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Q1. A small mass m with a charge q is attached to spring of spring constant k and allowed to oscillate at amplitude A . Assuming that the amplitude of the oscillations and the speed of the mass is small, the time averaged power radiated by the system in Gaussian units is

(a) $\frac{q^2 k^2 A^2}{3c^2 m^2}$

(b) $\frac{q^2 k^2 A^2}{3c^4 m^2}$

(c) $\frac{2q^2 k^2 A^2}{3c^3 m^2}$

(d) None of these

Ans. (a)

Q2. A sphere of radius a made of a material of dielectric constant $\epsilon_r = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0}$ has a uniform charge density potential (ρ) at the center of the sphere is

(a) $V(0) = \frac{\rho a^2}{6 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} (2 \epsilon_r + 1)$

(b) $V(0) = 0$

(c) $V(0) = \frac{\rho a^2}{4\pi \epsilon_0} (2 \epsilon_r + 1)$

(d) $V(0) = \frac{4\pi a^2 \rho}{3 \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}$

Ans. (a)

Q3. In the planetary model of the hydrogen atom, the time taken for the electron of charge e and mass m in the first Bohr orbit $\left(a_0 = \frac{\hbar^2}{me^2} \right)$ to spiral into the nucleus is given by

(a) $\frac{m^2 c^3 a_0^3}{4e^4}$

(b) $\frac{m^2 c^3 a_0^3}{2e^4}$

(c) $\frac{m^2 c^3 a_0^3}{2\hbar e^4}$

(d) None of these

Ans. (a)

Q4. A particle of mass m and charge q is accelerated from rest in a uniform electric field $\vec{E} = E\hat{x}$ for a time t . Assuming relativistic motion, the speed of the particle at time t is given by

(a) $\frac{qEct}{\sqrt{(qEt)^2 + (mc)^2}}$

(b) $\left(\frac{qE}{m}\right)t$

(c) $\frac{qEct}{2\sqrt{(qEt)^2 + (mc)^2}}$

(d) $\frac{qEct^2}{\sqrt{(qEt)^2 + (mc)^2}}$

Ans. (a)

Q5. A circular air filled parallel plate capacitor of radius R and separation d has an electric field $E(t)$ which varies as $\frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$ ignoring edge effects, the magnitude of the magnetic field is given by

(a) $B = \frac{R}{2c} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$

(b) $B = \frac{R^2}{2cd} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$

(c) $B = \frac{d^2}{Rc} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$

(d) $B = \frac{R^2}{2d} \frac{\partial E}{\partial t}$

Ans. (a)

Q6. The first-order correction to the ground state energy of an isotropic 3-dimensional harmonic oscillator with the perturbation $V = \lambda xyz^2$ is

(a) 0

(b) $\lambda^2 \left(\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}\right)$

(c) ∞

(d) $\left(\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}\right)^2 \lambda^2$

Ans. (a)

Q7. Consider a particle of mass m constrained in the segment $-a \leq x \leq a$ and subject to the repulsive potential $V(x) = \lambda\delta(x)$, $\lambda > 0$. Consider $V(x)$ as a perturbation and calculate the 1st order correction $\Delta E_0^{(1)}$ and $\Delta E_1^{(1)}$ to the energies of the ground and first excited states

(a) $\Delta E_0^{(1)} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$ and $\Delta E_1^{(1)} = 0$

(b) $\Delta E_0^{(1)} = 0$ and $\Delta E_1^{(1)} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{8ma^2}$

(c) $\Delta E_0^{(1)} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$ and $\Delta E_1^{(1)} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$

(d) $\Delta E_0^{(1)} = \frac{\hbar^2 \pi^2}{8ma^2}$ and $\Delta E_1^{(1)} = \frac{\lambda}{a}$

Ans. (a)

Q8. If the scattering amplitude $f(\theta) = 4\sin(\theta) + i5\cos\theta$, the total cross-section σ_T is

(a) $\frac{20\pi}{k}$

(b) $\frac{5}{k^2}$

(c) $\frac{4}{k^2}$

(d) 0

Ans. (a)

