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**Fifth Semester B.Sc. Degree Examination, March/April 2021**

(CBCS Scheme – Freshers – 2020-21 and onwards)

**Physics**

**Paper V — STATISTICAL PHYSICS, QUANTUM MECHANICS – I,  
ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS AND NANO-MATERIALS**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates : Answer any five questions from each Part.

PART – A

Answer any **FIVE** of the following. Each question carries **8** marks :

(5 × 8 = 40)

1. (a) Write any four basic postulates of statistical physics.  
(b) What is thermodynamic probability? Obtain the relation  $S = K \ln \Omega$ . (4 + 4)
2. What is meant by Fermi gas? Derive an expression for Fermi-Dirac distribution function. (1 + 7)
3. (a) What are bosons? Give an example.  
(b) Compare the Maxwell-Boltzmann, Bose-Einstein and Fermi-Dirac distribution functions. (2 + 6)
4. Describe briefly the failure of classical mechanics to explain (a) stability of atom  
(b) photoelectric effect. (4 + 4)
5. Explain with relevant theory Davisson-Germer experiment to demonstrate de-Broglie hypothesis. (8)
6. Define the terms : (a) Phase velocity (b) Group velocity. Derive the relation between them. (4 + 4)
7. What is meant by hydrostatic balance? Obtain the condition for hydrostatic balance and hence derive the expression for variation of pressure with altitude in the atmosphere. (2 + 6)
8. (a) Write a note on Carbon nano tube.  
(b) Mention any four properties of nano materials. (4 + 4)

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### PART - B

Answer any **FIVE** of the following. Each question carries **4** marks : **(5 × 4 = 20)**

Common data :

$$h = 6.625 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}; \quad k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}; \quad c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}; \quad m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}; \\ m_n = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}.$$

9. At what temperature rms velocity of hydrogen will be double the rms velocity of oxygen at 300 K. Given molecular weight of hydrogen and oxygen are 2 and 32 respectively.
10. A system has only two particles. Show with a diagram how these particles can be arranged in three quantum states 1, 2, 3 using Bose-Einstein statistics.
11. Estimate the fraction of electrons excited above the Fermi level at room temperature for copper. Given Fermi energy of copper is 7 eV.
12. Calculate the de-Broglie wavelength of neutron of energy 28.8 eV.
13. Calculate the frequency and energy (in eV) of a photon of wavelength 4000 Å.
14. An electron has a speed of 200 ms<sup>-1</sup> accurate to 0.01%. With what accuracy can we locate the position of the electron?
15. Calculate the pressure gradient force per unit mass at a hill station if the pressure gradient is 3 Pa/Km. Given air density is 1.2 Kgm<sup>-3</sup>.
16. Calculate the Coriolis force at a hill station at 30°N having a zonal wind speed of 20 ms<sup>-1</sup>.

### PART - C

Answer any **FIVE** of the following. Each question carries **2** marks : **(5 × 2 = 10)**

17. (a) Can we use Maxwell-Boltzmann statistics to explain the properties of photon gas? Explain.
- (b) Does  ${}^3_2\text{He}$  obey Bose-Einstein statistics? Explain.
- (c) An electron and a proton have same velocity, which one will have greater de-Broglie wavelength? Explain.

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- (d) The concept of trajectory is meaningless in quantum mechanics. Explain.
- (e) Is Coriolis force maximum at the poles? Explain.
- (f) In which layer of the atmosphere are the satellites placed? Explain.
- (g) Can nano objects be seen by optical microscope? Explain.
- (h) Fullerenes are stable physically. Why?