml^2} - \frac{Q^2}{16\pi\epsilon_0(d - l \cos \theta)} + mg(d - l \cos \theta)$

Q31. Consider two concentric conducting spherical shells as shown in the figure. The inner shell has a radius a and carries a charge $+Q$. The outer shell has a radius b and carries a charge $-Q$. The empty space between them is half-filled by a hemispherical shell of a dielectric having permittivity ϵ_1 . The remaining space between the shells is filled with air having the permittivity ϵ_0 .



The electric field at a radial distance r from the center and between the shells ($a < r < b$) is

- (a) $\frac{Q}{2\pi(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_1)r^2} \hat{r}$ everywhere
- (b) $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$ on the air side and $\frac{Q}{4\pi\epsilon_1 r^2} \hat{r}$ on the dielectric side
- (c) $\frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_0 r^2} \hat{r}$ on the air side and $\frac{Q}{2\pi\epsilon_1 r^2} \hat{r}$ on the dielectric side
- (d) $\frac{Q}{4\pi(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_1)r^2} \hat{r}$ everywhere

Topic- Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- Gauss theorem

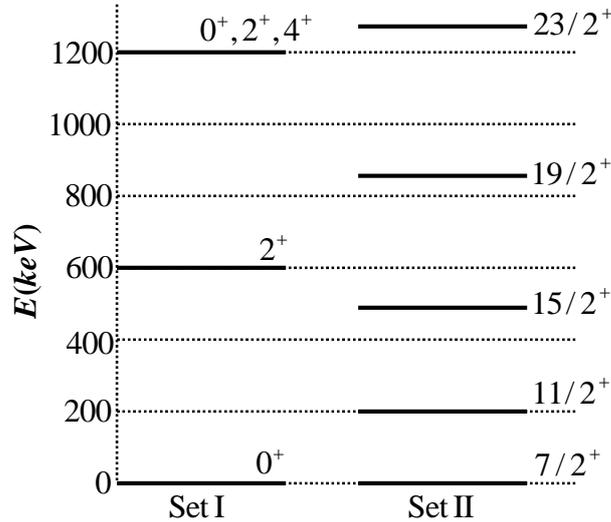
Ans. : (a)

Solution: From Gauss Law: $\oint_S \vec{D} \cdot d\vec{a} = Q_{enc}$

Let us find the electric field at a radial distance r from the center and between the shells ($a < r < b$). Draw a Gaussian sphere of radius r , then

$$v_0 E \times \frac{4f r^2}{2} + v_1 E \times \frac{4f r^2}{2} = Q \Rightarrow \vec{E} = \frac{Q}{2f(v_0 + v_1)r^2} \hat{r}$$

Q32.



For the given sets of energy levels of nuclei X and Y whose mass numbers are odd and even, respectively, choose the best suited interpretation

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) Set I: Rotational band of X | (b) Set I: Rotational band of Y |
| Set II: Vibrational band of Y | Set II: Vibrational band of X |
| (c) Set I: Vibrational band of X | (d) Set I: Vibrational band of Y |
| Set II: Rotational band of Y | Set II: Rotational band of X |

Topic- Molecular physics

Subtopic- Rotational and vibrational spectra

Ans. : (d)

Solution: Out of these two is rotational band and other is vibrational band I . For even-even nuclei, the ground state is always 0^+ and first excited state is 2^+ for vibrational and rotational bands. However, in case of vibrational band, next excited states are $0^+, 2^+, 4^+$. So, set I represents vibrational band of even Y nuclei.

Q33. Consider a system of three distinguishable particles, each having spin $S = 1/2$ such that $S_z = \pm 1/2$ with corresponding magnetic moments $\mu_z = \pm \mu_B$. When the system is placed in an external magnetic field H pointing along the z -axis, the total energy of the system is $\mu_B H$. Let x be the state where the first spin has $S_z = 1/2$. The probability of having the state x and the mean magnetic moment (in the $+z$ direction) of the system in state x are

- (a) $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{3} \mu_B$ (b) $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \mu_B$ (c) $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{-2}{3} \mu_B$ (d) $\frac{2}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \mu_B$

Topic-Statistical Mechanics

Subtopic- Canonical Transformation

Ans.: (a)

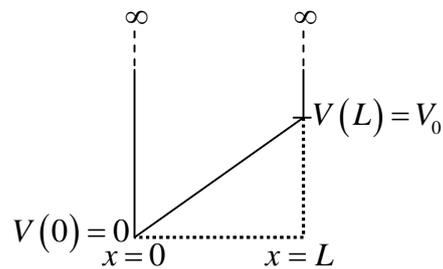
Solution:

State index r	Quantum Numbers m_1, m_2, m_3	Total magnetic moment	Total Energy
1	+++	$3\mu_B$	$-3\mu_B H$
2	++-	μ_B	$-\mu_B H$
3	+ - +	μ_B	$-\mu_B H$
4	- ++	μ_B	$-\mu_B H$
5	+ --	$-\mu_B$	$\mu_B H$
6	- + -	$-\mu_B$	$\mu_B H$
7	-- +	$-\mu_B$	$\mu_B H$
8	---	$-3\mu_B$	$3\mu_B H$

Accessible states 5,6,7. State 5 is the x state. The probability of having the state x and the mean magnetic moment (in the $+z$ direction) of the system in state x are $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{-1}{3} \mu_B$.

