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B. Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION : NOVEMBER 2023

SEMESTER 5 : PHYSICS

COURSE : 19U5CRPHY06 : CLASSICAL AND QUANTUM MECHANICS

(For Regular 2021 Admission and Supplementary 2020/2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Max. Marks: 60

PART A Answer any 8 (2 marks each)

- 1. Define ultra violet catastrophe.
- 2. Determine the number of degrees of freedom in the following cases i) three particles connected by three rigid massless rods ii) 2 particles moving freely in space.
- 3. What is an operator? Give the expression for momentum operator.
- 4. State de- Broglie hypothesis.
- 5. State Planck's Radiation Law.
- 6. Determine the number of degrees of freedom in the following cases i) A particle moving on a space curve ii) 2 particles moving freely in space.
- 7. Draw the energy density versus frequency spectrum of a black body for any two temperatures.
- 8. What is meant by degeneracy of a quantum state.
- 9. What is the value of probability current density, when the wave function is real.
- 10. State D'Alembert's principle.

(2 x 8 = 16)

PART B Answer any 6 (4 marks each)

- 11. Find the Hamilton's equations of motion for a harmonic oscillator.
- 12. The wavefunction of a particle confined in a box of length' a' is $\psi(x) = \sqrt{2}/a \sin(\pi x/a), 0 \le x \ge a$. Calculate the probability of finding the particle in the region $0 \le x \ge (a/2)$
- 13. Briefly explain i) generalized coordinates ii) degrees of freedom? Also determine the degrees of freedom of 4 particles moving freely in space.
- 14. The uncertainity in the velocity of a particle is equal to its velocity. Show that uncertainity in its position is equal to 2π times its de Broglie wavelength.
- 15. Prove that any two eigen functions of a Hermitian operator that belongs to different eigen values are orthogonal.
- 16. Find the Hamilton's equations of motion for a simple pendulum.
- 17. Calculate the group and phase velocity of a proton , whose de- Broglie wavelength is 1 nm.
- 18. Find the energy of an X-ray photon which can impart a maximum energy of 50 KeV to an electron.

(4 x 6 = 24)

PART C

Answer any 2 (10 marks each)

- 19. Outline different postulates of quantum mechanics.
- 20. Obtain the Schrodinger equation for a particle moving in a time independent potential.

- 21. Explain generalized coordinates. Find the Lagrange's equation of motion for a particle moving under the influence of a central force.
- 22. Discuss Compton effect. Derive expression for Compton shift.

(10 x 2 = 20)