

Question Paper

Conducted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)



Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 35

General Instructions

- (i) This edition contains **12 numbered questions**, including the subparts and alternatives supplied in the source.
- (ii) Original question numbering is retained. Answer the alternatives according to the OR labels and instructions within each question.
- (iii) The available questions follow the original Sections A, B, C.

You may use the following values of physical constants wherever necessary:

$$\begin{aligned}c &= 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} \\h &= 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js} \\e &= 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} \\\mu_0 &= 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ T m A}^{-1} \\\epsilon_0 &= 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2} \\\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} &= 9 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{ C}^{-2}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of electron } (m_e) &= 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \\\text{Mass of neutron} &= 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \\\text{Mass of proton} &= 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \\\text{Avogadro's number} &= 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ per gm mole} \\\text{Boltzmann constant} &= 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

Section A

1. Explain the formation of depletion region in a p - n junction.

2(a). (i) Define the terms: 'impact parameter' and 'distance of closest approach' for an α -particle in Geiger-Marsden scattering experiment.

(ii) What will be the value of the impact parameter for scattering angle (I) $\theta = 0^\circ$ and (II) $\theta = 180^\circ$?

2(b). Photoelectric emission occurs when a surface is irradiated with the radiation of frequency (i) ν_1 and (ii) ν_2 . The maximum kinetic energy of the electrons emitted in the two cases are K and $2K$ respectively. Obtain the expression for the threshold frequency for the surface.

3. How is an emf generated by a solar cell due to the three basic processes involved? Explain.

Section B

4(a). (i) Depict a plane electromagnetic wave propagating along the x -axis. Write the expressions for its oscillating electric and magnetic fields.

(ii) Write three characteristics of electromagnetic waves.

4(b). Name the electromagnetic waves which are produced by the following:

(i) Radioactive decays of nucleus

(ii) Welding arcs

(iii) Hot bodies

Write one use each of these waves.

5(a). (i) State the conditions for total internal reflection to take place.

(ii) A tank is filled with a transparent liquid to height ' H '. A coin suspended by a thread in the liquid is gradually lowered till it touches the bottom. The apparent depth is determined corresponding to different positions of the coin.

(a) Plot a graph showing variation of the apparent depth with the real depth of the coin.

(b) What is the physical significance of the slope of the graph?

5(b). Draw a labelled ray diagram showing the formation of an image by an astronomical refracting telescope in normal adjustment. Hence, obtain the expression for its magnifying power.

6(a). A plane wavefront of light of wavelength ' λ ' is incident normally on a narrow slit of width ' a ' and a diffraction pattern is observed on a screen at a distance ' D ' from the slit.

(i) Depict the intensity distribution in the pattern observed.

(ii) Obtain the expression for the first maximum from the central maximum.

6(b). Using Huygens' principle, draw a diagram to show the refraction of a plane wavefront incident on a denser medium and hence verify Snell's law of refraction.

7. A converging lens made of glass ($\mu = 1.5$) has its spherical faces of radii of curvature 10 cm and 20 cm. Find its focal length

(a) in air, and

(b) when it is immersed in a liquid of refractive index 1.25.

8. The energy of a hydrogen atom in the first excited state is -3.4 eV. Find:

(a) the radius of this orbit. (Take Bohr radius = $0.53 \text{ \AA}$)

(b) the angular momentum of the electron in the orbit.

(c) the kinetic and potential energy of the electron in the orbit.

9(a). (i) Depict the variation of the potential energy of a pair of nucleons with the separation between them.

(ii) Imagine the fission of a ${}^{56}_{26}\text{Fe}$ into two equal fragments of ${}^{28}_{13}\text{Al}$ nucleus. Is the fission energetically possible? Justify your answer by working out Q value of the process.

Given: $m({}^{56}_{26}\text{Fe}) = 55.93494 \text{ u}$, $m({}^{28}_{13}\text{Al}) = 27.98191 \text{ u}$.

10. Find the ratio of the de Broglie wavelengths associated with an alpha particle and a proton, if both

(a) have the same speeds,

(b) have the same kinetic energy,

(c) are accelerated through the same potential difference.

11. With the help of a circuit diagram, explain the working of a p - n junction diode as a full-wave rectifier. Also draw its input and output waveforms.

12. The British physicist Thomas Young explained the interference of light using the principle of superposition of waves. He observed the interference pattern on the screen, in his experimental set-up, known now as Young's double slit experiment. The two slits S_1 and S_2 were illuminated by light from a slit S . The interference pattern consists of dark and bright bands of light. Such bands are called fringes. The distance between two consecutive bright and dark fringes is called fringe width.

(a) If the screen is moved closer to the plane of slits S_1 and S_2 , then the fringe width:

- (i) will decrease, but the intensity of bright fringe remains the same.
- (ii) will increase, but the intensity of bright fringe decreases.
- (iii) will decrease, but the intensity of bright fringe increases.
- (iv) and the intensity both remain the same.

(b) What will happen to the pattern on the screen, when the two slits S_1 and S_2 are replaced by two independent but identical sources?

- (i) The intensity of pattern will increase
- (ii) The intensity of pattern will decrease
- (iii) The number of fringes will become double
- (iv) No pattern will be observed on the screen

(c) Two sources of light are said to be coherent, when both emit light waves of:

- (i) same amplitude and have a varying phase difference.
- (ii) same wavelength and a constant phase difference.
- (iii) different wavelengths and same intensity.
- (iv) different wavelengths and a constant phase difference.

(d) The fringe width in a Young's double slit experiment is β . If the whole set-up is immersed in a liquid of refractive index ' μ ', then the new fringe width will be:

- (i) β
- (ii) $\mu\beta$

12. (continued)

(iii) $\frac{\beta}{\mu}$

(iv) $\frac{\beta}{2}$

(e) The total path difference between two waves meeting at points P_1 and P_2 on the screen are

$\left(\frac{3\lambda}{2}\right)$ and (2λ) respectively. Then:

- (i) bright fringes are formed at both points.
- (ii) dark fringes are formed at both points.
- (iii) a bright fringe is formed at P_1 and a dark fringe is formed at P_2 .
- (iv) a bright fringe is formed at P_2 and a dark fringe is formed at P_1 .

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