Q34. Consider a particle in a one-dimensional infinite potential well with its walls at $x=0$ and $x=L$.

The system is perturbed as shown in the figure.



The first order correction to the energy eigenvalue is

- (a) $\frac{V_0}{4}$ (b) $\frac{V_0}{3}$ (c) $\frac{V_0}{2}$ (d) $\frac{V_0}{5}$

Topic-Quantum mechanics

Subtopic- Perturbation

Ans. : (c)

Solution: $E_n^1 = \int_0^L V_0 \frac{2}{L} \sin^2 \frac{n\pi x}{L} dx = \frac{V_0}{2}$

Q35. Consider a state described by $\Psi(x,t) = \Psi_2(x,t) + \Psi_4(x,t)$, where $\Psi_2(x,t)$ and $\Psi_4(x,t)$ are respectively the second and fourth normalized harmonic oscillator wave functions and ω is the angular frequency of the harmonic oscillator. The wave function $\Psi(x,t=0)$ will be orthogonal to $\Psi(x,t)$ at time t equal to

- (a) $\frac{f}{2\omega}$ (b) $\frac{f}{\omega}$ (c) $\frac{f}{4\omega}$ (d) $\frac{f}{6\omega}$

Topic- Quantum mechanics

Subtopic-Postulates

Ans. : (a)

Solution: $t = \frac{\hbar}{E_4 - E_2} \cos^{-1} \left(-\frac{|c_4|^2}{|c_2|^2} \right) = \frac{\hbar}{2\hbar\omega} \cos^{-1}(-1) = \frac{f}{2\omega}$

Q36. Consider a single one-dimensional harmonic oscillator of angular frequency ω , in equilibrium at temperature $T = (k_B \omega)^{-1}$. The states of the harmonic oscillator are all non-degenerate having energy $E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$ with equal probability, where n is the quantum number. The Helmholtz free energy of the oscillator is

- (a) $\frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \omega^{-1} \ln[1 - \exp(-\omega \hbar \omega)]$ (b) $\frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \omega^{-1} \ln[1 - \exp(-\omega \hbar \omega)]$
 (c) $\frac{\hbar \omega}{2} + \omega^{-1} \ln[1 + \exp(-\omega \hbar \omega)]$ (d) $\omega^{-1} \ln[1 - \exp(-\omega \hbar \omega)]$

Topic- Statistical Mechanics
Subtopic- Canonical Transformation

Ans. : (b)

Solution: For 1D Harmonic Oscillator $E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \hbar \omega$

$$\frac{5\hbar\omega}{2} \quad \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

$$\frac{3\hbar\omega}{2} \quad \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

$$\frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \quad \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

$$Z = e^{-s \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}} + e^{-s \frac{3\hbar\omega}{2}} + e^{-s \frac{5\hbar\omega}{2}} + \dots \Rightarrow Z = \frac{e^{-s \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}}}{1 - e^{-s\hbar\omega}}$$

Helmholtz free energy

$$F = -k_B T \ln Z \Rightarrow F = -k_B T \ln \left(\frac{e^{-\frac{s\hbar\omega}{2}}}{1 - e^{-s\hbar\omega}} \right) \Rightarrow F = -k_B T \left[\ln e^{-\frac{s\hbar\omega}{2}} - \ln(1 - e^{-s\hbar\omega}) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow F = (k_B T) \frac{\hbar\omega}{2(k_B T)} + k_B T \ln(1 - e^{-s\hbar\omega}) = \left[\frac{\hbar\omega}{2} + \ln(1 - e^{-s\hbar\omega}) \right]$$

Q37. A system of two atoms can be in three quantum states having energies $0, \epsilon$ and 2ϵ . The system is in equilibrium at temperature $T = (k_B S)^{-1}$. Match the following Statistics with the Partition function.

