

CBSE Class 12 Physics 2026 - 55/7/3 - Compartment



Question Paper

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Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions

- (i) This question paper contains **33 questions**. All questions are **compulsory**.
- (ii) The question paper is divided into Sections A, B, C, D, E.
- (iii) Section A - Questions 1 to 16 carry 1 mark each.
- (iv) Section B - Questions 17 to 21 carry 2 marks each.
- (v) Section C - Questions 22 to 28 carry 3 marks each.
- (vi) Section D - Questions 29 to 30 carry 4 marks each.
- (vii) Section E - Questions 31 to 33 carry 5 marks each.
- (viii) There is no overall choice. Where an internal choice is provided, attempt only one of the alternatives.

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

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

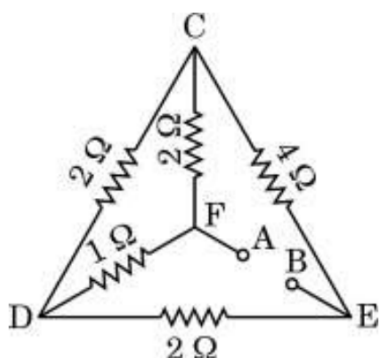
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mass of electron } (m_e) &= 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \\\text{Mass of neutron} &= 1.675 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \\\text{Mass of proton} &= 1.673 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \\\text{Avogadro's number} &= 6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ per gm mole} \\\text{Boltzmann constant}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

Section A

1. The radius of the innermost electron orbit of a hydrogen atom is $0.53 \text{ \AA}$. The radius of orbit in the second excited state is:

- (A) $3.5 \text{ \AA}$ (B) $4.77 \text{ \AA}$
(C) $0.747 \text{ \AA}$ (D) $0.43 \text{ \AA}$

2. Five resistors are joined as shown in the figure. A battery of 6 V is connected between points A and B. How much current is flowing in arm FC?



- (A) 2.0 A (B) 1.5 A
(C) 1.0 A (D) 0.5 A

3. A ray of light passes from a medium of refractive index $\sqrt{2}$ to the medium of refractive index 1. For the ray to just graze along the separating surface, the angle of incidence should be:

- (A) $\pi/3$ (B) $\pi/4$
(C) $\pi/6$ (D) $2\pi/3$

4. In forward and reverse biased silicon p-n junction, the dominant mechanisms for the motion of charge carriers are:

- (A) diffusion in forward bias, drift in reverse bias (B) drift in both forward bias and in reverse bias
(C) drift in forward and diffusion in reverse (D) diffusion in both forward and reverse bias

5. When the distance between the slit and screen is doubled, the angular separation between two fringes in a single-slit diffraction experiment will:

- (A) be doubled (B) be halved
(C) remain constant (D) become one-fourth

6. If ν_X , ν_G and ν_U are frequencies of X-rays, Gamma-rays and UV rays respectively, then:

- (A) $\nu_X > \nu_G > \nu_U$ (B) $\nu_G > \nu_X > \nu_U$
(C) $\nu_U > \nu_X > \nu_G$ (D) $\nu_X > \nu_U > \nu_G$

7. Which of the following is also referred to as 'heat waves'?

- (A) Gamma rays (B) X-rays
(C) UV rays (D) Infrared rays

8. Two infinitely long straight conductors lie along the x-axis and y-axis in the plane of the page. If they carry current I each along +x-axis and +y-axis respectively, the net magnetic field at a point with position vector $\vec{r} = (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}) \text{ m}$ will be:

- (A) $\frac{\mu_0 I}{6\pi} \hat{k}$ (B) $-\frac{\mu_0 I}{12\pi} \hat{k}$
(C) $-\frac{\mu_0 I}{24\pi} \hat{k}$ (D) $\frac{\mu_0 I}{48\pi} \hat{k}$

9. Assume that the surface charge density of the Earth is 1 electron charge/m². The potential of the Earth's surface (radius 6400 km) will be:

