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**B. Tech**  
**BSCP 2101**

**Second Semester Examination – 2008**

**PHYSICS – I**

**Full Marks – 70**

**Time : 3 Hours**

*Answer Question No. 1 which is compulsory and any **five** from the rest.*

*The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks for the questions.*

1. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 10$
- (a) Two waves each of equal amplitude and equal frequency pass through a point in the medium in the same direction with phase difference of  $60^\circ$ . Calculate the amplitude of the resultant wave at this point.



- (b) Newton's ring experiment was conducted first in air medium then in water medium (i.e. water is inserted in between the plano-convex lens and glass plate.) What happens to the diameter of a particular ring ?
- (c) A particle is trapped in an infinite deep potential well has de Broglie wavelength  $\lambda$  in the ground state. What is the wavelength of the particle in the next excited state ?
- (d) In a Nicol prism  $\mu_E$  and  $\mu_O$  are the refractive indices for E-ray and O-ray respectively. If  $\mu_B$  is the refractive index of the Canada balsam, write a relation between  $\mu_E$ ,  $\mu_O$  and  $\mu_B$ .
- (e) In single slit diffraction pattern orange light is replaced by red light without changing the experimental setup. What will happen to the diffraction pattern ?

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- (f) The parallel plate capacitor has plates each of area  $2\text{m}^2$  and the plates are separated by a dielectric of thickness 1 mm, dielectric constant 3. The potential difference and conduction current in the connecting wire at certain instant of time is 100 V and 2 mA respectively. Find out the displacement current flowing between the two plates of the capacitor.
- (g) Prove that plasma frequency is approximately equal to  $9\sqrt{N}$ , where 'N' is the electron density in the plasma medium.
- (h) Write down the time independent Schrödinger's equation for a free particle of mass  $m$  and energy  $E$  moving in XY-plane
- (i) Compute the de Broglie wavelength of bike having mass 100kg and moving with speed 100km/hour.

- (j) Explain why in potential step problem time independent Schrödinger's equation is taken.
2. (a) Give a comparison between conduction current and displacement current. 3
- (b) Give a graphical comparison among the following four types of harmonic motions : 3
- (i) Simple harmonic motion
- (ii) Under damped harmonic motion
- (iii) Over damped harmonic motion
- (iv) Critically damped harmonic motion.
- (c) How you will know with naked eye the given specimen is an ordinary glass piece or a grating ? 2
- (d) The critical angle in certain substance is given to be  $42^\circ$ . Calculate the polarizing angle. 2
3. (a) What is the color of the central fringe in Young' double slit experiment when white light source is used ? 2

- (b) The electric vector component of a plane electromagnetic vector propagating in a non-magnetic medium is given by  $\vec{E} = 60 \cos(10^8 t + 2z) \text{ V/m}$ . Symbols have their usual meanings. Find the relative permittivity of the medium and magnetic vector component of the wave. 4
- (c) What do you mean by wave function? What are the characteristics of wave function of matter wave? 1+3
4. (a) Explain the presence of only odd numbered foci in a zone plate. 3
- (b) The shapes of the interference fringes obtained in Young's double slit experiment are actually hyperbolae. Derive an approximate expression for the eccentricity of the hyperbolic fringe. 5
- (c) The electric component vector of a plane electromagnetic wave propagating in a

nonmagnetic medium is given by  $\vec{E} = 40 \cos(10^8 t + 4z) \text{ V/m}$ . Find the direction of propagation. 2

5. (a) Describe in detail the construction and working of a Laurent's half-shade polarimeter. Explain how you would use it to determine the specific rotation of a sugar solution. 6
- (b) An electron is trapped completely in a one-dimensional region of width  $1 \text{ \AA}$ . How much energy must be supplied to excite the electron from the ground state to the first excited state? 2
- (c) How does quantum physics differ from classical physics in potential step problems. 2
6. (a) In Newton's ring experiment in a laboratory sodium vapor lamp having two wavelengths  $5890 \text{ \AA}$  and  $5896 \text{ \AA}$  is used. If it is found that the  $n$ th dark ring due to  $5860 \text{ \AA}$

coincides with  $(n+2)$ nd dark ring due to  $5890 \text{ \AA}$ , then calculate the radii of  $n$ th dark rings due to  $5896 \text{ \AA}$  and  $5890 \text{ \AA}$ . The radius of curvature of the plano-convex lens used is 200 cm. 4

- (b) Explain how displacement and velocity graph of a simple harmonic oscillator is elliptical. 3
- (c) Derive a relation between magnitudes of electric vector and magnetic vector. 3
7. (a) A sodium vapour light containing two wavelengths  $5890 \text{ \AA}$  and  $5890 \text{ \AA}$  is incident normally on a plane transmission grating having 15000 lines / inch. A lens of focal length 100 cm is used to observe the spectrum on a screen. Calculate the distance between the two lines in the first order spectrum. 5
- (b) How can you get a scalar function from a vector field and how can you get a vector function from a scalar field? Give physical examples of both the cases. 3

- (c) An electromagnetic wave is propagating in a medium in such a manner that electric vector of the wave satisfies the differential

wave equation  $\nabla^2 E = \mu\epsilon \frac{\partial^2 E}{\partial t^2}$ . How much energy will be absorbed by the medium in 20 seconds? 2

8. (a) If  $\mu$  is refractive index of a potential step for the case  $E > V_0$  then prove that the transmission coefficient for the incident

particles  $\left| \frac{4\mu}{a + \mu^2} \right|$ . 4

- (b) What is the physical significance of gradient of a scalar function? 2
- (c) Two simple harmonic oscillators of different masses oscillate separately under the action of same restoring force at frequencies 3Hz and 5Hz. Calculate the ratio of their masses. 2
- (d) Distinguish between plane of polarization and plane of vibration. 2