Statistics	Partition function
CD: Classical (distinguishable particles)	Z1: $e^{-S\epsilon} + e^{-2S\epsilon} + e^{-3S\epsilon}$
CI: Classical (indistinguishable particles)	Z2: $1 + e^{-S\epsilon} + 2e^{-2S\epsilon} + e^{-3S\epsilon} + e^{-4S\epsilon}$
FD: Fermi-Dirac	Z3: $1 + 2e^{-S\epsilon} + 3e^{-2S\epsilon} + 2e^{-3S\epsilon} + e^{-4S\epsilon}$
BE: Bose-Einstein	Z4: $\frac{1}{2} + e^{-S\epsilon} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-2S\epsilon} + e^{-3S\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-4S\epsilon}$

(a) CD: Z1, CI: Z2, FD: Z3, BE: Z4

(b) CD: Z2, CI: Z3, FD: Z4, BE: Z1

(c) CD: Z3, CI: Z4, FD: Z1, BE: Z2

(d) CD: Z4, CI: Z1, FD: Z2, BE: Z3

Topic- Statistical Mechanics

Subtopic- Partition Function

Ans. : (c)

Solution: Two particles, Quantum states $0, \nu, 2\nu$

CD: Classical distinguishable (A, B)

2ν		AB			B	A	B	A
	AB		B	A			A	B
			A	B	A	B		
0	AB							

$$Z = 1 + e^{-S2\nu} + e^{-S4\nu} + 2e^{-S\nu} + 2e^{-S2\nu} + 2e^{-S3\nu}$$

$$Z \Rightarrow 1 + 2e^{-S\nu} + 3e^{-S2\nu} + 2e^{-S3\nu} + e^{-S4\nu}$$

$$CD = Z3$$

CI : Classical Indistinguishable Particles

$$Z = \frac{(Z3)}{2!} = \frac{1}{2} + e^{-S\nu} + \frac{3}{2}e^{-S2\nu} + e^{-S3\nu} + \frac{1}{2}e^{-S4\nu}$$

$$CI = Z4$$

FD : Fermi Dirac, means they follow Pauli exclusive principle

2v		A		A
v		A		
O				A

$$Z = e^{-Sv} + e^{-S2v} + e^{-S3v}$$

FD: Z1

BE: Bose – Einstein (AA)

$$Z = 1 + e^{-S2v} + e^{-S4v} + e^{-Sv} + e^{-S2v} + e^{-S3v}$$

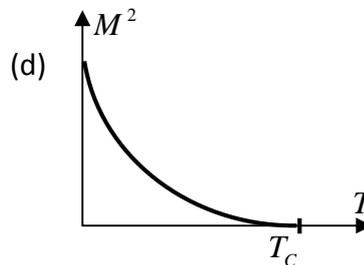
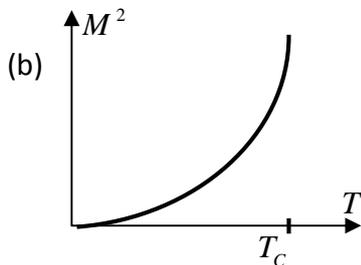
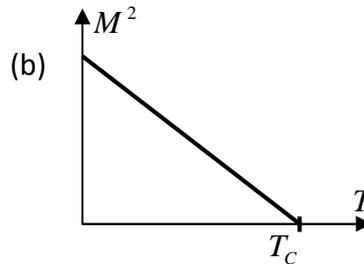
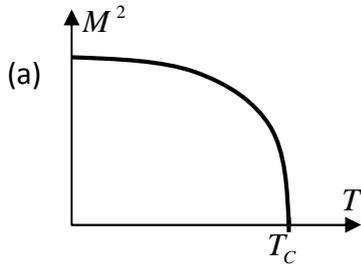
$$Z = 1 + e^{-Sv} + e^{-S2v} + e^{-S3v} + e^{-S4v}$$

$$BE = Z2$$

[CD: Z3, CI: Z4; FD: Z1, BE: Z2]

2v		AA		A		A
v		AA		A		A
O		AA		A		A

Q38. The free energy of a ferromagnet is given by $F = F_0 + a_0(T - T_C)M^2 + bM^4$, where F_0, a_0 , and b are positive constants, M is the magnetization, T is the temperature, and T_C is the Curie temperature. The relation between M^2 and T is best depicted by



Topic- Solid state physics
Subtopic- Magnetism

Ans. : (b)

Solution: $\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 0 + 2a_0(T - T_C)M + 4bM^3$

Minimising free energy of ferromagnet occurs when $\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial M} = 0 + 2a_0(T - T_c)M + 4bM^3 = 0$$

