

NET-DEC-2012Part A

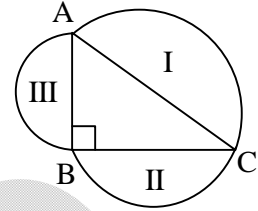
- Q1. A granite block of $2\text{m} \times 5\text{m} \times 3\text{m}$ size is cut into 5 cm thick slabs of $2\text{m} \times 5\text{m}$ size. These slabs are laid over a 2m wide pavement. What is the length of the pavement that can be covered with these slabs?
- (a) 100 m (b) 200 m (c) 300 m (d) 500 m
- Q2. Which is the least among the following?
- $0.33^{0.33}$, $0.44^{0.44}$, $\pi^{-1/\pi}$, $e^{-1/e}$
- (a) $0.33^{0.33}$ (b) $0.44^{0.44}$ (c) $\pi^{-1/\pi}$ (d) $e^{-1/e}$
- Q3. What is the next number in this “see and tell” sequence?
- 1 11 21 1211 111221 _____
- (a) 312211 (b) 1112221 (c) 1112222 (d) 1112131
- Q4. A vertical pole of length a stands at the centre of a horizontal regular hexagonal ground of side a . A rope that is fixed taut in between a vertex on the ground and the tip of the pole has a length
- (a) a (b) $\sqrt{2}a$ (c) $\sqrt{3}a$ (d) $\sqrt{6}a$
- Q5. A peacock perched on the top of a 12 m high tree spots a snake moving towards its hole at the base of the tree from a distance equal to thrice the height of the tree. The peacock flies towards the snake in a straight line and they both move at the same speed. At what distance from the base of the tree will the peacock catch the snake?
- (a) 16 m (b) 18 m (c) 14 m (d) 12 m

Q11. In sequence $\{a_n\}$ every term is equal to the sum of all previous terms. If $a_0 = 3$, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} \text{ is}$$

- (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) e

Q12. In the figure given, angle $ABC = \pi/2$. I, II, III are the areas of semicircles on the sides opposite angles B, A and C, respectively. Which of the following is always true?

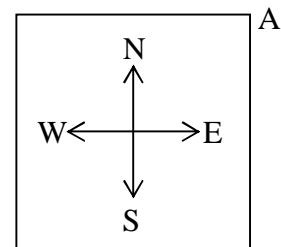


- (a) $II^2 + III^2 = I^2$ (b) $II + III = I$
 (c) $II^2 + III^2 > I^2$ (d) $II + III < I$

Q13. What is the minimum number of days between one Friday the 13th and the next Friday the 13th? (Assume that the year is a leap year).

- (a) 28 (b) 56 (c) 91 (d) 84

Q14. Suppose a person A is at the North-East corner of a square (see the figure below). From that point he moves along the diagonal and after covering $1/3^{\text{rd}}$ portion of the diagonal, he goes to his left and after sometime he stops, rotates 90° clockwise and moves straight. After a few minutes he stops, rotates 180° anticlockwise. Towards which direction he is facing now?



- (a) North-East (b) North-West (c) South-East (d) South-West

Q15. Cucumber contains 99% water. Ramesh buys 100 kg of cucumbers. After 30 days of storing the cucumbers lose some water. They now contain 98% water. What is the total weight of cucumbers now?

- (a) 99 kg (b) 50 kg (c) 75 kg (d) 2 kg

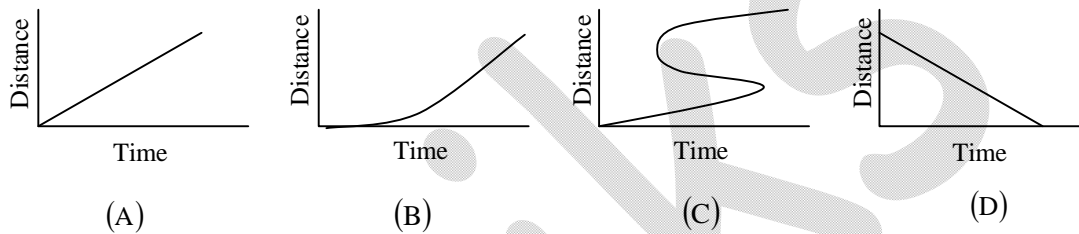
Q16. In a museum there were old coins with their respective years engraved on them, as follows:

- (i) 1837 AD (ii) 1907 AD (iii) 1947 AD (iv) 200 BC

identify the fake coin(s)

- (a) coin (i) (b) coin (iv) (c) coins (i) and (ii) (d) coin (iii)

Q17. A student observes the movement of four snails and plots the graphs of distance moved as a function of time as given in figures (A), (B), (C) and (D).



