

M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, JANUARY 2015

Faculty of Science

Third Semester

Branch II : Physics—A—Pure Physics

PH 3C 09—QUANTUM MECHANICS—II

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

*Answer any five questions.
Each question carries a weight of 1.*

1. Explain Fermi golden rule.
2. What is an electric dipole transition moment ?
3. What are partial waves ?
4. Explain optical theorem.
5. Express Dirac's equation in the covariant form.
6. Obtain expression for probability density.
7. What is phase shift ?
8. Write the Euler—Lagrange equation for fields.
9. Define Noether's theorem.
10. What is meant by Dyson's series ?

(6 × 1 = 6)

Part B

*Answer any four questions.
Weight 2 each.*

11. Which of the following transitions is electric dipole allowed ?
 - (i) $1s \rightarrow 2s$.
 - (ii) $1s \rightarrow 2p$.
 - (iii) $2p \rightarrow 3d$.
 - (iv) $3s \rightarrow 5d$.
12. Evaluate the scattering amplitude in the Born Approximation, for scattering by the Yukawa potential. $V(r) = \frac{V_0 e^{-\alpha r}}{r}$ where V_0 and α are constants. Also show that $\sigma(\theta)$ peaks in the forward direction ($\theta = 0$) except at zero energy and decreases monotonically as θ varies from 0 to π .

Turn over

13. Show that an attractive potential leads to positive phase shifts whereas a repulsive potential to negative phase shifts.
14. Show that the following matrices from a representation of Dirac's matrices :

$$\alpha_x = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_x & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_x \end{pmatrix}, \alpha_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \alpha_z = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_z & 0 \\ 0 & -\sigma_z \end{pmatrix}, \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & iI \\ -iI & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

15. Derive the expression for Dirac's relativistic equation for a free particle.
16. For a real scalar field ϕ , the Lagrangian is $L = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_\mu \phi) (\partial^\mu \phi) - \frac{1}{2} m^2 \phi^2 - V(\phi)$. Find the Euler's Lagrangian equations.

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part C (Essay)

Answer all questions.

Weight 4 each.

17. (a) Explain the wave solution of Dirac equations.

Or

- (b) Using time dependent perturbation theory explains the fine structure of hydrogen atom.

18. (a) (i) Explain Hamiltonian formulation.

- (ii) Explain functional derivatives.

Or

- (b) Explain relativistic quantum field theory.

19. (a) Derive the expression for s-wave scattering for the finite potential well and explain.

Or

- (b) Show that it is possible to study the emission or absorption of radiation by subjecting the system to a harmonic perturbation ? Explain.

20. (a) Discuss the Euler's Lagrange equation in field theory.

Or

- (b) What are the functions of Dirac equation ? Check the relativistic covariance of Dirac equation.

(4 × 4 = 16)