$$(2a_0(T - T_c) + 4bM^2)M = 0$$

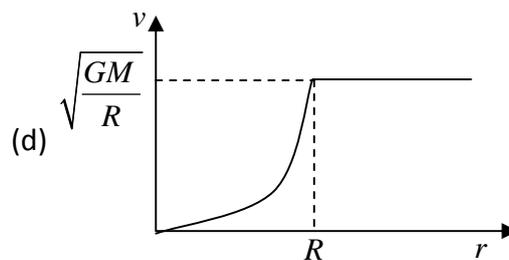
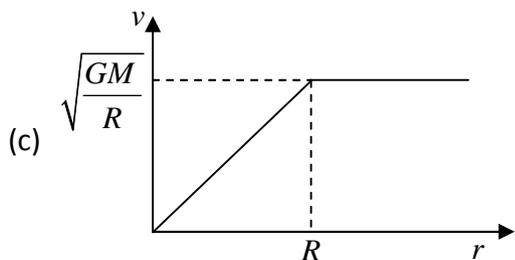
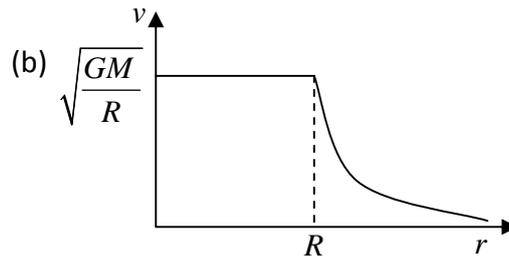
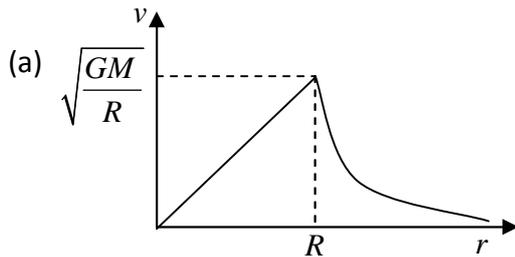
Since M can not be zero therefore, first part must be zero

$$2a_0(T - T_c) + 4bM^2 = 0$$

$$M^2 = \frac{-2a_0(T - T_c)}{4b} = \frac{2a_0T_c}{4b} - \frac{2a_0T}{4b}$$

Thus graph (b) correctly represent the variation of M^2 vs temperature.

Q39. Consider a spherical galaxy of total mass M and radius R , having a uniform matter distribution. In this idealized situation, the orbital speed v of a star of mass m ($m \ll M$) as a function of the distance r from the galactic centre is best described by (G is the universal gravitational constant)



Topic- Classical mechanics

Subtopic- central motion

Ans. 39: (a)

Solution: Gravitational field of galaxy can be given by

$$E(r) = \begin{cases} \frac{GM}{R^3} r, & r < R \\ \frac{GM}{r^2}, & r > R \end{cases}$$

For $r < R$; $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{R^3}r \Rightarrow v \propto r$

For $r > R$; $\frac{mv^2}{r} = \frac{GMm}{r^2} \Rightarrow v \propto \frac{1}{r}$

Q40. Consider the potential $U(r)$ defined as

$$U(r) = -U_0 \frac{e^{-\gamma r}}{r}$$

where γ and U_0 are real constants of appropriate dimensions. According to the first Born approximation, the elastic scattering amplitude calculated with $U(r)$ for a (wave-vector) momentum transfer q and $\gamma \rightarrow 0$, is proportional to

(Useful integral: $\int_0^\infty \sin(qr) e^{\gamma r} dr = \frac{q}{r^2 + q^2}$)

- (a) q^{-2} (b) q^{-1} (c) q (d) q^2

Topic- Quantum mechanics

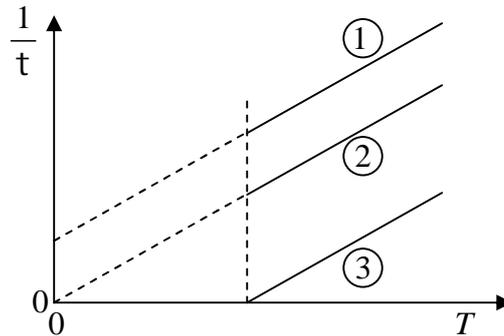
Subtopic- Scattering

Ans. : (a)

Solution: Scattering amplitude is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f(\theta) &\approx \frac{-2m}{\hbar^2 q} \int_0^\infty r V(r) \sin(qr) dr = \frac{-2m}{\hbar^2 q} \int_0^\infty r \left(-U_0 \frac{e^{-\gamma r}}{r} \right) \sin(qr) dr \\ &= \frac{2U_0 m}{\hbar^2 q} \int_0^\infty e^{-\gamma r} \sin(qr) dr = \frac{2U_0 m}{2i\hbar^2 q} \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-\gamma r} e^{iqr} dr - \int_0^\infty e^{-\gamma r} e^{-iqr} dr \right) \\ &= \frac{U_0 m}{i\hbar^2 q} \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-r(\gamma - iq)} dr - \int_0^\infty e^{-r(\gamma + iq)} dr \right) \\ f(\theta) &= \frac{U_0 m}{i\hbar^2 q} \left(\int_0^\infty e^{-r(\gamma - iq)} dr - \int_0^\infty e^{-r(\gamma + iq)} dr \right) = \frac{U_0 m}{i\hbar^2 q} \left(\frac{1}{\gamma - iq} - \frac{1}{\gamma + iq} \right) \\ &= \frac{U_0 m}{i\hbar^2 q} \left(\frac{\gamma + iq - \gamma + iq}{\gamma^2 + q^2} \right) = \frac{2mU_0}{\hbar^2 (\gamma^2 + q^2)} \\ f(\theta) &= \frac{2mU_0}{\hbar^2 (\gamma^2 + q^2)} \Rightarrow \gamma \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow f(\theta) \propto \frac{1}{q^2} \end{aligned}$$

Q41. As shown in the figure, inverse magnetic susceptibility ($1/\chi$) is plotted as a function of temperature (T) for three different materials in paramagnetic states.