Which of the following is **not** correct?

- (a) Graph (A) (b) Graph (B) (c) Graph (C) (d) Graph (D)

Q18. Find the missing letter:

A	E G K	C
?		P
U		R
Q		V
B	O J F	D

- (a) H (b) L (c) Z (d) Y

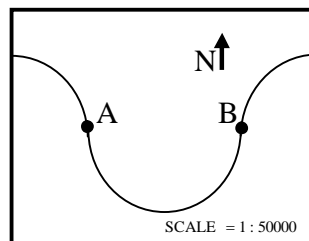
Q19. Consider the following equation

$$x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 = 14x + 28y + 42z + 147$$

where x , y and z are real numbers. Then the value of $x + 2y + 3z$ is

- (a) 7 (b) 14 (c) 21 (d) not unique

Q20. The map given below shows a meandering river following a semi-circular path, along which two villages are located at A and B. The distance between A and B along the east-west direction in the map is 7 cm. What is the length of the river between A and B in the ground?

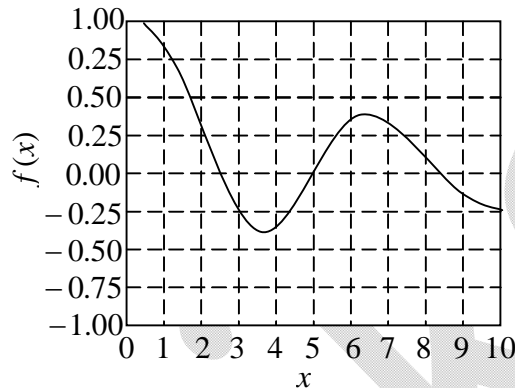


- (a) 1.1 km (b) 3.5 km (c) 5.5 km (d) 11.0 km

Part B

- Q21. A 2×2 matrix A has eigenvalues $e^{i\pi/5}$ and $e^{i\pi/6}$. The smallest value of n such that $A^n = I$ is
 (a) 20 (b) 30 (c) 60 (d) 120

- Q22. The graph of the function $f(x)$ shown below is best described by



- (a) The Bessel function $J_0(x)$ (b) $\cos x$
 (c) $e^{-x} \cos x$ (d) $\frac{1}{x} \cos x$
- Q23. In a series of five Cricket matches, one of the captains calls “Heads” every time when the toss is taken. The probability that he will win 3 times and lose 2 times is
 (a) $1/8$ (b) $5/8$ (c) $3/16$ (d) $5/16$

- Q24. The unit normal vector at the point $\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{c}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$ on the surface of the

ellipsoid $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2} = 1$, is

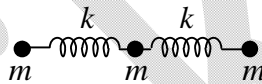
- (a) $\frac{bc\hat{i} + ca\hat{j} + ab\hat{k}}{\sqrt{a^2c^2 + b^2c^2 + a^2b^2}}$ (b) $\frac{a\hat{i} + b\hat{j} + c\hat{k}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$
 (c) $\frac{b\hat{i} + c\hat{j} + a\hat{k}}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}}$ (d) $\frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$

Q25. A solid cylinder of height H , radius R and density ρ , floats vertically on the surface of a liquid of density ρ_0 . The cylinder will be set into oscillatory motion when a small instantaneous downward force is applied. The frequency of oscillation is

- (a) $\frac{\rho g}{\rho_0 H}$ (b) $\frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \sqrt{\frac{g}{H}}$ (c) $\sqrt{\frac{\rho g}{\rho_0 H}}$ (d) $\sqrt{\frac{\rho_0 g}{\rho H}}$

Q26. Three particles of equal mass m are connected by two identical massless springs of stiffness constant k as shown in the figure:

