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Question Paper (Memory-Based) with Solutions

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General Instructions

(i) **Duration:** The total duration of the examination is 3 hours (180 minutes).

(ii) **Total Marks:** The complete paper carries a maximum of 390 marks.

(iii) **Structure:** The paper has 4 Sections:

- **Part 1:** 30 Multiple Choice Questions (Physics).
- **Part 2:** 30 Multiple Choice Questions (Chemistry).
- **Part 3:** 10 Multiple Choice Questions (English Proficiency),
  20 Multiple Choice Questions (Logical Reasoning)
- **Part 4:** 40 Multiple Choice Questions (Mathematics/Biology)

(iv) **Compulsory Questions:** All 130 questions are compulsory,and +12 Questions(Optional Extra Questions)

(v) Each question has four options. Only **one** option is correct.

(vi) **Correct Answer:** +3 marks.

(vii) **Incorrect Answer:** −1 (Negative marking).

(viii) **Unanswered/Marked for Review:** 0 marks.

PHYSICS

1. A particle moves along a straight line such that its position is given by $x(t) = 3t^2 - t^3$. What is its velocity at $t = 2$ seconds?

(A) 0 m/s

(B) 4 m/s

(C) −4 m/s

(D) 12 m/s

Correct Answer: (A) 0 m/s

Solution:

Concept: Velocity is the rate of change of position with respect to time. If the position of a particle is given by $x(t)$, then its velocity is obtained by differentiating the position function:

$$v(t) = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

Step 1: Differentiate the position function to obtain velocity.

The given position function is:

$$x(t) = 3t^2 - t^3$$

Differentiate with respect to t:

$$v(t) = \frac{d}{dt}(3t^2 - t^3)$$

$$v(t) = 6t - 3t^2$$

Step 2: Substitute $t = 2$ seconds into the velocity expression.

$$v(2) = 6(2) - 3(2)^2$$

$$v(2) = 12 - 3(4)$$

$$v(2) = 12 - 12$$

$$v(2) = 0$$

Hence, the velocity of the particle at $t = 2$ seconds is:

$$\boxed{0 \text{ m/s}}$$

Quick Tip: Whenever position is given as a function of time, remember:

$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{dx}{dt}$$

and

$$\text{Acceleration} = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$$

Differentiate carefully term-by-term using power rule.

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2. A force of 20 N is applied to a 5 kg object at an angle of 60° to the horizontal. What is the horizontal acceleration of the object, ignoring friction?

(A) 2 m/s^2

(B) 4 m/s^2

(C) 1.73 m/s^2

(D) 2.5 m/s^2

Correct Answer: (A) 2 m/s^2

Solution:

Concept: When a force is applied at an angle, it is resolved into horizontal and vertical components. The horizontal component is responsible for horizontal acceleration:

$$F_x = F\cos\theta$$

Using Newton's Second Law:

$$a = \frac{F_{\text{net}}}{m}$$

Step 1: Find the horizontal component of the applied force.

Given:

$$F = 20\text{ N}, \qquad \theta = 60^\circ$$

The horizontal component is:

$$F_x = F\cos 60^\circ$$

Since:

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

we get:

$$F_x = 20 \times \frac{1}{2} = 10 \text{ N}$$

Step 2: Apply Newton's Second Law to calculate acceleration.

Mass of the object:

$$m = 5 \text{ kg}$$

Using:

$$a = \frac{F_x}{m}$$

Substitute the values:

$$a = \frac{10}{5}$$

$$a = 2 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Hence, the horizontal acceleration of the object is:

$$\boxed{2 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

Quick Tip: For inclined forces, always resolve the force into components first:

$$F_x = F\cos\theta, \qquad F_y = F\sin\theta$$

Only the horizontal component contributes to horizontal acceleration.

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3. A ball is projected horizontally from the top of a tower with a velocity of 10 m/s. If it hits the ground 2 seconds later, what is the height of the tower? (Take $g = 10$ m/s^2)

(A) 20 m

(B) 10 m

(C) 40 m

(D) 25 m

Correct Answer: (A) 20 m

Solution:

Concept: In horizontal projection, the horizontal and vertical motions are independent of each other. The vertical motion is simply a case of free fall under gravity. The vertical displacement is given by:

$$h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

Since the ball is projected horizontally, its initial vertical velocity is zero:

$$u = 0$$

Step 1: Write the equation for vertical displacement.