(Curie temperature of ferromagnetic material = T_C)

(Neel temperature of antiferromagnetic material = T_N)

Choose the correct statement from the following

- (a) Material 1 is paramagnetic, 2 is antiferromagnetic ($T < T_N$), and 3 is ferromagnetic ($T < T_C$)
- (b) Material 1 is antiferromagnetic ($T < T_N$), 2 is paramagnetic, and 3 is ferromagnetic ($T < T_C$)
- (c) Material 1 is ferromagnetic ($T < T_C$), 2 is antiferromagnetic ($T < T_N$), and 3 is paramagnetic
- (d) Material 1 is ferromagnetic ($T < T_C$), 2 is paramagnetic, and 3 is antiferromagnetic ($T < T_N$)

Topic- Solid state physics

Subtopic- Magnetism

Ans. : (b)

Solution: The magnetic susceptibility for various material is written as

1. For paramagnetic: $\chi = \frac{C}{T} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T}{C}$, thus graph 2 is for paramagnetic materials

2. For Ferromagnetic: $\chi = \frac{C}{T - T_C} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T - T_C}{C}$, thus graph 3 is for ferromagnetic material.

3. For antiferromagnetic: $\chi = \frac{C}{T + T_N} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\chi} = \frac{T + T_N}{C}$, thus the graph 1 is for antiferromagnetic material.

The correct option is (b)

Q42-Q46 Multiple Select Question (MSQ), carry TWO mark each (no negative marks).

Q42. A function $f(t)$ is defined only for $t \geq 0$. The Laplace transform of $f(t)$ is

$$L(f; s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} f(t) dt$$

whereas the Fourier transform of $f(t)$ is

$$\tilde{f}(\check{S}) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\check{S}t} dt$$

The correct statement(s) is(are)

- (a) The variable s is always real.
- (b) The variable s can be complex.
- (c) $L(f; s)$ and $\tilde{f}(\check{S})$ can never be made connected.
- (d) $L(f; s)$ and $\tilde{f}(\check{S})$ can be made connected

Topic- Mathematical Physics

Subtopic- Laplace and fourier transform

Ans. : (b), (d)

Solution: $h(s) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-st} dt$, where s is a complex number, can be complex or real.

$$f(\check{S}) = \int_0^{\infty} f(t) e^{-i\check{S}t} dt \quad (\text{for } t \geq 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } s = j\check{S}, \text{ then } h(s) = \tilde{f}(\check{S})$$

So, $L(f, s)$ and $\tilde{f}(\check{S})$ can be related.

Q43. P and Q are two Hermitian matrices and there exists a matrix R , which diagonalizes both of them, such that $RPR^{-1} = S_1$ and $RQR^{-1} = S_2$, where S_1 and S_2 are diagonal matrices. The correct statement(s) is (are)

- (a) All the elements of both matrices S_1 and S_2 are real
- (b) The matrix PQ can have complex eigenvalues.
- (c) The matrix QP can have complex eigenvalues.
- (d) The matrices P and Q commute

Topic- Mathematical Physics

Subtopic- Matrix

Ans. : (a), (d)

Solution: $P^+ = P, \quad Q^+ = Q$

$$S_1 = RPR^{-1}, \quad S_2 = RQR^{-1}$$

S_1, S_2 are diagonal matrices of P and Q

As P and Q are Hermitian matrices, their eigenvalues are always Real. Hence their diagonal matrix will only have Real elements.

$\Rightarrow S_1, S_2$ All elements of S_1, S_2 are real.

$\Rightarrow P$ and Q are Simultaneously diagonal, they both commute

$$P = R^{-1}S_1R, \quad Q = R^{-1}S_2R$$

$$PQ = R^{-1}S_1RR^{-1}S_2R = R^{-1}S_1S_2R \quad \text{as } S_1S_2 = S_2S_1$$

$$QP = R^{-1}S_2RR^{-1}S_1R = R^{-1}S_2S_1R \quad \text{because diagonal matrices commute}$$

$$PQ = QP \Rightarrow [PQ] = 0$$

P and Q commute.