Q9. Find the first order probability of transition of a harmonic oscillator to go from its ground state $|0\rangle$ to the first excited state $|1\rangle$ for a time-dependent perturbation

$H(t) = xe^{-\tau/t}, t \geq 0, \tau > 0$, for $t \rightarrow \infty$ late time, and $\tau \rightarrow 0$. $P_{0 \rightarrow 1}^{(1)}$ is therefore equal to

(a) 0

(b) $\frac{1}{2m\hbar\omega^3}$

(c) 1

(d) ∞

Ans. (a)

Q10. The angle between two (hkl) planes corresponding to (100) and (110) is

(a) 45°

(b) 60°

(c) 30°

(d) 15°

Ans. (a)

Q11. The Madelung constant of a one dimensional crystal consisting of alternate positive and negative ions with interatomic distance R is given by the expression $\alpha = 2\ln 2$. The Madelung constant for a divalent ion can be expressed as:

(a) $\alpha = 8\ln 2$

(b) $\alpha = 4\ln 2$

(c) $\alpha = \ln 2$

(d) 0

Ans. (a)

Q12. The total scattering amplitude of reflection from (h, k, l) plane is given by the expression

$$F(h, k, l) = \sum_j e^{2\pi i(u_j h + v_j k + w_j l)}. \text{ Where } (u_j, v_j, w_j) \text{ represent the coordinates of the}$$

j th atom. The allowed reflections for (h, k, l) values for a FCC structure are

- (a) all odd or all even (b) all odd
(c) all even (d) zero

Ans. (a)

Q13. A one dimensional lattice chain consists of periodic arrangement of atoms with lattice spacing 'a'. Each atom is represented by the potential $V(x) = aV_0\delta(x)$, the energy gaps between the bands in the nearly free electron approximation is

- (a) $2V_0$ (b) V_0 (c) $\frac{V_0}{2}$ (d) $\sqrt{V_0}$

Ans. (a)

Q14. If an AC current of frequency 1GHz is observed through a Josephson junction, then the applied dc voltage is, (Given $h = 6.625 \times 10^{-34}$)

- (a) $2.07 \mu V$ (b) $3.8 \mu V$ (c) $1 \mu V$ (d) $5.48 \mu V$

Ans. (a)

Q15. Suppose that Newton's theory of gravitation is modified for short range. In this modified theory the potential energy between two masses m_1 and m_2 are given by,

$$V(r) = -\frac{Gm_1m_2}{r} (1 - ae^{-r/\lambda})$$

where a is a constant and other symbols have their usual physical significance. For short distances $r \ll \lambda$ calculate the force between m_1 and m_2 .

- (a) $F = -Gm_1m_2(1-a)/r^2$ (b) $F = -Gm_1m_2a/\lambda r$
(c) $F = -Gm_1m_2(1+a)/r^2$ (d) $F = -Gm_1m_2a/r^2$

Ans. (a)

- Q16. A statistical system is composed of two ultra-relativistic particles moving in a segment of Length L . The Hamiltonian of the system is given by,

$$H(p_1, p_2) = c(|p_1| + |p_2|)$$

where, p_1 and p_2 are the momenta of the particles and c is the speed of light in vacuum.

The volume of phase space enclosed by the surface of constant energy E is given by

- (a) $\sum(E, L) = \frac{2E^2 L^2}{c^2}$ (b) $\sum(E, L) = \frac{E^2 L^2}{c^2}$
 (c) $\sum(E, L) = \frac{2EL^2}{c^2}$ (d) $\sum(E, L) = 2E^2 L^2$

Ans. (a)

- Q17. Consider an ensemble of N distinguishable particles distributed in two energy levels ε and $-\varepsilon$, with number of particles in them N_+ and N_- , respectively in equilibrium. The ensemble is isolated and has fixed energy E at temperature T given by,

$$E = -N\varepsilon \tanh\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{k_B T}\right)$$

is the Boltzmann constant.

