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**V Semester B.Sc. Degree (C.B.C.S.S. – O.B.E. – Regular/ Supplementary/
Improvement) Examination, November 2024
(2019 to 2022 Admissions)
CORE COURSE IN PHYSICS
5B06 PHY : Quantum Mechanics**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40

PART – A

Short answer questions. Answer **all** questions. **Each** carries **1** mark.

1. Give the relation between the amplitudes of electric and magnetic fields of an electromagnetic wave moving through vacuum.
2. What is meant by ultraviolet catastrophe ?
3. State the de Broglie hypothesis.
4. What is meant by Zeeman effect ?
5. Write down the radial part of Schrodinger equation for hydrogen atom.
6. What is meant by Bohr magneton ? Give its equation. (6×1=6)

PART – B

Short essay questions. Answer **any six** questions. **Each** carries **2** marks.

7. Explain the pair production. For this process to occur, a heavy nearby atom is required. Why ?
8. State Bohr's correspondence principle. What is its significance ?
9. Describe the Heisenberg position-momentum uncertainty principle.
10. What does the amplitude of the Broglie wave represent ?
11. Distinguish between phase velocity and group velocity of a wave packet.

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12. Write down the time independent one dimensional Schrodinger equation. Can it be derived from any previous laws or postulates ? Explain.
13. What is meant by expectation values in quantum mechanics ? Give the equation for the expectation value of a function $f(x)$.
14. Using the Schrodinger equation show that the energy of a free particle is not quantized. (6×2=12)

PART – C

Problems. Answer **any four** questions. **Each** carries **3** marks.

15. X rays of wavelength 0.240nm are Compton-scattered and the scattered beam is observed at an angle of 60° relative to the incident beam. Find the wavelength of the scattered X rays.
16. Find the wavelengths of the transitions from $n_1= 3$ to $n_2= 2$ and from $n_1= 4$ to $n_2=2$ in atomic hydrogen. (Rydberg constant is $1.097 \times 10^7\text{m}^{-1}$).
17. Estimate the minimum velocity for a billiard ball ($m \approx 100\text{g}$) confined to a billiard table of dimension 1m.
18. An electron is bound to a region of space by a spring-like force with an effective spring constant of $k=15.31 \text{ N/m}$. Calculate the ground-state energy.
19. Compute the magnitude of the angular momentum vectors that represent the orbital motion of an electron in a quantum state with $l = 1$ and in another state with $l = 2$.
20. Find the possible values of the total angular-momentum quantum number J under LS coupling of two atomic electrons whose orbital quantum numbers are $l_1= 1$ and $l_2 = 2$. (4×3=12)

PART – D

Long essay questions. Answer **any two** questions. **Each** carries **5** marks.

21. Explain photoelectric effect. Which experimental results disagree with the wave theory ? Explain the quantum theory of the photoelectric effect.
 22. Derive the Rutherford scattering formula.
 23. Discuss the motion of a particle trapped in a one dimensional infinite potential energy well. Derive the energy eigen values and corresponding eigen functions.
 24. Describe Stern-Gerlach experiment. How the results were explained ? (2×5=10)
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