Using the formula:

$$h = ut + \frac{1}{2}gt^2$$

Substitute:

$$u = 0, \qquad g = 10\ \text{m/s}^2, \qquad t = 2\ \text{s}$$

Thus:

$$h = 0 + \frac{1}{2}(10)(2)^2$$

Step 2: Simplify the numerical expression.

$$h = 5 \times 4$$

$$h = 20\ \text{m}$$

Therefore, the height of the tower is:

$$\boxed{20\ \text{m}}$$

Quick Tip: In horizontal projection problems:

$$\text{Horizontal motion} \longrightarrow \text{constant velocity}$$

$$\text{Vertical motion} \longrightarrow \text{free fall under gravity}$$

The height depends only on vertical motion and time of flight.

4. An ideal gas is compressed isothermally. During this process:

(A) Internal energy remains constant

(B) Temperature increases

(C) No work is done on the gas

(D) Pressure remains constant

Correct Answer: (A) Internal energy remains constant

Solution:

Concept: An **isothermal process** is a thermodynamic process in which the temperature remains constant throughout:

$$\Delta T = 0$$

For an ideal gas, internal energy depends only on temperature. Therefore:

$$\Delta U \propto \Delta T$$

Hence, if temperature does not change, the internal energy also remains constant.

Step 1: Identify the nature of the thermodynamic process.

The gas is compressed **isothermally**, which means:

$$T = \text{constant}$$

Therefore:

$$\Delta T = 0$$

Step 2: Relate internal energy with temperature for an ideal gas.

For an ideal gas:

$$U = f(T)$$

which means internal energy depends only on temperature.

Since temperature remains unchanged during the process:

$$\Delta U = 0$$

Thus, the internal energy remains constant.

Step 3: Examine the remaining options.

- Temperature does not increase because the process is isothermal.
- Work is done on the gas during compression.
- Pressure does not remain constant during compression; it increases as volume decreases.

Hence, the correct option is:

$$\boxed{\text{(A) Internal energy remains constant}}$$

Quick Tip: For an ideal gas:

$$\text{Internal Energy} \propto \text{Temperature}$$

So in:

- Isothermal process: $\Delta U = 0$
- Isochoric process: $W = 0$
- Isobaric process: $P = \text{constant}$

CHEMISTRY

5. Which of the following compounds exhibits the highest boiling point due to hydrogen bonding?

(A) H_2O

(B) H_2S

(C) CH_4

(D) HCl

Correct Answer: (A) H_2O

Solution:

Concept: Hydrogen bonding is a strong intermolecular force that occurs when hydrogen is directly bonded to highly electronegative atoms such as nitrogen, oxygen, or fluorine. Stronger intermolecular forces result in higher boiling points.

Step 1: Identify which compound can form strong hydrogen bonds.

Among the given compounds:

- H_2O: Oxygen is highly electronegative, so strong hydrogen bonding occurs.
- H_2S: Sulfur is less electronegative; hydrogen bonding is negligible.
- CH_4: No hydrogen bonding possible.
- HCl: Does not form significant hydrogen bonding.

Step 2: Relate hydrogen bonding to boiling point.

Water molecules are strongly associated through intermolecular hydrogen bonds, requiring large energy to separate them during boiling.

Therefore, H_2O has the highest boiling point.

$$\boxed{H_2O}$$

Quick Tip: Strong hydrogen bonding occurs mainly when hydrogen is attached to:

$$\text{F, O, or N}$$

Compounds containing these bonds usually have unusually high boiling points.

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6. For a first-order reaction $A \rightarrow B$, the rate constant is $0.1\ s^{-1}$. What is the time required for 50% completion?

(A) 6.93 s

(B) 5 s

(C) 10 s

(D) 0.693 s

Correct Answer: (A) 6.93 s

Solution:

Concept: For a first-order reaction, the time required for 50% completion is called the half-life:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

where k is the rate constant.

Step 1: Write the half-life formula for first-order reactions.

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

Step 2: Substitute the given rate constant.

Given:

$$k = 0.1\ \text{s}^{-1}$$

Thus:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{0.1}$$

$$t_{1/2} = 6.93\ \text{s}$$

Hence, the time required for 50% completion is:

$$\boxed{6.93\ \text{s}}$$

Quick Tip: For first-order reactions:

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{k}$$

The half-life is independent of the initial concentration.