If x_1 , x_2 and x_3 denote the horizontal displacements of the masses from their respective equilibrium positions, the potential energy of the system is



- (a) $\frac{1}{2} k [x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2]$ (b) $\frac{1}{2} k [x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 - x_2(x_1 + x_3)]$
 (c) $\frac{1}{2} k [x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + x_3^2 + 2x_2(x_1 + x_3)]$ (d) $\frac{1}{2} k [x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 + x_3^2 - 2x_2(x_1 + x_3)]$

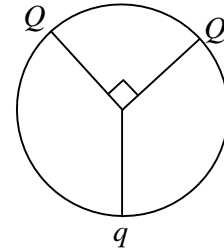
Q27. Let v , p and E denote the speed, the magnitude of the momentum, and the energy of a free particle of rest mass m . Then

- (a) $\frac{dE}{dp} = \text{constant}$ (b) $p = mv$
 (c) $v = \frac{cp}{\sqrt{p^2 + m^2 c^2}}$ (d) $E = mc^2$

Q28. A binary star system consists of two stars S_1 and S_2 , with masses m and $2m$ respectively separated by a distance r . If both S_1 and S_2 individually follow circular orbits around the centre of mass with instantaneous speeds v_1 and v_2 respectively, the speeds ratio v_1/v_2 is

- (a) $\sqrt{2}$ (b) 1 (c) 1/2 (d) 2

- Q29. Three charges are located on the circumference of a circle of radius R as shown in the figure below. The two charges Q subtend an angle 90° at the centre of the circle. The charge q is symmetrically placed with respect to the charges Q . If the electric field at the centre of the circle is zero, what is the magnitude of Q ?



- (a) $q/\sqrt{2}$ (b) $\sqrt{2}q$ (c) $2q$ (d) $4q$

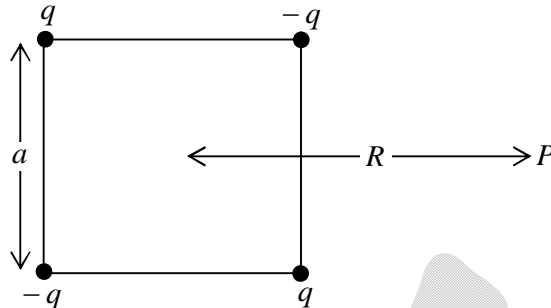
- Q30. Consider a hollow charged shell of inner radius a and outer radius b . The volume charge density is $\rho(r) = \frac{k}{r^2}$ (k is constant) in the region $a < r < b$. The magnitude of the electric field produced at distance $r > a$ is

- (a) $\frac{k(b-a)}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ for all $r > a$
 (b) $\frac{k(b-a)}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ for $a < r < b$ and $\frac{kb}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ for $r > b$
 (c) $\frac{k(r-a)}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ for $a < r < b$ and $\frac{k(b-a)}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ for $r > b$
 (d) $\frac{k(r-a)}{\epsilon_0 a^2}$ for $a < r < b$ and $\frac{k(b-a)}{\epsilon_0 r^2}$ for $r > b$

- Q31. Consider the interference of two coherent electromagnetic waves whose electric field vectors are given by $\vec{E}_1 = \hat{i}E_0 \cos \omega t$ and $\vec{E}_2 = \hat{j}E_0 \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$ where φ is the phase difference. The intensity of the resulting wave is given by $\frac{\epsilon_0}{2} \langle E^2 \rangle$, where $\langle E^2 \rangle$ is the time average of E^2 . The total intensity is

- (a) 0 (b) $\epsilon_0 E_0^2$ (c) $\epsilon_0 E_0^2 \sin^2 \varphi$ (d) $\epsilon_0 E_0^2 \cos^2 \varphi$

- Q32. Four charges (two $+q$ and two $-q$) are kept fixed at the four vertices of a square of side a as shown



At the point P which is at a distance R from the centre ($R \gg a$), the potential is proportional to

