

2018

(Pre-CBCS)

(5th Semester)

PHYSICS

SIXTH PAPER

(Quantum Mechanics—II)

(Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

SECTION—A

(Marks : 10)

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. Conservation of probability in quantum mechanics is represented by the equation

$$(a) \frac{\partial \vec{J}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\quad) \quad (b) \frac{\partial \vec{J}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\quad)$$

$$(c) \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\quad) \quad (d) \frac{\partial \vec{P}}{\partial t} = 0 \quad (\quad)$$

2. Let ψ be a wave function, the quantity ψ^2 represents

$$(a) \text{ probability density} \quad (\quad) \quad (b) \text{ charge density} \quad (\quad)$$

$$(c) \text{ energy density} \quad (\quad) \quad (d) \text{ wave intensity} \quad (\quad)$$

3. Let E_3 be energy of the third energy level of a free particle in one-dimensional infinite potential well. The relation between first energy level E_1 and third energy level E_3 is

$$(a) E_3 = 3E_1 \quad (\quad) \quad (b) E_3 = E_1 \quad (\quad)$$

$$(c) E_1 = 9E_3 \quad (\quad) \quad (d) E_3 = 9E_1 \quad (\quad)$$

9. For electron, the number of possible spin states for Z component is

- (a) 1 () (b) 2 ()
 (c) 3 () (d) 4 ()

10. The commutation $[L_x, p_x]$ equals

- (a) 0 () (b) $i\hbar$ ()
 (c) $2i\hbar$ () (d) $3i\hbar$ ()

SECTION—B

(Marks : 15)

Write short answers to the following questions :

3×5=15

1. Explain complementary principles.
2. Show that $[x, p_x^n] = ni\hbar p_x^{n-1}$, where x is position operator, p_x is x component of momentum operator.
3. What are the three quantum numbers associated with wave functions of a hydrogen atom? Give their significances.
4. Let $| \rangle = |u_1\rangle + 2|u_2\rangle + i|u_3\rangle$ and $| \rangle = 3|u_1\rangle + |u_2\rangle + 2|u_3\rangle$. Compute the inner product $\langle | | \rangle$.
5. Show that electron spin magnetic moment is equal to Bohr magneton.

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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1. (a) Show that de Broglie wavelength for a material particle of rest mass m_0 and charge q accelerated from rest through a potential difference of V volts relativistically is given by

$$\frac{h}{\sqrt{2m_0qV \left(1 + \frac{qV}{2m_0qc^2} \right)}} \quad 5$$

- (b) Show that material particle can only be represented by a group wave not by a single wave. 5

OR

2. (a) What is de Broglie hypothesis? Describe Davisson-Germer experiment for the study of electron diffraction. What are the results of the experiment? 1+6=7
- (b) Write four basic postulates of Quantum mechanics. 3
3. A beam of particles of mass m and energy E is incident from the left on a rectangular potential barrier of the form

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , & x < 0 \\ V_0 & , & 0 < x < a \\ 0 & , & x > a \end{cases}$$

where V_0 is the height and a is the thickness of the potential barrier. Discuss the solution for $E < V_0$ and explain how tunnelling can be understood. Give two examples of quantum tunnelling. 9+1=10

OR

4. (a) What do you mean by Hermitian operator? Show that eigenvalues of Hermitian operators are real. 1+4=5
- (b) Show that if two Hermitian operators commute, their product is also Hermitian. 5
5. Solve the radial equation

$$\frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} \left(r^2 \frac{dR}{dr} \right) + \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} R - \frac{2mV(r)}{\hbar^2} R = 0$$

of the hydrogen atom, where the symbols have their usual meanings. Show that the energy values are exactly the same as those obtained by Bohr. 8+2=10

OR

6. Obtain the expression for energy eigenvalue of one-dimensional harmonic oscillator. What is zero point energy of harmonic oscillator? 8+2=10
7. (a) What are linear vector space and Hilbert space? 3
- (b) Describe Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process. Apply this process for a doubly degenerate system. 4+3=7

OR

8. (a) Consider the following two kets

$$\begin{array}{l} | \rangle \\ | \rangle \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} 5i \\ 2 \\ i \end{array} \text{ and } \begin{array}{l} | \rangle \\ | \rangle \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} 3 \\ 8i \\ 9i \end{array}$$

(i) Find $\langle | \rangle$ and $\langle | \rangle$.

(ii) Is $| \rangle$ normalized? If not, normalize it.

(iii) Are the two kets orthogonal? 1+2+1=4

(b) Write down the addition and multiplication conditions to be satisfied by a vector space. 2

(c) Consider the state

$$\begin{array}{l} | \rangle \\ | \rangle \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} 3i|v_1\rangle + 7i|v_2\rangle \\ |v_1\rangle + 2i|v_2\rangle \end{array}$$

where $|v_1\rangle$ and $|v_2\rangle$ are orthonormal vectors :

(i) Calculate $\langle | \rangle$ and $\langle | \rangle$.

(ii) Show that $\langle | \rangle \langle | \rangle$. 2+2=4

9. (a) Show that square of angular momentum commutes with any one of the components of angular momentum, i.e., $[L^2, L_x] = 0$. What is the physical meaning of the commutation? 5+1=6

(b) State Uhlenbeck and Goudsmit's hypothesis of electron spin. What are Pauli spin operators? 1+3=4

OR

10. The expression for square of angular momentum is given by

$$L^2 = \hbar^2 \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sin \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Obtain the eigenvalue of L^2 . 10