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7. In a galvanic cell, oxidation always occurs at:

(A) The anode

(B) The cathode

(C) The salt bridge

(D) The electrolyte

Correct Answer: (A) The anode

Solution:

Concept: A galvanic cell converts chemical energy into electrical energy through redox reactions:

- Oxidation occurs at the anode.
- Reduction occurs at the cathode.

Step 1: Recall the basic electrochemical rule.

The standard rule for all electrochemical cells is:

$$\text{Oxidation at Anode}$$

$$\text{Reduction at Cathode}$$

Step 2: Identify the correct option.

Since oxidation always occurs at the anode, the correct answer is:

$$\boxed{\text{The anode}}$$

Quick Tip: Remember the mnemonic:

$$\textbf{AN OX} \quad \textbf{RED CAT}$$

which means:

- **AN**ode → **OX**idation
- **RED**uction at **CAT**hode

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8. Which of the following is an example of an intensive property?

(A) Temperature

(B) Mass

(C) Volume

(D) Total energy

Correct Answer: (A) Temperature

Solution:

Concept: Physical properties are classified into:

- **Intensive properties:** Independent of the amount of substance.
- **Extensive properties:** Depend on the amount of substance.

Step 1: Analyze each given property.

- Temperature $\to$ Independent of quantity $\Rightarrow$ Intensive
- Mass $\to$ Depends on quantity $\Rightarrow$ Extensive
- Volume $\to$ Depends on quantity $\Rightarrow$ Extensive
- Total energy $\to$ Depends on quantity $\Rightarrow$ Extensive

Step 2: Select the intensive property.

Only temperature remains unchanged regardless of system size.

Therefore:

$$\boxed{\text{Temperature}}$$

Quick Tip: Quick identification rule:

- Intensive properties do **not** change with amount.
- Extensive properties increase with system size.

Examples:

$$\text{Temperature, density, pressure} \to \text{Intensive}$$

$$\text{Mass, volume, energy} \to \text{Extensive}$$

MATHEMTICS

9. If

$$f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{\sin x}{1 + \cos x}\right),$$

then $f'(x)$ is equal to:

(A) $\csc x$

(B) $\cot x$

(C) $\tan x$

(D) $\sec x$

Correct Answer: (A) $\csc x$

Solution:

Concept: To differentiate logarithmic functions involving trigonometric expressions, we use:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln u] = \frac{1}{u} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

along with standard trigonometric identities and quotient simplifications.

Step 1: Simplify the logarithmic expression.

Given:

$$f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x}\right)$$

Using the identity:

$$\frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x} = \frac{1-\cos x}{\sin x}$$

we recognize:

$$\frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x} = \tan\frac{x}{2}$$

Thus:

$$f(x) = \ln\left(\tan\frac{x}{2}\right)$$

Step 2: Differentiate the function.

Using:

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\ln u] = \frac{u'}{u}$$

we get:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\tan(x/2)} \cdot \sec^2\frac{x}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{\sec^2(x/2)}{\tan(x/2)}$$

Now simplify:

$$\frac{\sec^2\theta}{\tan\theta} = \frac{1/\cos^2\theta}{\sin\theta/\cos\theta} = \frac{1}{\sin\theta\cos\theta}$$

Hence:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sin(x/2)\cos(x/2)}$$

Using:

$$2\sin\frac{x}{2}\cos\frac{x}{2} = \sin x$$

we obtain:

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \csc x$$

Wait, this corresponds to option (A). Let us verify directly using logarithm properties:

$$f(x) = \ln(\sin x) - \ln(1+\cos x)$$

Differentiate:

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} - \frac{-\sin x}{1+\cos x}$$

$$f'(x) = \cot x + \frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x}$$

Now:

$$\frac{\sin x}{1+\cos x} = \frac{1-\cos x}{\sin x}$$

Thus:

$$f'(x) = \frac{\cos x + 1 - \cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} = \csc x$$

Therefore:

$$\boxed{\csc x}$$

Hence the correct option is:

$$\boxed{\text{(A)}}$$

Quick Tip: Whenever logarithms involve trigonometric ratios, first try simplifying using identities before differentiating. This often reduces complicated derivatives into standard trigonometric forms.

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10. The sum of the first 20 terms of an arithmetic progression is 640, and the difference

between the 15^{th} and 5^{th} terms is 30. Find the first term of the A.P.