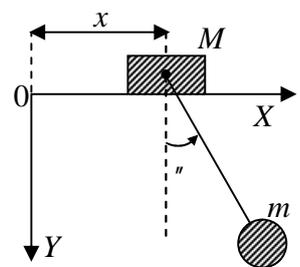
$$\Rightarrow \text{As } PQ = R^{-1}S_1S_2R, \quad QP = R^{-1}S_2S_1R$$

S_1S_2, S_2S_1 are diagonal matrix of PQ, QP

$\Rightarrow S_1S_2$ have real elements then S_1S_2 and S_2S_1 also have real elements.

Hence PQ and QP have Real eigenvalues NOT complex.

Q44. A uniform block of mass M slides on a smooth horizontal bar. Another mass m is connected to it by an inextensible string of length l of negligible mass, and is constrained to oscillate in the X - Y plane only. Neglect the sizes of the masses. The number of degrees of freedom of the system is two and the generalized coordinates are chosen as x and θ , as shown in the figure.



If p_x and p_θ are the generalized momenta corresponding to x and θ , respectively, then the correct option(s) is (are)

- | | |
|--|--|
| (a) $p_x = (m + M)\dot{x} + ml \cos \theta \dot{\theta}$ | (b) $p_\theta = ml^2 \ddot{\theta} - ml \cos \theta \dot{x}$ |
| (c) p_x is conserved | (d) p_θ is conserved |

Topic- Classical mechanics

Subtopic- Lagrangian

Ans. : (a), (c)

Ans. : (a), (b)

Solution: $L'(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t) = L(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t) + \frac{d}{dt} g(q_i, t) = L(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{dg}{dt}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L'}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{q}} &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial q} \dot{q} \right)}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial q} \dot{q} \right)}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{\partial \frac{dg}{dt}}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial \frac{dg}{dt}}{\partial \dot{q}} \\ &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial q^2} \dot{q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial g}{\partial q} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial q \partial t} - \frac{d}{dt} 0 \\ &= \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial q} \dot{q} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial^2 q} \dot{q} + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial t \partial q} \right) + \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial q \partial t} = \frac{\partial L}{\partial q} - \frac{d}{dt} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} \end{aligned}$$

Which is equivalent to Euler Lagrange's equation.

$$L'(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t) = L(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t) + \frac{d}{dt} g(q_i, t) = L(q_i, \dot{q}_i, t) + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i} \dot{q}_i + \frac{dg}{dt}$$

$$p'_i = \left(\frac{\partial L'}{\partial \dot{q}} \right) \Rightarrow \frac{\partial L}{\partial \dot{q}} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i} = p_i + \frac{\partial g}{\partial q_i}$$

Q47-Q55 Numerical Answer Type (NAT), carry TWO mark each (no negative marks).

Q47. A linear charged particle accelerator is driven by an alternating voltage source operating at 10 MHz. Assume that it is used to accelerate electrons. After a few drift-tubes, the electrons attain a velocity $2.9 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$. The minimum length of each drift-tube, in m, to accelerate the electrons further (rounded off to one decimal place) is _____.

Topic-Solid state physics

Subtopic- Semiconductor physics

Ans. : 14.0 to 15.0

Solution: The length of the drift tube should be

$$L = \frac{\lambda}{2} = \frac{v}{2c} = \frac{v}{2f} = \frac{2.9 \times 10^8}{2 \times 10 \times 10^6} = 14.5 \text{ m}$$

Q48. The Coulomb energy component in the binding energy of a nucleus is 18.432 MeV. If the radius of the uniform and spherical charge distribution in the nucleus is 3 fm, the corresponding atomic number (rounded off to the nearest integer) is _____

(Given: $\frac{e^2}{4f \epsilon_0} = 1.44 \text{ MeV fm}$)

Topic- Nuclear Physics

Subtopic- Coulomb energy

Ans. : 8

Solution: $E_c = \frac{e^2}{4fV_0} \frac{3Z^2}{5R} \Rightarrow 18 \cdot 432 = 1.44 \frac{3Z^2}{5 \times 3} \Rightarrow Z = \sqrt{\frac{18.432 \times 5}{1.44}} = 8$

Q49. For a two-nucleon system in spin singlet state, the spin is represented through the Pauli matrices \uparrow_1, \uparrow_2 for particles 1 and 2, respectively. The value of $(\uparrow_1 \cdot \uparrow_2)$ (in integer) is _____

Topic- Quantum mechanics

Subtopic- Pauli spin matrices

Ans. : -3

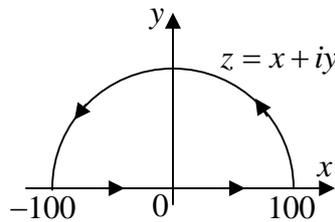
Solution: $\uparrow_1 \cdot \uparrow_2 = \frac{|\uparrow|^2 - |\uparrow_1|^2 - |\uparrow_2|^2}{2}$

For singlet state $\uparrow = 0, |\uparrow_1|^2 = 3, |\uparrow_2|^2 = 3 \Rightarrow \uparrow_1 \cdot \uparrow_2 = \frac{0 - 3 - 3}{2} = -3$

Q50. A contour integral is defined as

$$I_n = \oint_C \frac{dz}{(z-n)^2 + f^2}$$

where n is a positive integer and C is the closed contour, as shown in the figure, consisting of the line from -100 to 100 and the semicircle traversed in the counter-clockwise sense.