- (A) -0.12 V (B) -0.21 V
(C) +2.1 V (D) +1.2 V

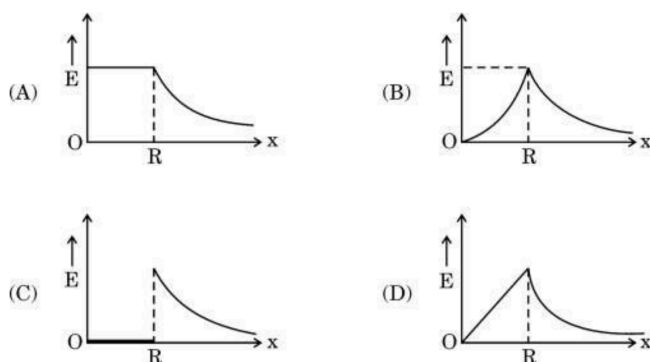
10. In an electromagnetic wave, the electric field ($\vec{E}$) and the magnetic field ($\vec{B}$) oscillate along x-axis and y-axis respectively. The wave is propagating along:

- (A) z-axis (B) -z-axis
(C) x-axis (D) -y-axis

11. In a series LCR circuit connected to an ac source of voltage V and frequency ω , the power loss at resonance is:

- (A) $I^2\omega L$ (B) $V^2/(\omega C)$
(C) V^2/R (D) $V^2/(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C})$

12. A conducting sphere of radius R has a charge Q on it. Which of the following graphs correctly represents the value of electric field E in the range $0 \leq x < \infty$, where x is the distance of the point from the centre of the sphere?



Question numbers 13 to 16 are Assertion (A) and Reason (R) type questions. Two statements are given - one labelled Assertion (A) and the other labelled Reason (R). Select the correct answer from the codes (A), (B), (C) and (D) as given below.

(A)

Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).

(B)

Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true, but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of the Assertion (A).

(C)

Assertion (A) is true, but Reason (R) is false.

(D)

Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are false.

13. **Assertion (A):** A free neutron is not a stable particle.

Reason (R): It decays into a proton and an electron.

14. **Assertion (A):** Electron emission from surface of zinc occurs when yellow light is incident on it.

Reason (R): Energy of a photon of yellow light is more than the work function of zinc.

15. **Assertion (A):** If $\vec{B}$ be the magnetic field at a small patch of vector area $d\vec{S}$, then the magnetic flux through the patch will be $\vec{B} \cdot d\vec{S}$.

Reason (R): The magnetic flux is a scalar quantity.

16. **Assertion (A):** The ratio of the speeds of the electron in the second to that in the third orbit in Bohr's hydrogen atom is 3/2.

Reason (R): The speed of the electron in n^{th} permitted orbit in hydrogen atom varies proportional to $1/n$ i.e. $v_n \propto 1/n$.

Section B

17. An electron is revolving around a proton in a circular orbit of radius r . Using classical physics, prove that the ratio of the value of the angular momentum and the value of the magnetic moment of the electron revolving in the orbit is a constant.

18. Two identical circular coils A and B, each of radius 10 cm, are placed concentrically and mutually perpendicular in XY and YZ planes respectively. Currents of 1 A and $\sqrt{3}$ A flow anticlockwise (as seen from the YZ plane) in the coils. Find the magnitude of the net magnetic field at the common centre of the coils.

19. Find the ratio of energies of photons emitted during the transition of an electron in hydrogen atom from its:

(i) second permitted energy level to the first permitted energy level, and

(ii) the highest permitted energy level to the first permitted energy level.

20. (a) A monochromatic beam of light is travelling from a rarer to a denser medium. Giving reasons, explain the following:

(i) Is the frequency of the reflected and the refracted light the same as the frequency of incident light?

(ii) Does the decrease in speed of light in denser medium imply a reduction in the energy carried by the light wave?

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(b) (i) The lower half of a concave mirror's reflecting surface is covered with an opaque non-reflecting material. What effect will this have on the image of an object placed in front of the mirror?

(ii) A lens made of glass of refractive index 1.5 disappears when immersed in a trough of liquid. What is the refractive index of the liquid? Give reasons for your answer in each case.

21. The number of free electrons per unit volume (m^3) in a wire made of copper (resistivity $1.72 \times 10^{-8} \Omega \text{ m}$) is 8.5×10^{28} . Calculate the average number of collisions made by an electron in one second when an electric field is maintained in the wire.