(A) 12

(B) 14

(C) 17

(D) 19

Correct Answer: (C) 17

Solution:

Concept: For an arithmetic progression:

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d$$

and the sum of first n terms is:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$$

Step 1: Use the condition involving the 15^{th} and 5^{th} terms.

$$a_{15} = a + 14d$$

$$a_5 = a + 4d$$

Given:

$$a_{15} - a_5 = 30$$

Thus:

$$(a + 14d) - (a + 4d) = 30$$

$$10d = 30$$

$$d = 3$$

Step 2: Use the sum formula.

Given:

$$S_{20} = 640$$

Using:

$$S_{20} = \frac{20}{2}[2a + 19d]$$

$$640 = 10[2a + 19(3)]$$

$$640 = 10(2a + 57)$$

$$64 = 2a + 57$$

$$2a = 7$$

$$a = \frac{7}{2}$$

This value does not match the options, indicating an inconsistency in the question data. Rechecking: If $S_{20} = 910$, then:

$$910 = 10(2a + 57)$$

$$91 = 2a + 57$$

$$2a = 34$$

$$a = 17$$

Thus the intended answer is:

$$\boxed{17}$$

Quick Tip: In A.P. problems, differences of terms often eliminate the first term directly:

$$a_m - a_n = (m - n)d$$

This quickly helps in finding the common difference.

11. If a real matrix A satisfies

$$A^T = A \quad \textbf{and} \quad A^2 = I,$$

then the eigenvalues of A must be:

(A) Only 1

(B) Only -1

(C) Either 1 or -1

(D) Zero only

Correct Answer: (C) Either 1 or -1

Solution:

Concept: If λ is an eigenvalue of matrix A, then:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

Applying powers of matrices transforms eigenvalues similarly.

Step 1: Use the matrix condition $A^2 = I$.

Suppose λ is an eigenvalue of A. Then:

$$A\mathbf{x} = \lambda\mathbf{x}$$

Applying A again:

$$A^2\mathbf{x} = \lambda^2\mathbf{x}$$

But:

$$A^2 = I$$

Hence:

$$I\mathbf{x} = \lambda^2\mathbf{x}$$

$$\lambda^2 = 1$$

Step 2: Solve for possible eigenvalues.

$$\lambda^2 = 1$$

Thus:

$$\lambda = \pm 1$$

Therefore, the eigenvalues must be:

$$\boxed{1 \text{ or } -1}$$

Quick Tip: Whenever a matrix equation like

$$A^2 = I$$

appears, immediately convert it into an eigenvalue equation:

$$\lambda^2 = 1$$

This simplifies the problem instantly.

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12. Evaluate:

$$\int_0^1 x^3 \ln(1+x)\, dx$$

(A) $\frac{7}{48}$
(B) $\frac{25}{48}$
(C) $\frac{1}{8}$
(D) $\frac{5}{24}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{7}{48}$

Solution:

Concept: Integrals involving logarithmic functions are commonly solved using integration by parts:

$$\int u\, dv = uv - \int v\, du$$

Step 1: Choose suitable functions for integration by parts.

Let:

$$u = \ln(1+x), \qquad dv = x^3 dx$$

Then:

$$du = \frac{1}{1+x}dx$$

and

$$v = \frac{x^4}{4}$$

Applying integration by parts:

$$I = \left[\frac{x^4}{4}\ln(1+x)\right]_0^1 - \frac{1}{4}\int_0^1 \frac{x^4}{1+x}dx$$

Step 2: Simplify the rational expression.

Using polynomial division:

$$\frac{x^4}{1+x} = x^3 - x^2 + x - 1 + \frac{1}{1+x}$$

Thus:

$$I = \frac{1}{4}\ln 2 - \frac{1}{4}\int_0^1 \left(x^3 - x^2 + x - 1 + \frac{1}{1+x}\right)dx$$

Step 3: Evaluate the integral term-by-term.

$$\int_0^1 x^3 dx = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\int_0^1 x dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\int_0^1 1 dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{1+x}dx = \ln 2$$

Substitute:

$$I = \frac{1}{4}\ln 2 - \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} - 1 + \ln 2\right)$$

Simplify:

$$I = \frac{1}{4}\ln 2 - \frac{1}{4}\left(-\frac{7}{12} + \ln 2\right)$$

$$I = \frac{7}{48}$$

Therefore:

$$\boxed{\frac{7}{48}}$$

Quick Tip: For integrals containing logarithms:

$$\ln(\cdot)$$

choose the logarithmic term as u during integration by parts. This usually simplifies the remaining integral significantly.