- (a) $1/R$ (b) $1/R^2$ (c) $1/R^3$ (d) $1/R^4$
- Q33. A point charges q of mass m is kept at a distance d below a grounded infinite conducting sheet which lies in the xy - plane. For what value of d will the charge remains stationary?
- (a) $q/4\sqrt{mg\pi\epsilon_0}$ (b) $q/\sqrt{mg\pi\epsilon_0}$
 (c) There is no finite value of d (d) $\sqrt{mg\pi\epsilon_0}/q$
- Q34. The wave function of a state of the hydrogen atom is given by

$$\Psi = \psi_{200} + 2\psi_{211} + 3\psi_{210} + \sqrt{2}\psi_{21-1}$$

where ψ_{nlm} is the normalized eigen function of the state with quantum numbers n , l and m in the usual notation. The expectation value of L_z in the state Ψ is

- (a) $15\hbar/16$ (b) $11\hbar/16$ (c) $3\hbar/8$ (d) $\hbar/8$
- Q35. The energy eigenvalues of a particle in the potential $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2 - ax$ are
- (a) $E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega - \frac{a^2}{2m\omega^2}$ (b) $E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega + \frac{a^2}{2m\omega^2}$
 (c) $E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega - \frac{a^2}{m\omega^2}$ (d) $E_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)\hbar\omega$

Q36. If a particle is represented by the normalized wave function

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{15}(a^2 - x^2)}{4a^{5/2}} & \text{for } -a < x < a \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

the uncertainty Δp in its momentum is

- (a) $2\hbar/5a$ (b) $5\hbar/2a$ (c) $\sqrt{10}\hbar/a$ (d) $\sqrt{5}\hbar/\sqrt{2}a$

Q37. Given the usual canonical commutation relations, the commutator $[A, B]$ of $A = i(xp_y - yp_x)$ and $B = (yp_z + zp_y)$ is

- (a) $\hbar(xp_z - p_x z)$ (b) $-\hbar(xp_z - p_x z)$
 (c) $\hbar(xp_z + p_x z)$ (d) $-\hbar(xp_z + p_x z)$

Q38. The entropy of a system, S , is related to the accessible phase space volume Γ by $S = k_B \ln \Gamma(E, N, V)$ where E , N and V are the energy, number of particles and volume respectively. From this one can conclude that Γ

- (a) does not change during evolution to equilibrium
 (b) oscillates during evolution to equilibrium
 (c) is a maximum at equilibrium
 (d) is a minimum at equilibrium

Q39. Let ΔW be the work done in a quasistatic reversible thermodynamic process. Which of the following statements about ΔW is correct?

- (a) ΔW is a perfect differential if the process is isothermal
 (b) ΔW is a perfect differential if the process is adiabatic
 (c) ΔW is always a perfect differential
 (d) ΔW cannot be a perfect differential

Q40. Consider a system of three spins S_1 , S_2 and S_3 each of which can take values $+1$ and -1 . The energy of the system is given by $E = -J[S_1S_2 + S_2S_3 + S_3S_1]$ where J is a positive constant. The minimum energy and the corresponding number of spin configuration are, respectively,

- (a) J and 1 (b) $-3J$ and 1 (c) $-3J$ and 2 (d) $-6J$ and 2

Q41. The minimum energy of a collection of 6 non-interacting electrons of spin $-\frac{1}{2}$ and mass m placed in a one dimensional infinite square well potential of width L is

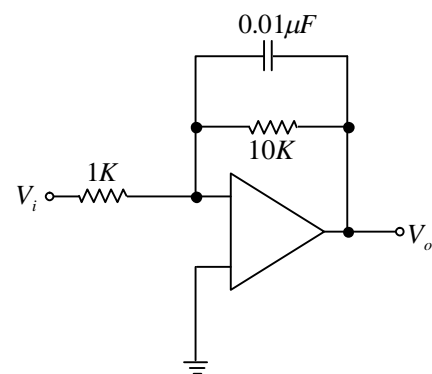
- (a) $14\pi^2\hbar^2 / mL^2$ (b) $91\pi^2\hbar^2 / mL^2$ (c) $7\pi^2\hbar^2 / mL^2$ (d) $3\pi^2\hbar^2 / mL^2$

Q42. A live music broadcast consists of a radio-wave of frequency 7 MHz, amplitude-modulated by a microphone output consisting of signals with a maximum frequency of 10 kHz. The spectrum of modulated output will be zero outside the frequency band

