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(5th Semester)

PHYSICS

SIXTH PAPER

(Quantum Mechanics—II)

(Revised)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

(PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

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for the questions*

1. What is de Broglie hypothesis? Describe Davisson-Germer experiment for the study of electron diffraction. What are the results of the experiment? 2+8=10

Or

- (a) Obtain Schrödinger time-independent equation. Write the equation in eigenvalue equation form. 6
- (b) Write four basic postulates of quantum mechanics. 4

2. A beam of particles of mass m and energy E is incident from the left on a rectangular potential barrier of the form

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

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 without violation of energy. Give two examples of quantum tunnelling. 9+1=10

Or

- (a) What do you mean by operator in quantum mechanics? What is a linear operator? The operator $\hat{x} = \frac{d}{dx}$ has the eigenvalue λ . Obtain its eigenfunction. 1+1+2=4
- (b) What do you mean by eigenvalues and eigenvectors of an operator? For a Hermitian operator, show that the eigenvectors corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal. 2+4=6

3. What is zero point energy of harmonic oscillator? Derive the expression for the eigenfunction in terms of Hermite polynomials of a linear harmonic oscillator. 2+8=10

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Or

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. 9+1=10

4. (a) Describe Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization process. Apply this process for a doubly degenerate system. 4+2=6

(b) Consider three elements from the vector space of real 2×2 matrices :

$$|1\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |2\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad |3\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Show whether they are linearly dependent or not. 4

Or

- (a) Define the basis and dimensions of a vector space. 2

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(b) Consider the following two kets :

$$| \begin{matrix} 5i \\ 2 \\ i \end{matrix} \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad | \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 8i \\ 9i \end{matrix} \rangle$$

- (i) Find $\langle \text{ket} | \text{ket} \rangle$ and $\langle \text{ket} | \text{ket} \rangle$.
- (ii) Is $| \begin{matrix} 5i \\ 2 \\ i \end{matrix} \rangle$ normalized? If not, normalize it.
- (iii) Are $| \begin{matrix} 5i \\ 2 \\ i \end{matrix} \rangle$ and $| \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 8i \\ 9i \end{matrix} \rangle$ orthogonal? 1+2+1=4

(c) Consider the state

$$| \begin{matrix} 3i | v_1 \\ 7i | v_2 \end{matrix} \rangle$$

$$| \begin{matrix} | v_1 \\ 2i | v_2 \end{matrix} \rangle$$

where $|v_1\rangle$ and $|v_2\rangle$ are orthonormal.

- (i) Calculate $\langle \text{ket} | \text{ket} \rangle$ and $\langle \text{ket} | \text{ket} \rangle$.
- (ii) Show that $| \begin{matrix} 3i | v_1 \\ 7i | v_2 \end{matrix} \rangle$ and $| \begin{matrix} | v_1 \\ 2i | v_2 \end{matrix} \rangle$ are orthogonal. 2+2=4

5. (a) Calculate Bohr magneton for an electron moving in an elliptical orbit of an area A and time period T . 4
- (b) Describe Stern-Gerlach experiment. 6

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Or

(a) Using the eigenstates

$$\left| \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\rangle \text{ and } \left\langle \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right|$$

as basis vectors, obtain the Pauli spin matrices. Hence, prove the commutation relation

$$[S_i, S_j] = 2i \epsilon_{ijk} S_k$$

where

$$\epsilon_{ijk} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } ijk \text{ have cyclic permutation} \\ -1, & \text{if } ijk \text{ have anticyclic permutation} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$6+2=8$$

(b) A particle with spin $\frac{1}{2}$ is in the state

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ i \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ if we measure } S_z. \text{ What are}$$

the probabilities of getting $\frac{h}{2}$ and $-\frac{h}{2}$?

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(PART : A—OBJECTIVE)

(Marks : 25)

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SECTION—I

(Marks : 10)

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the
brackets provided : 1×10=10

- 1.** The calculated value of the wavelength of electron
using de Broglie's formula is

(a) 0.661 nm ()

(b) 0.166 nm ()

(c) 0.616 nm ()

(d) 1.66 nm ()

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2. For non-dispersive medium, group velocity and phase velocity are related by the equation

(a) $v_g < v_p$ ()

(b) $v_g = v_p$ ()

(c) $v_g > v_p$ ()

(d) $\frac{v_g}{v_p} = 0$ ()

3. The eigenvalue of the particle inside a box is given by the relation

(a) $E_n = \frac{nh}{8mL^2}$ ()

(b) $E_n = \frac{n^2h}{8m^2L}$ ()

(c) $E_n = \frac{n^2h^2}{8mL^2}$ ()

(d) $E_n = \frac{n^2h^2}{8m^2L^2}$ ()

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4. The potential function of a potential step is defined by

(a) $V(x) = 0$, $x < 0$

$= V_0$, $x > 0$ ()

(b) $V(x) = 0$, $x > 0$

$= V_0$, $x < 0$ ()

(c) $V(x) = V_0$, $x < 0$

$= 0$, $x = \infty$ ()

(d) $V(x) = 1$, $x < 0$

$= \infty$, $x > 0$ ()

5. The energy of a harmonic oscillator is quantized in steps of

(a) $h^2\nu^2$ ()

(b) h / ν ()

(c) $\frac{ch}{\nu}$ ()

(d) $h\nu$ ()

(4)

6. The solution of the azimuthal wave equation

$$\frac{d^2 \psi_3}{d\phi^2} + m_1^2 \psi_3 = 0$$

is

(a) $\psi_3(\phi) = A \exp(im_1 \phi)$ ()

(b) $\psi_3(\phi) = A^2 \exp(im_1 \phi)$ ()

(c) $\psi_3(\phi) = A \exp(im_1 \phi + 2\pi)$ ()

(d) $\psi_3(\phi) = A \exp\left(im_1 \phi + \frac{2}{3}\pi\right)$ ()

7. The angular momentum operator is defined as

(a) $L = -\frac{\vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}}{i\hbar}$ ()

(b) $L = -i\hbar \vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}^2$ ()

(c) $L = -i\hbar \vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}$ ()

(d) $L = -\frac{i\hbar}{\vec{r} \times \vec{\nabla}}$ ()

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8. The smallest unit of magnetic dipole moment is

(a) Bohr radius ()

(b) Landé's splitting factor ()

(c) farad ()

(d) Bohr electron magneton ()

9. The eigenvalues of Hermitian operator are

(a) not real ()

(b) real ()

(c) zero ()

(d) infinite ()

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10. The scalar product of two vectors $|\psi_1\rangle$ and $|\psi_2\rangle$ is defined by

$$(a) \quad \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_1^*(x) \psi_2^*(x) dx \quad (\quad)$$

$$(b) \quad \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_2^*(x) \psi_1^*(x) dx \quad (\quad)$$

$$(c) \quad \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\psi_2^*(x)}{\psi_1^*(x)} dx \quad (\quad)$$

$$(d) \quad \langle \psi_1 | \psi_2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\psi_1^*(x)}{\psi_2^*(x)} dx \quad (\quad)$$

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SECTION—II

(Marks : 15)

Give short answers to the following questions : 3×5=15

1. What is expectation value of an operator? Obtain the expectation value for energy and momentum.

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2. Give the physical interpretation of wave function.
What does normalization condition mean?

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3. What are the three quantum numbers associated with wave functions of a hydrogen atom? Give their significance.

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4. What are linear vector space and Hilbert space?

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5. Show that $[L_z, L^2]$ is equal to zero, where L is angular momentum operator.