The value of $\sum_{n=1}^5 I_n$ (in integer) is _____

Topic- Mathematical Physics

Subtopic- Complex analysis

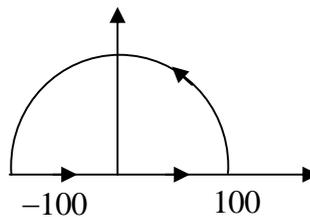
Ans.: 5

Solution: $I_n = \oint \frac{dz}{(z-n)^2 + f^2}$

$$I_n = \oint \frac{dz}{(z-n+if)(z-n-if)}$$

Poles $z = n - if, n + if$

$z = n - if$ is NOT allowed outside the contour.



Only one Pole: $z = (n + if)$. It is a simple pole.

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow n+if} [z - (n + if)] \frac{1}{[z - (n - if)][z - (n + if)]} = \frac{1}{[(n + if) - (n - if)]} = \frac{1}{2if}$$

$$I_n = 2fi \times \frac{1}{2fi} = 1$$

$$I_1 = I_2 = I_3 = I_4 = I_5 = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=1}^5 I_n = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 5$$

Q51. The normalized radial wave function of the second excited state of hydrogen atom is

$$R(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{24}} (a^{-3/2}) \frac{r}{a} (e^{-r/2a})$$

where a is the Bohr radius and r is the distance from the center of the atom. The distance at which the electron is most likely to be found is $y \times a$. The value of y (in integer) is _____

Topic- Quantum mechanics

Subtopic- Radial Wave function

Ans. : 4

Solution: Probability density $\dots(r) = |R(r)|^2 r^2$

For most probable distance $\left| \frac{d\dots(r)}{dr} \right| = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{d|r^4 \exp-(r/a)|}{dr} = 0 \Rightarrow r = 4a$ so $y = 4$

Q52. Consider an atomic gas with number density $n = 10^{20} m^{-3}$, in the ground state at $300 K$. The valence electronic configuration of atoms is f^7 . The paramagnetic susceptibility of the gas $\chi = m \times 10^{-11}$. The value of m (rounded off to two decimal places) is _____.

(Given : Magnetic permeability of free space $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$)

Bohr magneton $\mu_B = 9.274 \times 10^{-24} \text{ Am}^2$

Boltzmann constant $k_B = 1.3807 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$)

Topic- Solid state physics

Subtopic- Magnetism

Ans. : 5.48

Solution: The magnetic susceptibility of paramagnetic gas is $\chi = \frac{n \mu_B^2}{3k_B T} p^2$, where $p = g \sqrt{J(J+1)}$, is

called effective number of Bohr magneton and g is Lande-g factor.

According to Hund's rule

$$S = 7 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{7}{2}$$

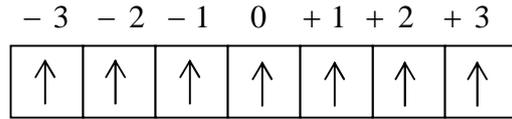
$$L = -3-2-1+0+1+2+3 = 0$$

$$J = L+S = \frac{7}{2}$$

(\because f shell is more than half filled)

$$\therefore g = 1 + \frac{J(J+1) + S(S+1) - L(L+1)}{2J(J+1)} = 2$$

$$\text{Thus } p = \sqrt{J(J+1)} = 2\sqrt{\frac{7}{2}\left(\frac{7}{2}+1\right)} = 3\sqrt{7}$$



Given, $t = m \times 10^{-11}$, $n = 10^{20} m^{-3}$, $T = 300 K$, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} Hm^{-1}$,