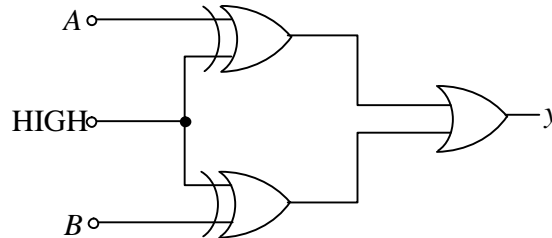
- (a) 7.00 MHz to 7.01 MHz (b) 6.99 MHz to 7.01 MHz
(c) 6.99 MHz to 7.00 MHz (d) 6.995 MHz to 7.005 MHz

Q43. In the op-amp circuit shown in the figure, V_i is a sinusoidal input signal of frequency 10 Hz and V_o is the output signal. The magnitude of the gain and the phase shift, respectively, close to the values

- (a) $5\sqrt{2}$ and $\pi/2$
(b) $5\sqrt{2}$ and $-\pi/2$
(c) 10 and zero
(d) 10 and π



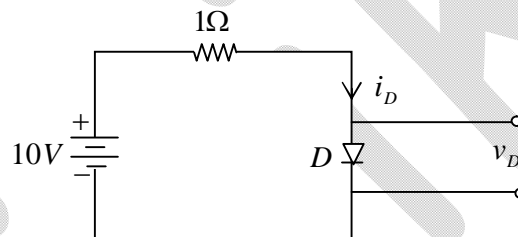
Q44. The logic circuit shown in the figure below Implements the Boolean expression



- (a) $y = \overline{A \cdot B}$ (b) $y = \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}$ (c) $y = A \cdot B$ (d) $y = A + B$

Q45. A diode D as shown in the circuit has an i - v relation that can be approximated by

$$i_D = \begin{cases} v_D^2 + 2v_D, & \text{for } v_D > 0 \\ 0, & \text{for } v_D \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



The value of v_D in the circuit is

- (a) $(-1 + \sqrt{11})V$ (b) 8 V (c) 5 V (d) 2 V

Q46. The Taylor expansion of the function $\ln(\cosh x)$, where x is real, about the point $x = 0$ starts with the following terms:

- (a) $-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \dots$ (b) $\frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{12}x^4 + \dots$
 (c) $-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^4 + \dots$ (d) $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{6}x^4 + \dots$

- Q47. Given a 2×2 unitary matrix U satisfying $U^\dagger U = U U^\dagger = 1$ with $\det U = e^{i\phi}$, one can construct a unitary matrix $V (V^\dagger V = V V^\dagger = 1)$ with $\det V = 1$ from it by
- multiplying U by $e^{-i\phi/2}$
 - multiplying any single element of U by $e^{-i\phi}$
 - multiplying any row or column of U by $e^{-i\phi/2}$
 - multiplying U by $e^{-i\phi}$
- Q48. The value of the integral $\int_C \frac{z^3 dz}{z^2 - 5z + 6}$, where C is a closed contour defined by the equation $2|z| - 5 = 0$, traversed in the anti-clockwise direction, is
- $-16\pi i$
 - $16\pi i$
 - $8\pi i$
 - $2\pi i$
- Q49. The function $f(x)$ obeys the differential equation $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} - (3 - 2i)f = 0$ and satisfies the conditions $f(0) = 1$ and $f(x) \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. The value of $f(\pi)$ is
- $e^{2\pi}$
 - $e^{-2\pi}$
 - $-e^{-2\pi}$
 - $-e^{2\pi i}$
- Q50. A planet of mass m moves in the gravitational field of the Sun (mass M). If the semi-major and semi-minor axes of the orbit are a and b respectively, the angular momentum of the planet is
- $\sqrt{2GMm^2(a+b)}$
 - $\sqrt{2GMm^2(a-b)}$
 - $\sqrt{\frac{2GMm^2 ab}{a-b}}$
 - $\sqrt{\frac{2GMm^2 ab}{a+b}}$

Q54. An infinite solenoid with its axis of symmetry along the z -direction carries a steady current I .

