B. Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - OCTOBER 2019

SEMESTER -5: PHYSICS (CORE COURSE)

COURSE: 15U5CRPHY05: CLASSICAL AND QUANTUM MECHANICS

(Common for Regular 2017 admission & Improvement 2016/Supplementary 2016/2015/2014 admission) Time: Three Hours Max. Marks: 60

PART A (Very short answer questions)

Answer **all** questions, each question carries **1** Mark

- 1. Whenever the Lagrangian function does not contain a coordinate q_k explicitly, the generalized momentum p_k is a
- 2. What is meant by zero point energy?
- 3. State Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.
- 4. The wave associated with a particle in motion is called.....
- 5. If the generalized coordinate has the dimension of velocity, the corresponding generalized velocity has the dimensions of
- 6. The states for which the probability density is constant in time are called states.
- 7. Write a note on wave packet.
- 8. The number of degrees of freedom of a particle which is constrained to move along the circumference of a circle is
- 9. Write the quantum mechanical operator for momentum.

10. $[L_x, L_y] =$

 $(1 \times 1 0 = 10)$

PART B (Short answer)

Answer any Seven questions, each question carries 2 Marks

- 11. Explain the principle of least action.
- 12. What type of difficulties arise due to the constraints in the solution of mechanical problems and how these are removed?
- 13. Show that generalised momentum conjugate to a cyclic co-ordinate is conserved.
- 14. What is photoelectric effect?
- 15. Explain the physical interpretation of wave function.
- 16. How classical physics failed to account for the spectral distribution of energy density in a black body?
- 17. What is meant by degeneracy?
- 18. Distinguish between group velocity and phase velocity.
- 19. What is an operator? Give the expression for the energy operator. (2 x 7 = 14)

PART C (Problem/Derivations)

Answer any Four question, each question carries 4 Marks

- 20. Set up Lagrangian and Lagrange's equation for simple pendulum.
- 21. Apply the principle of least action to prove that the system for which the kinetic energy is conserved moves along the path for which the time of transit is extremum.
- 22. The uncertainty in the velocity of the particle is equal to its velocity. If Δp . $\Delta x \cong h$, show that the uncertainty in its location is its de brogile wavelength.
- 23. If a photon has wavelength equal to the Compton wavelength of the particle, show that the photon's energy is equal to the rest energy of the particle.
- 24. Arrive the value of L^2 and L_z in spherical polar coordinates.
- 25. The wave function of a particle confined in a box of length 'a' is $\psi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin \frac{\pi x}{a}$, $0 \le x \le a$ Calculate the probability of finding the particle in the region $0 \le x \le \frac{a}{2}$.

(4 x 4 = 16)

PART D (Long answer questions)

Answer **any Two** question, each question carries **10** Marks

- 26. Derive Lagrange's equation for a conservative system as an extension of D' Alembert's principle.
- 27. Derive Hamilton's canonical equations of motion. Obtain Hamilton's equation of motion for linear harmonic oscillator.
- 28. Solve the problem of particle in a one dimensional box using Schrodinger equation.
- 29. Explain the Davisson-Germer experiment and write down the conclusions.

(10 x 2 = 20)