If $\varepsilon = k_B \ln 2$, find out the temperature at which $\frac{N_+}{N_-} = \frac{1}{2}$. [Given, $\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$]

- (a) $+2k$ (b) $-2k$ (c) $+1k$ (d) $-4k$

Ans. (a)

- Q18. Primary advantage of a crystal oscillator is that

- (a) it can oscillate at any frequency
 (b) it gives a high output voltage
 (c) its frequency of oscillation remains almost constant
 (d) it gives a constant a *d.c* output voltage

Ans. (c)

- Q19. In the spectrum of a frequency-modulated wave
- (a) the carrier frequency disappears when the modulation index is large
 - (b) the amplitude of any sideband depends on the modulation index
 - (c) the total number of sidebands depends on the modulation index
 - (d) the carrier frequency cannot disappear

Ans. (b)

- Q20. The largest value of output voltage from an 8-bit digital-to-analog converter that produces 1.0V for a digital input of 00110010 is
- (a) 5.1V
 - (b) 10.2V
 - (c) 20.4V
 - (d) 2.5V

Ans. (a)

- Q21. Which of the following statement is NOT correct for a Depletion type n -channel MOSFET
- (a) Channel width can be increased
 - (b) Channel width can be decreased
 - (c) can work with both positive and negative gate bias
 - (d) Initially the channel between drain and source is completely blocked by a p -region

Ans. (d)

- Q22. If an inverter is placed between the inputs of an $S-R$ Flip-Flop, the resulting Flip-Flop is a
- (a) D Flip-Flop
 - (b) $J-K$ Flip Flop
 - (c) Master Slave Flip Flop
 - (d) Remains a $S-R$ Flip Flop

Ans. (a)

- Q23. The Carnot engines X and Y are operating in series. The first engine X receives heat at 1200 K and rejects to a reservoir at temperature T . The second engine Y receives the heat rejected by X , and thereafter re-ejects to heat reservoir at 300 K . Calculate the temperature (in kelvin) for the situation, when the work output of the two engines is equal
- (a) 750 K
 - (b) 600 K
 - (c) 0 K
 - (d) 450 K

Ans. (a)

Q24. The quantum mechanical energy states of an atom are described by the energy states such as 0 and ϵ at the thermal equilibrium temperature T . Now the system has partition function Q such that its total internal energy will be:

$$(a) U = \frac{\epsilon}{e^{\frac{\epsilon}{kT}} + 1}$$

$$(b) U = \frac{2\epsilon}{e^{\frac{2\epsilon}{kT}} + 1}$$

$$(c) U = \frac{kT}{e^{\frac{\epsilon}{kT}} + 1}$$

$$(d) U = \frac{kT}{e^{\frac{2\epsilon}{kT}} + 1}$$

Ans. (a)

Q25. 1 kg of water at 273 K is brought in contact with a heat reservoir at 373 K. Now after the transfer of heat to the heat reservoir, there is a change of entropy in the system when the after reaches 373 K. What is the change in entropy.

[Given specific heat $s = 10^3 \text{ cal/kg-K}$]

$$(a) 2.303 \log_{10} \left(\frac{373}{273} \right) \text{ cal/K}$$

$$(b) 10^3 \times 2.303 \log_{10} \left(\frac{373}{273} \right) \text{ cal/K}$$

$$(c) 10^3 \times \log_{10} \left(\frac{373}{273} \right) \text{ cal/K}$$

(d) None of these

Ans. (b)

Q26. Roughing vacuum range is

$$(a) 10^{-7} - 10^{-5} \text{ mbar}$$

$$(b) 10^{-11} - 10^{-9} \text{ mbar}$$

$$(c) 10^{-3} - 10^{-1} \text{ mbar}$$

$$(d) 10^3 - 10^1 \text{ mbar}$$

Ans. (c)

Q27. Pirani gauge works in pressure range of

$$(a) 10^5 - 10^1 \text{ Torr}$$

$$(b) 10^{-4} - 10^{-1} \text{ Torr}$$

$$(c) 10^{-8} - 10^{-4} \text{ Torr}$$

$$(d) 10^{-12} - 10^{-3} \text{ Torr}$$

Ans. (b)

Q28. 3 Isospin (I) of elementary particle Ω - is

$$(a) \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(b) \frac{3}{2}$$

$$(c) 1$$

$$(d) 0$$

Ans. (d)

Q29. Which one of the following particle has a strangeness quantum number 1?