Section C

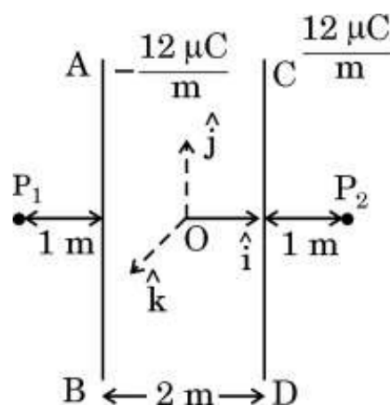
22. Draw a labelled diagram of a full wave rectifier circuit. State its working principle and show the input-output waveforms.

23. Four point charges $+q$, $-q$, $+q$ and $-q$ are to be arranged respectively at the four corners of a square ABCD of side l . Calculate:

- (i) the amount of work done in making this arrangement.
- (ii) the extra work done in bringing a point charge q_0 to the centre of the square after the arrangement is complete, when the charges at the corners are kept fixed.

24. Two thin converging lenses of focal lengths f_1 and f_2 are placed coaxially in contact with each other. Draw a ray diagram to show the image formation by the combination. Hence, derive the expression for the focal length of the combination.

25. (a) Two infinitely long thin straight wires AB and CD with charge densities $-\frac{12\mu\text{C}}{\text{m}}$ and $+\frac{12\mu\text{C}}{\text{m}}$ are lying parallel to the y-axis at points $(-1\text{ m}, 0, 0)$ and $(1\text{ m}, 0, 0)$ respectively. Find the net electric field $\vec{E}$ at points $P_1(-2\text{ m}, 0, 0)$, $O(0, 0, 0)$ and $P_2(2\text{ m}, 0, 0)$.



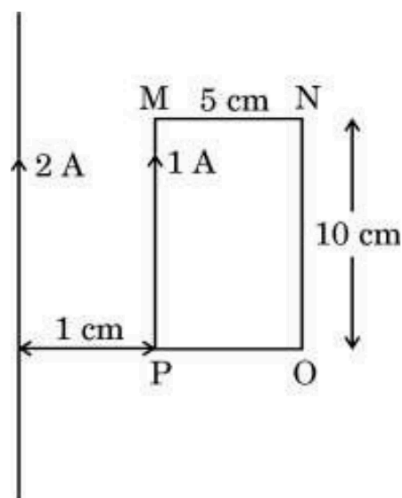
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(b) Two charges $8\mu\text{C}$ and $-4\mu\text{C}$ are located at points $(-18\text{ cm}, 0, 0)$ and $(18\text{ cm}, 0, 0)$ respectively.

(i) Calculate the electrostatic potential energy of the system of the two charges.

(ii) The same system of charges is placed in a region where electrostatic potential $V(r) = A/r$, where $A = 9 \times 10^4\text{ V.m}$. Calculate the potential energy of the system.

26. The figure shows a rectangular loop MNOP of wire of size $5\text{ cm} \times 10\text{ cm}$ carrying a steady current of 1.0 A . A straight long wire carrying 2.0 A current is kept near the loop. If the loop and the wire are coplanar, find:

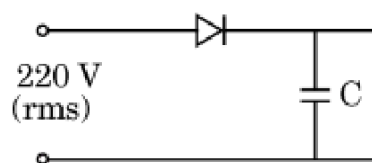


- (i) the torque acting on the loop, and
(ii) the magnitude and direction of the net force on the loop.

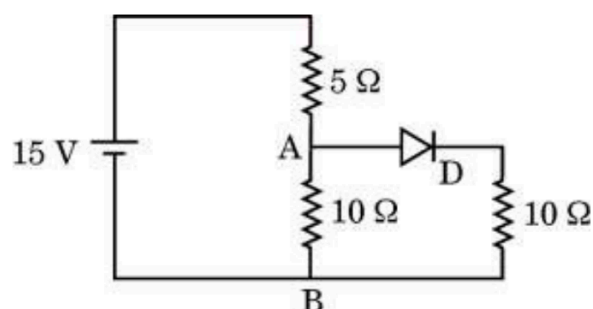
27. Two converging lenses L_1 and L_2 , of focal lengths 144 cm and 6 cm respectively, are arranged coaxially in a tube 147 cm apart. The arrangement is used to view a far off tree, keeping the eye close to L_2 .

- (i) Draw the ray diagram depicting image formation by the combination.
(ii) How far from L_2 will the final image be formed?
(iii) Calculate the magnification produced by the combination.