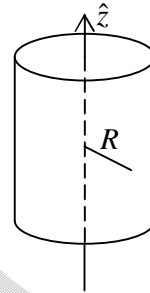
The vector potential \vec{A} at a distance R from the axis

(a) is constant inside and varies as R outside the solenoid

(b) varies as R inside and is constant outside the solenoid

(c) varies as $\frac{1}{R}$ inside and as R outside the solenoid

(d) varies as R inside and as $\frac{1}{R}$ outside the solenoid



Q55. Consider an infinite conducting sheet in the xy -plane with a time dependent current density $Kt\hat{i}$, where K is a constant. The vector potential at (x, y, z) is given

by $\vec{A} = \frac{\mu_0 K}{4c}(ct - z)^2\hat{i}$. The magnetic field \vec{B} is

(a) $\frac{\mu_0 Kt}{2}\hat{j}$

(b) $-\frac{\mu_0 Kz}{2c}\hat{j}$

(c) $-\frac{\mu_0 K}{2c}(ct - z)\hat{i}$

(d) $-\frac{\mu_0 K}{2c}(ct - z)\hat{j}$

Q56. When a charged particle emits electromagnetic radiation, the electric field \vec{E} and the Poynting vector $\vec{S} = \frac{1}{\mu_0}\vec{E} \times \vec{B}$ at a larger distance r from emitter vary as $\frac{1}{r^n}$ and

$\frac{1}{r^m}$ respectively. Which of the following choices for n and m are correct?

(a) $n = 1$ and $m = 1$

(b) $n = 2$ and $m = 2$

(c) $n = 1$ and $m = 2$

(d) $n = 2$ and $m = 4$

Q57. The energies in the ground state and first excited state of a particle of mass $m = \frac{1}{2}$ in a potential $V(x)$ are -4 and -1, respectively, (in units in which $\hbar = 1$). If the corresponding wavefunctions are related by $\psi_1(x) = \psi_0(x)\sinh x$, then the ground state eigenfunction is

- (a) $\psi_0(x) = \sqrt{\sec hx}$ (b) $\psi_0(x) = \sec hx$
 (c) $\psi_0(x) = \sec h^2 x$ (d) $\psi_0(x) = \sec h^3 x$

Q58. The perturbation

$$H' = \begin{cases} b(a-x), & -a < x < a \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

acts on a particle of mass m confined in an infinite square well potential

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -a < x < a \\ \infty, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The first order correction to the ground state energy of the particle is

- (a) $\frac{ba}{2}$ (b) $\frac{ba}{\sqrt{2}}$ (c) $2ba$ (d) ba

Q59. Let $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$ denote the normalized eigenstates corresponding to the ground and the first excited states of a one-dimensional harmonic oscillator. The uncertainty Δx in the state $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle + |1\rangle)$ is

- (a) $\Delta x = \sqrt{\hbar/2m\omega}$ (b) $\Delta x = \sqrt{\hbar/m\omega}$
 (c) $\Delta x = \sqrt{2\hbar/m\omega}$ (d) $\Delta x = \sqrt{4\hbar/m\omega}$

Q60. What would be the ground state energy of the Hamiltonian

$$H = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} - \alpha \delta(x)$$

if variational principle is used to estimate it with the trial wavefunction $\psi(x) = Ae^{-bx^2}$ with b as the variational parameter?

[Hint: $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^{2n} e^{-2bx^2} dx = (2b)^{-n-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)$]

- (a) $-m\alpha^2 / 2\hbar^2$ (b) $-2m\alpha^2 / \pi \hbar^2$ (c) $-m\alpha^2 / \pi \hbar^2$ (d) $m\alpha^2 / \pi \hbar^2$

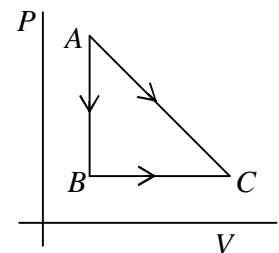
Q61. The free energy difference between the superconducting and the normal states of a material is given by $\Delta F = F_S - F_N = \alpha|\psi|^2 + \frac{\beta}{2}|\psi|^4$, where ψ is an order parameter and α and β are constants such that $\alpha > 0$ in the normal and $\alpha < 0$ in the superconducting state, while $\beta > 0$ always. The minimum value of ΔF is

- (a) $-\alpha^2 / \beta$ (b) $-\alpha^2 / 2\beta$ (c) $-3\alpha^2 / 2\beta$ (d) $-5\alpha^2 / 2\beta$

Q62. A given quantity of gas is taken from the state A \rightarrow C reversibly, by two paths, A \rightarrow C directly and A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C as shown in the figure.

