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THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2015

(CUCSS)

Physics

PHY 3E 07—EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

Section A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 1 weightage.

- 1. Give the applications of a rotary pump.
- 2. Explain the physical process responsible for the pumping action in a turbo molecular pump.
- 3. Describe briefly how a liquid sorption trap functions.
- 4. Explain the advantages of sputtering process.
- 5. What are interference filters? Give their uses.
- 6. Distinguish between Isenthalpic curve and Inversion curve.
- 7. Briefly explain Linde's air liquefier.
- 8. What is Betatron?
- 9. Give a qualitative ideas of particle smashers.
- 10. List the limitations of PIXE.
- 11. List the application of XRD.
- 12. Give the principle and working of Debye-Scherrer camera.

 $(12 \times 1 = 12 \text{ weightage})$

Section B

Answer any **two** questions.

Each question carries 6 weightage.

- 13. What is meant by traps in a vacuum system? Describe the liquid nitrogen and sorption traps. How are they useful in obtaining better vacuum?
- 14. Describe the four probe method to find the thickness of thin film.
- 15. Describe the vapour pressure thermometer, giving its principle and working. Compare it with a gas thermometer.

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16. Describe the principle and working of PIXE technique for elemental analysis. Compare its features with other similar technique.

 $(2 \times 6 = 12 \text{ weightage})$

Section C.

Answer any four questions.

Each question carries 3 weightage.

- 17. What should be the speed of a rotary pump to be used to achieve a vacuum of 10^{-3} Ton, in a chamber of volume 100 litres in 30 minutes?
- 18. For an electron and a proton moving along circles in a uniform magnetifield B = 10 kg., determine the orbital periods and radii if K.E. of the particle is 10 MeV.
- 19. At what values of KE does the period of revolution of electrons, protons and alpha particles in a uniform magnetic field exceeds that at non-relativistic velocity by 10 %?
- 20. An alpha particle with a momentum 53 MeV/C is scattered at an angle 60° by the Coulomb field of a stationary uranium nucleus (A = 238). Find the impact parameter.
- 21. Draw a labelled diagram of Kamerlingh-Onner used for the liquefaction of Oxygen.
- 22. Calculate the change in temperature of Helium at 100 K when throttled at a pressure difference of 50 atm. Given that for the a = 0.0341 litre² atmosphere per mole² and b = 00234 litre mol⁻¹ and Cp for He = 20.75 J mol.⁻¹ K⁻¹.

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