- (a) π^+ (b) Λ^0 (c) K^+ (d) Ω^-

Ans. (c)

Q30. Hypercharge (Y) of elementary particle K^+ is

- (a) 0 (b) +1 (c) -1 (d) -2

Ans. (b)

Q31. Quark structure of elementary particle Σ^+ is

- (a) uus (b) uds (c) sds (d) sus

Ans. (a)

Q32. Total number of down quarks in ${}^7_3\text{Li}$ are

- (a) 9 (b) 10 (c) 11 (d) 12

Ans. (c)

Q33. If the probability that a problem will be solved by three students is $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{6}$, then what is the probability that the problem will be solved?

- (a) $\frac{13}{18}$ (b) $\frac{1}{36}$ (c) $\frac{1}{18}$ (d) None of these

Ans. (a)

Q34. Find the eigenvalues of $4A^{-1} + 3A + 2I$, where I is the identity matrix and $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$

- (a) 9, 15 (b) 9, 36 (c) 7, 28 (d) None of these

Ans. (a)

Q35. If $u = x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ and $\vec{r} = x\vec{i} + y\vec{j} + z\vec{k}$ then $\text{div}(u\vec{r})$ is

- (a) u (b) $2u$ (c) $4u$ (d) $5u$

Ans. (d)

Q36. The value of complex integral $\oint \frac{z}{z^2+9} dz$ with the closed contour $|z-2i|=4$ is

- (a) πi (b) $2\pi i$ (c) $3\pi i$ (d) $4\pi i$

Ans. (a)

Q37. The Fourier transform of $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0 \\ e^{-ax}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$

- (a) $\frac{1}{2\pi is + a}$ (b) $\frac{1}{2\pi is + 2a}$
 (c) $\frac{1}{2\pi is - a}$ (d) None of these

Ans. (a)

Q38. Given the operator $\vec{J} = \hat{J}_x \hat{i} + \hat{J}_y \hat{j} + \hat{J}_z \hat{k}$, where the commutator $[\hat{J}_j, \hat{J}_k] = i \sum_{l=1}^3 \epsilon_{jkl} \hat{J}_l$, as

well as two constant vector \vec{u} and \vec{v} then the commutator $[\vec{u} \cdot \vec{J}, \vec{v} \cdot \vec{J}]$ is equal to,

- (a) $i(\vec{u} \times \vec{v}) \cdot \vec{J}$ (b) $i\left(\sum_{k=1}^3 u_k v_k \hat{J}_k\right)$
 (c) $i \sum_{k=1}^3 u_k v_k \hat{J}_k$ (d) $\sum_{k=1}^3 u_k v_k \hat{J}_k \cdot \hat{J}_k$

Ans. (a)

Q39. For $-1 \leq x \leq +1$, the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n+1}}{2n+1}$ is equal to:

- (a) $\tan^{-1} x$ (b) $\frac{x \exp x}{\pi}$
 (c) $\sin^2 x$ (d) $\cos^2 x$

Ans. (a)

Q40. The integral, $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d(\delta(y))}{dy} \sin y dy$ is equal to

- (a) -1 (b) $\cos y$ (c) $+1$ (d) π

Ans. (a)

Q41. The solution of the differential equation, $(1+x^2)\frac{df}{dx} + xf(x) = 0$ is given by, a being an arbitrary constant,

- (a) $A(x^2+1)^{-1/2}$ (b) $\ln(A(x^2+1))$
 (c) $\ln(A(x^2+1)^{-1/2})$ (d) $\cos(A(x^2+1))$

Ans. (a)

Q42. If $\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}(\vec{r}) \neq 0$ but $\vec{\nabla} \times (g(\vec{r})\vec{F}(\vec{r})) = 0$ then,

- (a) $\vec{F}(\vec{r}) \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}(\vec{r})) = 0$ (b) $\vec{\nabla} \times (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}(\vec{r})) = 0$
 (c) $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{F}(\vec{r}) = 0$ (d) $\vec{\nabla} g(\vec{r}) \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{F}(\vec{r})) = 0$