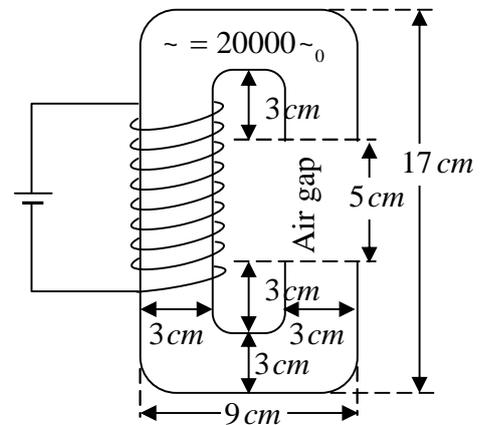
$$\mu_B = 9.274 \times 10^{-24} Am^2 \text{ and } k_B = 1.3807 \times 10^{-23} JK^{-1}$$

$$m \times 10^{-11} = \frac{10^{20} \times 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \times (9.274 \times 10^{-24})^2}{3 \times 1.3807 \times 10^{-23} \times 300} (3\sqrt{7})^2 = 8.697 \times 10^{-13} \times 63 = 5.48 \times 10^{-11}$$

$$m = \frac{5.48 \times 10^{-11}}{10^{-11}} = 5.48$$

Q53. Consider a cross-section of an electromagnet having an air-gap of 5 cm as shown in the figure. It consists of a magnetic material ($\mu = 20000 \mu_0$) and is driven by a coil having $NI = 10^4 A$, where N is the number of turns and I is the current in Ampere.

Ignoring the fringe fields, the magnitude of the magnetic field \vec{B} (in Tesla, rounded off to two decimal places) in the air-gap between the magnetic poles is _____.



Topic- Electromagnetic theory

Subtopic- Magnetic field

Ans. : 0.25

$$\text{Solution: } NI = H_c l_c + H_g l_g \Rightarrow NI = \frac{B_c}{\mu_c} l_c + \frac{B_g}{\mu_g} l_g \Rightarrow NI = \left(\frac{1}{\mu_c} l_c + \frac{1}{\mu_g} l_g \right) B_g \quad \text{let } B_c = B_g.$$

l_c and l_g are core and gap length. $\mu_c = 20000 \mu_0$ and $\mu_g = \mu_0$.

$$\text{Thus } NI = \left(\frac{l_c}{\mu_c} + \frac{l_g}{\mu_g} \right) B_g \Rightarrow 10^4 A = \left(\frac{47 \times 10^{-2} m}{2 \times 10^4 \mu_0} + \frac{5 \times 10^{-2}}{\mu_0} \right) B_g$$

$$\Rightarrow B_g = 10^4 \times \tilde{\nu}_0 = \left(\frac{47 \times 10^{-6} m}{2} + 5 \times 10^{-2} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow B_g = \frac{10^4 \times \tilde{\nu}_0}{5 \times 10^{-2}} \Rightarrow B_g = \frac{10^4 \times 4f \times 10^{-7}}{5 \times 10^{-2}} = \frac{0.4 \times 3.14}{5} = 0.25 \text{ Tesla}$$

Q54. The spin \vec{S} and orbital angular momentum \vec{L} of an atom precess about \vec{J} , the total angular momentum \vec{J} precesses about an axis fixed by a magnetic field $\vec{B}_1 = 2B_0\hat{z}$, where B_0 is a constant. Now the magnetic field is changed to $\vec{B}_2 = B_0(\hat{x} + \sqrt{2}\hat{y} + \hat{z})$. Given the orbital angular momentum quantum number $l = 2$ and spin quantum number $s = 1/2$, θ is the angle between \vec{B}_1 and \vec{J} for the largest possible values of total angular quantum number j and its z -component j_z . The value of θ (in degree, rounded off to the nearest integer) is _____.

Topic- Atomic physics

Subtopic- LS Coupling

Ans. : 92 to 93

Q55. The spin-orbit effect splits the ${}^2P \rightarrow {}^2S$ transition (wavelength, $\lambda = 6521 \text{ \AA}$) in Lithium into two lines with separation of $\Delta\lambda = 0.14 \text{ \AA}$. The corresponding positive value of energy difference between the above two lines, in eV, is $m \times 10^{-5}$. The value of m (rounded off to the nearest integer) is _____

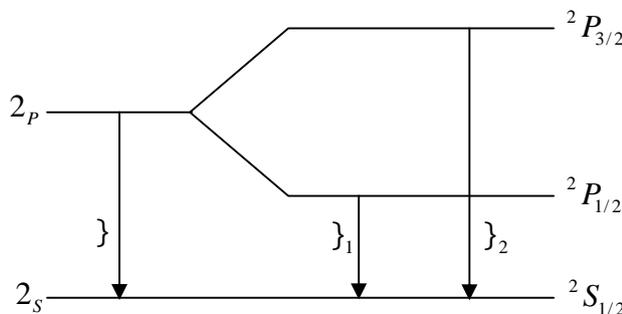
(Given: Planck's constant, $h = 4.125 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eVs}$, Speed of light, $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$)

Topic-Atomic Physics

Subtopic- Spin orbit effect

Ans. : 4.08

Solution:



$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} \Rightarrow \Delta E = -\frac{hc}{\lambda^2} \Delta\lambda = -\frac{1.24 \times 10^{-6} (eV-m)}{(6521 \times 10^{-10} m)^2} \times 0.14 \times 10^{-10} m \Rightarrow \Delta E = -4.08 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV}$$