City College

3rd Semester Internal Examination 2021-22

Physics (Hons)

Paper: CC7 (Modern Physics)

Time-1 hour

Answer any ten questions.

- 1. Show that if an electron and a proton have the same non-relativistic kinetic energy, the proton has a shorter de Broglie wavelength.
- 2. An electron moves in the X direction with a speed $4 \times 10^6 \text{ms}^{-1}$. If its speed is measured to a precision of 1%, with what precision can its position simultaneously be measured?
- 3. An electron of mass 9.1×10⁻³¹kg is moving with a velocity 0.995c where c is the speed of light. What is its phase velocity?
- 4. A particle constrained to move along x-axis in the region $0 \le x \le a$ has a wave function $\psi(x) = N \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$, where n is an integer. Normalize the wave function.
- 5. Prove that the operator $-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx}$ is Hermitian.
- 6. Prove that operators having common set of eigenfunctions commute.
- 7. Calculate the expectation value of position x corresponding to the wave function $\Psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}, 0 \le x \le a, n=1,2,3,...$
- 8. A nucleus with A=235 splits into two nuclei whose mass numbers are in ratio 2:1. Find the radii of both the nuclei. Given $R_0=1.4$ fm.
- 9. The atomic mass of ${}_{6}C^{12}$ is 12.000000amu and that of ${}_{6}C^{13}$ is 13.003354amu. Find the energy required to remove a neutron from ${}_{6}C^{13}$ in MeV. Mass of neutron= 1.008665amu.
- **10.** Using the semi empirical mass formula, find the atomic number of most stable isobar for a nucleus with A=77.
- 11. Prove that β^- decay occurs only if the mass of parent atom is greater than mass of daughter atom.
- 12. What is the role of moderator in nuclear fission reactors?

Full Marks-20

10×2=20

- **13.** If the source temperature is 300K, show that in the optical region the emission is predominantly due to spontaneous transition.
- 14. What are the differences between spontaneous and stimulated emission?
- **15.** What are radiative and non-radiative transitions?