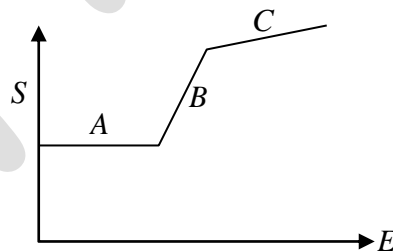
Ans. (a)

Q43. $\frac{d(\delta(y))}{dy}$ equals to:

- (a) $\frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x e^{ixy} dx$ (b) $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{ixy}}{x} dx$
 (c) $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x e^{ixy} dx$ (d) $\frac{i}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x^2 e^{ixy} dx$

Ans. (d)

Q44. The entropy S of a thermodynamic system as a function of energy E is given by the following graph



If T_A, T_B and T_C are the temperatures for the phases A, B and C respectively, then

- (a) $T_B > T_C > T_A$ (b) $T_A > T_B > T_C$
 (c) $T_C > T_A > T_B$ (d) $T_C > T_B > T_A$

Ans. (a)

Q45. If the half-life of radium is about 1600 years, then for a given ball of pure radium weighing 4 gm now, what would be the amount of time required to have only 0.125 gm of radium to be left,

- (a) 9600 years (b) 4800 years (c) 7200 years (d) 8000 years

Ans. (d)

Q46. The Hamiltonian for a 1-dimensional system is given to be $H(x, p) = \alpha p + \beta x$, where α and β are positive real numbers, respectively. The phase space trajectory in the position-momentum ($x-p$) plane is given by,

- (a) An ellipse
 (b) A straight line with a positive slope
 (c) A parabola
 (d) A straight line with a negative slope

Ans. (d)

Q47. The Lagrangian for a system is given by $L = \alpha e^{-bt} \dot{x}^2 - e^{-bt} \beta x$, where α and β are positive real numbers. The constant b is also a positive real number. The equation of motion that follows from this Lagrangian is

- (a) $2\alpha \ddot{x} - b\dot{x}\beta e^{-bt} = 0$ (b) $e^{-bt}(\alpha \ddot{x} - 2b\dot{x}) + \beta = 0$
 (c) $\alpha(\ddot{x} + b\dot{x}) + \beta = 0$ (d) $2\alpha(\ddot{x} - b\dot{x}) + \beta = 0$

Ans. (d)

Q48. The Hamiltonian of a system is given by,

$$H = ap^3 + bp + x^2$$

where a and b are positive constants. The corresponding Lagrangian is

- (a) $\pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3a}}(\dot{x} - b)^2 - x^2$ (b) $\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3a}}(\dot{x} - bx)^{3/2} - x^2$
 (c) $\pm(\dot{x} - b)^{3/2} + x^2$ (d) $\pm \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3a}}(\dot{x} - b)^{3/2} - x^2$

Ans. (d)

Q49. Consider the transformation,

$$q \rightarrow Q = \alpha_1 q + \beta_1 p$$

$$p \rightarrow P = \alpha_2 q + \beta_2 p$$

where, $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_1$ and β_2 are real constants. This transformation is:

- (a) Always canonical as it is a linear transformation
- (b) Never a canonical transformation since it is linear
- (c) A canonical transformation if $\beta_1 = 1$ and $\alpha_2 = 1$ while $\alpha_1 = 0$ and $\beta_2 = 0$
- (d) A canonical transformation if $\alpha_1 \beta_2 - \beta_1 \alpha_2 = 1$

Ans. (d)

Q50. A free-particle moving in 1-dimension is described by the wavefunction

$$\psi(x, t) \left[A e^{\frac{ipx}{\hbar}} + B e^{-\frac{ipx}{\hbar}} \right] e^{-\frac{ip^2 t}{2m\hbar}},$$

Which of the following options is correct?

- (a) $\psi(x, t)$ is an eigenstate of the momentum operator
- (b) $\psi(x, t)$ is not a solution of the Schrodinger equation, but is an eigenstate of the Hamiltonian
- (c) $\psi(x, t)$ is an eigenstate of the momentum operator as well as an eigenstate of the Hamiltonian
- (d) $\psi(x, t)$ is a solution of the Schrodinger equation and is an eigenstate of the Hamiltonian

Ans. (d)