

Five Year Integrated M.Sc. Examination, 2017

Semester - IV

Course: PH-2-4-1

(Quantum Mechanics)

Time: Three Hours

Full Marks: 40

Questions are of value as indicated in the margin.

Answer **Question No.1** and **any three** from the rest.

1. Answer **any four** of the following: 2.5x4=10
 - a) He at saturated vapor pressure remains liquid down to $T = 0$. Explain.
 - b) Show that the ground state of harmonic oscillator is a minimum uncertainty wave packet state.
 - c) Consider a one-dimensional negatively charged harmonic oscillator in electric field E . Write down its Hamiltonian and find its eigenfunctions.
 - d) Let $|0\rangle$ be the ground state of a one-dimensional harmonic oscillator. Calculate $\langle 0|e^{ikx}|0\rangle$.
 - e) Show that $e^{\frac{ip\lambda}{\hbar}} x e^{-\frac{ip\lambda}{\hbar}} = x + \lambda$. Here λ is a c-number.
 - f) $B = e^{i\lambda G} A e^{-i\lambda G}$. λ is a c-number. G and A are operators. Find first three terms of Baker-Hausdorff formula.
2.
 - a) Calculate the density of modes for standing waves of electromagnetic radiation in a cavity. 4
 - b) Let u_ν be the radiated energy density from a blackbody at a frequency ν . Derive Rayleigh-Jeans formula that connects u_ν with the temperature of the blackbody. 2
 - c) Wilhelm Wien showed that on thermodynamic ground, the radiation energy density u_ν must have the form, $\nu^3 f\left(\frac{\nu}{T}\right)$, where f is a function.
Derive Planck's formula for u_ν and show that it has the Wien's form. 4
3.
 - a) Define photoelectric effect. 1
 - b) What would be the experimental findings on the basis of wave theory of light? Describe any two expected results. 2
 - c) State Einstein's theory to explain photoelectric effect. 1
 - d) Using photoelectric effect experiment, derive Planck's constant, h and work function W . 3
 - e) Radiation of wavelength $\lambda = 290$ nm falls on a metal surface for which work function, W is 4.05 eV. What potential is needed to stop the most energetic electron? 3
4.
 - a) State de Broglie hypothesis. 1
 - b) Using the above hypothesis calculate the energy levels for a particle in a one-dimensional potential box of length, L . 2
 - c) Using de Broglie hypothesis, calculate the energy levels of hydrogen like atoms. 4
 - d) What is the de Broglie wavelength of an electron of energy 200 MeV.
 $m_e = 0.51 \text{ MeV}/c^2$.
 $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-S}$
 $c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$.
 $1 \text{ eV} = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$. 3

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5. a) Consider the diffraction of a beam of thermalized He atom by a simple cubic lattice ($d \approx 0.20 \text{ nm}$), where d is the lattice spacing. At what temperature for He atoms would diffraction be appreciable?

$$m(\text{He}) \approx 4.002 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/mole}$$

$$N_0 = \text{Avogadro number} \approx 6.02 \times 10^{+23} / \text{mole} \quad 4$$

$$k_B = \text{Boltzmann's constant} \approx 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K.}$$

- b) A particle of mass m is bound in the delta function potential well, $V(x) = -|V_0|\delta(x)$. What is the probability that a measurement of its momentum would yield a value greater than

$$p_0 = \frac{m|V_0|}{\hbar} ? \quad 4$$

- c) Consider a potential

$$V(x) = -\frac{\hbar^2 a^2}{m} \text{sech}^2(ax),$$

where “ a ” is a positive constant and “sech” stands for the hyperbolic secant.

For this one-dimensional quantum system, the ground state wavefunction,

$$\psi_0(x) = A \text{sech}(ax).$$

Find the energy of the ground state.

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6. Consider an one-dimensional quantum system with potential $V(x)$ given by

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2} kx^2 = \frac{1}{2} m\omega^2 x^2, \quad x > 0,$$

$$= \infty \quad x \leq 0.$$

- a) Find its unnormalized eigenfunctions. 2
 b) Find its energy eigenvalues. 2
 c) Normalize its ground state eigenfunction. (Note: $H_1(x) = 2x$.) 2
 d) Find the position-momentum uncertainty, i.e. $\Delta x \Delta p$ value in its ground state. 4