28. (a) A diode is connected to a 220 V (rms) ac source in series with a capacitor as shown in the diagram. Find the voltage (rms) across the capacitor.



(b) Find V_{AB} in the circuit given below.



Section D

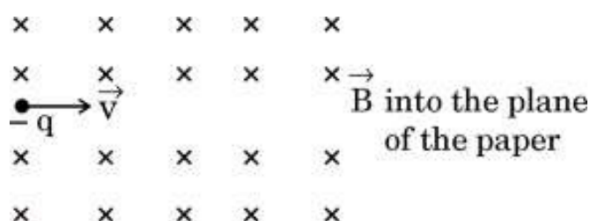
Question numbers 29 and 30 are Case Study-based questions. Read the following paragraphs and answer the questions that follow.

29. A particle of mass m and charge q experiences a force $\vec{F}_e$ in an electric field $\vec{E}$ and it is directed along the field. When the particle is moving with velocity $\vec{v}$ in a magnetic field $\vec{B}$, it experiences a force $\vec{F}_B$ that is perpendicular to both $\vec{v}$ and $\vec{B}$.

In presence of both fields, the force acting on the particle is the vector sum of that due to $\vec{E}$ and that due to $\vec{B}$.

A current-carrying conductor also experiences a force in presence of a magnetic field. The force $d\vec{F}$ acting on a current-element $I d\vec{l}$ is perpendicular to both the current element and the magnetic field $\vec{B}$. The net force acting on a conductor of a given length is the vector sum of all $d\vec{F}$ s.

29(i). A negative ion enters a region of uniform magnetic field $\vec{B}$ as shown in the figure. It will:



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| (A) go straight, undeviated on a rectilinear path | (B) travel on a circular path |
| (C) travel on a semicircular path | (D) travel on a helical path |

29(ii). An electron is moving on a circular path with speed in a uniform magnetic field of 3.14×10^{-4} T. Its period of revolution will be approximately:

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| (A) $0.11 \mu s$ | (B) $0.28 \mu s$ |
| (C) $0.014 \mu s$ | (D) $0.024 \mu s$ |

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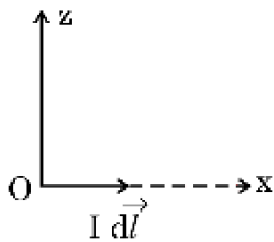
29(ii). An alpha particle (mass 6.4×10^{-27} kg) moves in a circular path with a speed of 6.28×10^5 m/s in a uniform magnetic field of 3.14×10^{-3} T. The radius of the path is:

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| (A) 1.00 m | (B) 2.00 m |
| (C) 3.00 m | (D) 4.00 m |

29(iii). A charged particle enters with a velocity $\vec{v} = (6 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s})\hat{i}$ in a region of magnetic field $\vec{B} = (0.5 \text{ G})\hat{j}$ and an electric field $\vec{E}$. If the particle goes straight undeviated in the region, then $\vec{E}$ equals:

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| (A) $\left(120 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}\right)\hat{k}$ | (B) $-\left(300 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}\right)\hat{k}$ |
| (C) $\left(600 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}\right)\hat{j}$ | (D) $-\left(150 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}\right)\hat{i}$ |

29(iv). A current-element ($I d\vec{l}$) of mass per unit length m is held in air as shown in the figure. After withdrawing the support, it will remain suspended in its position, when subjected to an external magnetic field $\vec{B}$ equal to:



- (A) $\frac{mgdl}{I} \hat{k}$ (B) $\frac{mg}{I} \hat{j}$
 (C) $-\frac{mg}{Idl} \hat{i}$ (D) $-\left(\frac{Idl}{mg}\right) \hat{k}$

30. When radiation of suitable frequency is incident on a metal surface, electrons are emitted from the surface. This phenomenon is called photoelectric effect. Einstein explained this phenomenon considering the particle nature of radiation and using the law of conservation of energy. Wave theory of light could not explain this phenomenon.