During the process A \rightarrow C the work done by the gas is 100 J and the heat absorbed is 150 J. If during the process A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C the work done by the gas is 30 J, the heat absorbed is

- (a) 20 J (b) 80 J
(c) 220 J (d) 280 J



Q63. Consider a one-dimensional Ising model with N spins, at very low temperatures when almost all spins are aligned parallel to each other. There will be a few spin flips with each flip costing an energy $2J$. In a configuration with r spin flips, the energy of the system is $E = -NJ + 2rJ$ and the number of configuration is ${}^N C_r$; r varies from 0 to N . The partition function is

(a) $\left(\frac{J}{k_B T}\right)^N$

(b) $e^{-NJ/k_B T}$

(c) $\left(\sinh \frac{J}{k_B T}\right)^N$

(d) $\left(\cosh \frac{J}{k_B T}\right)^N$

Q64. A magnetic field sensor based on the Hall Effect is to be fabricated by implanting As into a Si film of thickness $1 \mu\text{m}$. The specifications require a magnetic field sensitivity of 500 mV/Tesla at an excitation current of 1 mA . The implantation dose is to be adjusted such that the average carrier density, after activation, is

(a) $1.25 \times 10^{26} \text{ m}^{-3}$

(b) $1.25 \times 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-3}$

(c) $4.1 \times 10^{21} \text{ m}^{-3}$

(d) $4.1 \times 10^{20} \text{ m}^{-3}$

Q65. Band-pass and band-reject filters can be implemented by combining a low pass and a high pass filter in series and in parallel, respectively. If the cut-off frequencies of the low pass and high pass filters are ω_0^{LP} and ω_0^{HP} , respectively, the condition required to implement the band-pass and band-reject filters are, respectively,

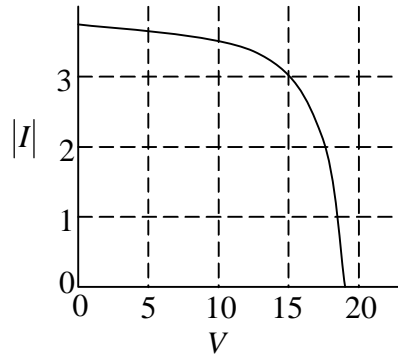
(a) $\omega_0^{HP} < \omega_0^{LP}$ and $\omega_0^{HP} < \omega_0^{LP}$

(b) $\omega_0^{HP} < \omega_0^{LP}$ and $\omega_0^{HP} > \omega_0^{LP}$

(c) $\omega_0^{HP} > \omega_0^{LP}$ and $\omega_0^{HP} < \omega_0^{LP}$

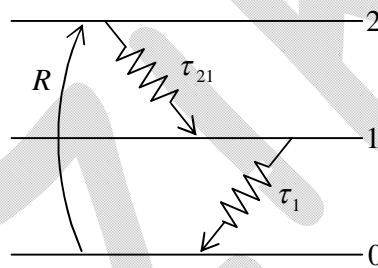
(d) $\omega_0^{HP} > \omega_0^{LP}$ and $\omega_0^{HP} > \omega_0^{LP}$

- Q66. The output characteristics of a solar panel at a certain level of irradiance is shown in the figure below.



If the solar cell is to power a load of 5Ω , the power drawn by the load is

- (a) 97 W (b) 73 W (c) 50 W (d) 45 W
- Q67. Consider the energy level diagram shown below, which corresponds to the molecular nitrogen laser.



