B.Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

SEMESTER -1: PHYSICS (CORE COURSE)

COURSE: 15U1CRPHY1: METHODOLOGY IN PHYSICS

(Common for Regular 2017 admission and Supplementary/Improvement 2016 & 2015 admission) Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 60

PART A

Answer **all** questions briefly. Each question carries **1**mark.

- 1. What are the main contributions of C V Raman towards physics?
- 2. Mention Einstein's theory of relativity.
- 3. What is meant by nanotechnology?
- 4. Give the working of a water clock.
- 5. Calculate the least count of a screw gauge.
- 6. How does a galvanometer work?
- 7. Explain absolute errors and relative errors.
- 8. What is calibration? Explain its importance.

 $(1 \times 8 = 8)$

PART B (Brief Answer Questions.)

Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 9. State and explain Keplers Laws of planetary motion.
- 10. Explain the Geocentric model of Ptolemy.
- 11. How did Maxwell unify electricity and magnetism?
- 12. What is the principle of SONAR?
- 13. How can we use a scale and telescope arrangement to measure angle?
- 14. How does an ammeter work?
- 15. How we can obtain the true value from a number of observations?
- 16. Give the relevant rules for calculating significant figures in a number. (2 x 6 = 12)

PART C (Problems/Derivations.)

Answer **any Four** questions. Each question carries **5** marks.

- 17. Explain with a neat diagram how a galvanometer can be converted to a voltmeter.
- The angle subtended by moon at a point on earth is 0°31'. If the distance of moon from Earth is 3.84x10⁸m, find the diameter of the moon.
- 19. How the errors can be obtained if two numbers appear as a sum and a product?
- 20. A galvanometer of resistance 100Ω gives a full scale deflection for a current of 10^{-5} A. Calculate the resistance required to convert the galvanometer in to an ammeter that reads 1A.
- 21. Describe the working of a pendulum clock.

22. In an experiment physical quantity X is related to variables a, b and c as X=ab²/c³.if the percentage errors in a, b, c are 1%, 3% and 2% respectively, what is the percentage error in X.

 $(5 \times 4 = 20)$

PART D (Long Answer Questions.)

Answer **any Two** questions. Each question carries **10** mark.

- 23. Explain in detail the different parts of a spectrometer. How it can be used to measure the angle of a prism. Give the ray diagram.
- 24. Explain the contributions by S. N.Bose, M.N Saha and S.Chandrasekhar towards physics.
- 25. Discuss in detail the working of Laser Range Finder and GPS. Give the various applications of the devices also.
- 26. Explain the calculation of Standard Deviation in a sequence of measurements. Comment on Error bars and Graphical Representation. (10 x 2 = 20)
