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B.E. (Mechanical Engineering)  
Second Semester  
APH-203: Quantum and Statistical Physics  
(Common with IT, ECE and EEE)

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 50

**NOTE:** Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. 1 which is compulsory and selecting two questions from each Unit.

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- I. Answer the following briefly:-
- Why does the moon create two high tides on opposite sides of the earth? Shouldn't there only be one, on the side closest to the moon?
  - Explain the meaning of Eigenstate and Stationary state.
  - Distinguish between gravitational red shift and Doppler red shift.
  - Under what conditions do the Bose-Einstein and Fermi-Dirac distribution approach Maxwell Boltzmann distribution.
  - Explain the physical significance of quantum numbers  $n$ ,  $l$  and  $m_l$ . (5x2)

UNIT – I

- II. a) Using uncertainty principle, estimate the size of the hydrogen atom in the ground state.
- b) Distinguish between group velocity and wave velocity. Prove that the de-Broglie wave packet associated with a moving body travels with the same velocity as the body. (4,6)
- III. a) Discuss Doppler effect for light. Derive an expression of change in wavelength of light as seen by the moving observer moving away from the source of light.
- b) Mention the important postulates of the quantum mechanics. (6,4)
- IV. a) Derive the Schrodinger's time independent wave equation and prove that energy quantization is included in the equation.
- b) Two rockets of rest length  $L_0$  are approaching the earth from opposite directions at velocities  $\pm c/2$ . How long does one of them appear to the other? (5,5)

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UNIT - II

- V. a) Explain the origin of spin-orbit coupling in atoms.  
b) Discuss the tunnel effect for a particle approaching a potential barrier of finite width, with energy less than that of the barrier height. (3,7)
- VI. a) In a hydrogen atom an electron is in a 3d state.  
i) From the quantum mechanical model find the magnitude of the orbital angular momentum  $L$  of the electron in units of  $h$ .  
ii) Find the energy of the electron in eV.  
iii) What are the allowed transitions for this electron that result in the emission of a photon?  
iv) Calculate the energy of the transition(s) in (iii) in eV.  
b) What is Bose-Einstein statistics? Derive formula of Bose-Einstein distribution law. (4,6)
- VII. Discuss how Rayleigh Jeans law failed to account for the spectral distribution of energy density in the black-body radiation. How did Planck's radiation law overcome the difficulty? (10)

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