If the pump rate R is 10^{20} atoms $\text{cm}^{-3} \text{s}^{-1}$ and the decay routes are as shown with $\tau_{21} = 20 \text{ ns}$ and $\tau_1 = 1 \mu\text{s}$, the equilibrium populations of states 2 and 1 are, respectively,

- (a) 10^{14} cm^{-3} and $2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (b) $2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and 10^{14} cm^{-3} .
- (c) $2 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $2 \times 10^6 \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (d) zero and 10^{20} cm^{-3}
- Q68. Consider a hydrogen atom undergoing a $2P \rightarrow 1S$ transition. The lifetime t_{sp} of the $2P$ state for spontaneous emission is 1.6 ns and the energy difference between the levels is 10.2 eV . Assuming that the refractive index of the medium $n_0 = 1$, the ratio of Einstein coefficients for stimulated and spontaneous emission $B_{21}(\omega)/A_{21}(\omega)$ is given by
- (a) $0.683 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}^3 \text{J}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ (b) $0.146 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Jsm}^{-3}$.
- (c) $6.83 \times 10^{12} \text{ m}^3 \text{J}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ (d) $1.463 \times 10^{-12} \text{ Jsm}^{-3}$.

Q69. Consider a He-Ne laser cavity consisting of two mirrors of reflectivities $R_1 = 1$ and $R_2 = 0.98$. The mirrors are separated by a distance $d = 20$ cm and the medium in between has a refractive index $n_0 = 1$ and absorption coefficient $\alpha = 0$. The values of the separation between the modes $\delta\nu$ and the width $\Delta\nu_p$ of each mode of the laser cavity are:

- (a) $\delta\nu = 75\text{kHz}, \Delta\nu_p = 24\text{kHz}$ (b) $\delta\nu = 100\text{kHz}, \Delta\nu_p = 100\text{kHz}$
 (c) $\delta\nu = 750\text{MHz}, \Delta\nu_p = 2.4\text{MHz}$ (d) $\delta\nu = 2.4\text{MHz}, \Delta\nu_p = 750\text{MHz}$

Q70. Non-interacting bosons undergo Bose-Einstein Condensation (BEC) when trapped in a three dimensional isotropic simple harmonic potential. For BEC to occur, the chemical potential must be equal to

- (a) $\hbar\omega/2$ (b) $\hbar\omega$ (c) $3\hbar\omega/2$ (d) 0

Q71. In a band structure calculation, the dispersion relation for electrons is found to be

$$\varepsilon_k = \beta(\cos k_x a + \cos k_y a + \cos k_z a),$$

where β is a constant and a is the lattice constant. The effective mass at the boundary of the first Brillouin zone is

- (a) $\frac{2\hbar^2}{5\beta a^2}$ (b) $\frac{4\hbar^2}{5\beta a^2}$ (c) $\frac{\hbar^2}{2\beta a^2}$ (d) $\frac{\hbar^2}{3\beta a^2}$

Q72. The radius of the Fermi sphere of free electrons in a monovalent metal with an fcc structure, in which the volume of the unit cell is a^3 , is

- (a) $\left(\frac{12\pi^2}{a^3}\right)^{1/3}$ (b) $\left(\frac{3\pi^2}{a^3}\right)^{1/3}$ (c) $\left(\frac{\pi^2}{a^3}\right)^{1/3}$ (d) $\frac{1}{a}$

Q73. The muon has mass $105 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ and mean lifetime $2.2 \mu\text{s}$ in its rest frame. The mean distance traversed by a muon of energy $315 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ before decaying is approximately

- (a) $3 \times 10^5 \text{ km}$ (b) 2.2 cm (c) $6.6 \mu\text{m}$ (d) 1.98 km

Q74. Consider the following particles: the proton p , the neutron n , the neutral pion π^0 and the delta resonance Δ^+ . When ordered in terms of decreasing lifetime, the correct arrangement is as follows:

(a) π^0, n, p, Δ^+ .

(b) p, n, Δ^+, π^0 .

(c) p, n, π^0, Δ^+ .

(d) Δ^+, n, π^0, p .

Q75. The single particle energy difference between the p -orbitals (i.e. $P_{3/2}$ and $P_{1/2}$) of the nucleus ${}_{50}^{114}\text{Sn}$ is 3 MeV. The energy difference between the states in its $1f$ orbitals is

(a) -7 MeV

(b) 7 MeV

(c) 5 MeV

(d) -5 MeV