30(i). The saturation current for a given photosensitive material depends on:

- (A) work function of the material (B) wavelength of the incident radiation
 (C) intensity of the incident radiation (D) collector plate potential

30(ii). The stopping potential of photoelectrons is found to be 0.40 V when light of wavelength 500 nm is incident on a surface. The work function of the surface is close to:

- (A) 1.20 eV (B) 1.48 eV
 (C) 2.08 eV (D) 6.48 eV

30(iii). A graph between the frequency of incident radiation (ν) and the corresponding stopping potential (V_0) for a metal is a straight line. Let α and β be the value of the slope and the value of the intercept on the V_0 -axis respectively. Then, according to Einstein's photoelectric effect equation, (β/α) is:

- (A) ν_0 (B) $1/\nu_0$
 (C) $e\nu_0$ (D) ν_0/h

30(iv)(a). A photon of 3.8 eV energy is incident on a surface of work function 1.8 eV. The maximum kinetic energy of the electron emitted from the surface will be:

- (A) 3.2×10^{-19} J (B) 1.6×10^{-19} J
 (C) 1.25×10^{-19} J (D) 2.4×10^{-18} J

OR

30(iv)(b). The work function of a photosensitive surface is 2.21 eV. The value of threshold frequency for the surface is:

- (A) 4.8×10^{14} Hz (B) 5.3×10^{14} Hz
 (C) 1.9×10^{15} Hz (D) 1.2×10^{15} Hz

Section E

31. (a) A small tank filled with water up to a height of 1.00 m has a small bright bulb fixed at its bottom. Find the area of the surface of water through which light from the bulb can emerge. The refractive index of water is $(4/3)$.

(b) An object is placed at a distance of 15 cm from a convex lens of focal length 10 cm. On the other side of the lens, a convex mirror is placed coaxially at a distance of 10 cm from the lens. If the image formed by this combination coincides with the object itself, draw the ray diagram and find the focal length of the convex mirror.

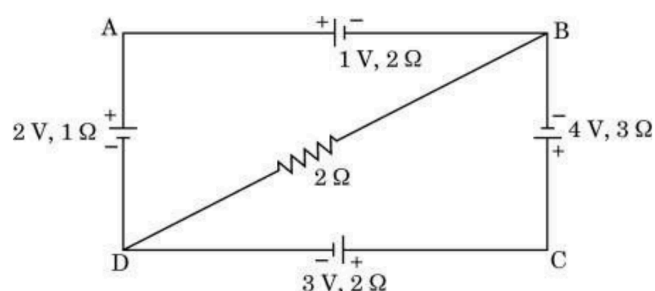
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(a) Differentiate between interference and diffraction of light. Two coherent light waves, each of intensity I_0 , produce an interference pattern on a screen. Find the intensity at a point at which the path difference between them is (i) $\lambda/3$, and (ii) $\lambda/4$.

(b) In a Young's double-slit experiment, fringes are obtained on a screen placed at a distance D from the slits. It is observed that if the screen is moved 5 cm towards the slits, the fringe width changes by 0.03 mm. If the distance between the slits is 1 mm, calculate the wavelength of the light used.

32. (a) A cylindrical conductor of length l , area of cross-section A and resistance R has a potential difference V applied across its ends. It is gradually stretched till its length is tripled. How will (i) the drift speed of electrons in the conductor, and (ii) the resistance of the conductor be affected? Justify your answers.

(b) In the given circuit diagram, find the potential difference between points B and D.



OR

(a) A cell of emf E and internal resistance r is connected across a resistor of variable resistance R . Draw a plot showing the variation of (i) the current (I) in the circuit with R , and (ii) the terminal potential difference of the cell with R .

(b) The resistance of a heating coil is $100\ \Omega$ at 25°C and $120\ \Omega$ at 1025°C . (i) Find its resistance at 425°C . (ii) Draw a plot showing variation of its resistance as a function of increase in temperature.

33. (a) Using a phasor diagram, derive an expression for the impedance of a series LCR circuit connected to an ac source. What is meant by resonance in this circuit? Obtain expression for the resonant frequency of this circuit.

(b) Write two disadvantages of transmitting ac over long distances at low voltage and high current.

OR

(a) An ac generator coil has 500 turns and its size is $25 \text{ cm} \times 100 \text{ cm}$. It is rotated with an angular speed of 60 rad/s about a fixed axis between the two poles of a magnet, in a uniform magnetic field $B = 0.4 \text{ T}$. If the resistance of the circuit including the coil is 250Ω , calculate: (I) the maximum current drawn from the generator, and (II) the flux through the coil when the current is zero.

(b) Give two examples of commercial generators. In these, how is the armature kept rotating? Explain briefly.

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