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# Fifth Semester B.Sc. Degree Examination, February 2021 First Degree Programme under CBCSS

## **Physics**

### Core Course V

PY 1541: QUANTUM MECHANICS

(2018 Admission Regular)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

#### PART - A

Answer all the questions. Answer should not exceed two sentences. Each question carries 1 mark:

- 1. Give the Planck's distribution law.
- 2. What is meant by dual nature of matter?
- 3. Mention the properties of the wave function.
- 4. What is meant by normalised wave function?
- 5. Write down the Schrodinger's time independent wave equation in three dimensions and explain the symbols.
- 6. What is meant by zero point energy?
- 7. What is a wave packet?

- 8. Define a Hermitian operator.
- 9. What is a linear operator?
- 10. What do you mean by Phase velocity?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$ 

#### PART - B

Answer any eight questions. Answer should not exceed one small paragraph. Each question carries 2 marks:

- 11. What is Compton wavelength? Discuss the importance of Compton effect.
- 12. Derive the energy time uncertainty relation.
- 13. Brief the give the physical interpretation of the wave function.
- 14. Write note on black body radiation. Give examples.
- 15. Explain the discrepancy of Rutherford hydrogen atom and the Bohr model explanation.
- 16. Mention any four uses of electron diffraction.
- 17. Give the evidence for finite width of the spectral lines.
- 18. Write note on the orthogonality of eigen functions.
- 19. Explain the orthogonality and normalization condition of wave functions.
- 20. Write note on probability density.
- 21. Discuss about the linear vector space.
- 22. Define the Hamiltonian operator.
- 23. Discuss the purpose of Davisson–Germer experiment.

- 24. What do you understand by box normalization?
- 25. Write the normalized wave function for particle in a infinite square potential well and draw diagram showing its amplitude wave and probability density.
- 26. Write down the Schrodinger's wave equation in momentum representation and explain the terms.

 $(8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$ 

#### PART - C

Answer any six questions. Each question carries 4 marks:

- 27. An X-ray beam of wavelength 5 pm is Compton scattered from a target. Determine the minimum and maximum wavelength of the scattered x-rays.
- 28. Using the uncertainty principle, estimate the ground state energy of the harmonic oscillator.
- 29. Calculate the permitted energy levels of an electron in a box  $1\,\text{Å}$  wide.
- 30. The energy required to remove an electron from sodium is 2.5 eV. Does sodium exhibit photoelectric effect from a radiation having wavelength 300 mm.
- 31. X-rays of wavelength 2A are scattered from a carbon block. The scattered photons are observed at right angles to the direction of the incident beam. Determine
  - (a) the wavelength of the scattered photon
  - (b) the recoil energy of the electron.
- 32. The photoelectric threshold for a certain metal is 200 mm. Estimate the maximum energy of the electrons emitted by a radiation of wavelength 40 mm.
- 33. Calculate the de-Broglie wavelength associated with an electron of energy 5 eV.

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- 34. Calculate the expectation value <p<sub>x</sub>> of the momentum of a particle trapped in a one dimensional box.
- 35. Derive the time independent form of Schrodinger equation.
- 36. Show that eigen functions of a hermitian operator that belong to distinct eigen values are orthogonal.
- 37. An electron in a one dimensional infinite potential well, defined by V(x)=0 for -a < x < a and V(x) is infinite, otherwise, goes from n=4 to the n=2 level. The frequency of the emitted photon is  $3.43 \times 10^{14}$  Hz. Find the width of the box.
- 38. Normalize the wave function  $\psi(x) = Ae^{-ax^2}$  between over the domain  $-\infty \le x \le \infty$ , where A and a are constants.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$ 

#### PART - D

Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks:

- 39. Discuss the important conclusions on photoelectric effect. Give Einstein's explanations of the different effects.
- 40. Discuss quantum mechanically the problem of a particle in a finite square potential well. Draw diagram showing the amplitude wave and probability density for the same.
- 41. Explain the postulates of quantum mechanics.
- 42. Explain the properties of Hermitian operator.
- 43. Discuss the inadequacy of classical mechanics and explain the discrepancy of Rutherford hydrogen atom and the Bohr's model explanation.
- 44. Derive the Schrodinger's time dependent equation for a free particle.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$