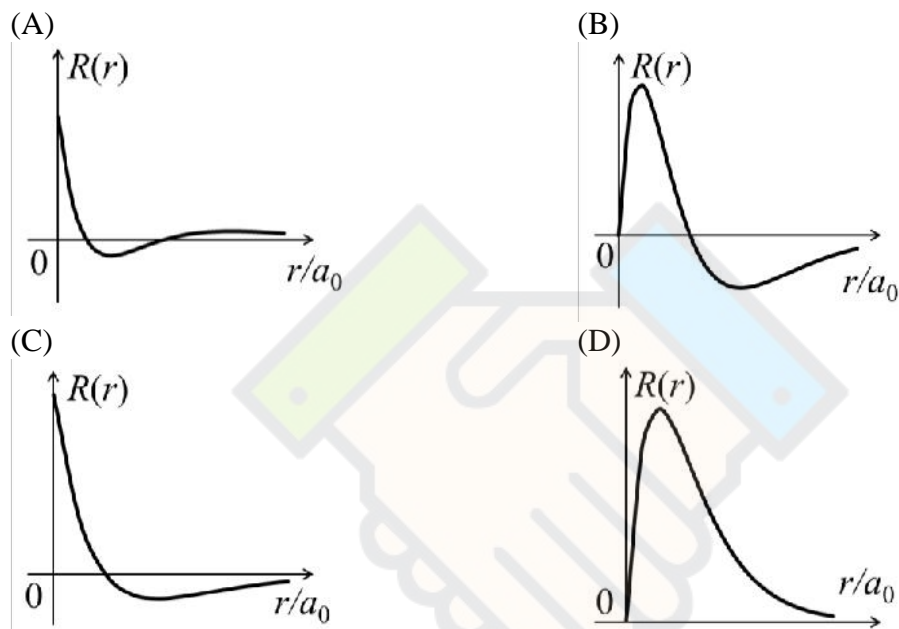


**Q. 1 – Q. 25 carry one mark each.**

Q.1 The eigenvalues of a Hermitian matrix are all

- (A) real
- (B) imaginary
- (C) of modulus one
- (D) real and positive

Q.2 Which one of the following represents the  $3p$  radial wave function of hydrogen atom? ( $a_0$  is the Bohr radius)



Q.3 Given the following table,

Group I	Group II
<b>P:</b> Stern-Gerlach experiment	<b>1:</b> Wave nature of particles
<b>Q:</b> Zeeman effect	<b>2:</b> Quantization of energy of electrons in the atoms
<b>R:</b> Frank-Hertz experiment	<b>3:</b> Existence of electron spin
<b>S:</b> Davisson-Germer experiment	<b>4:</b> Space quantization of angular momentum

which one of the following correctly matches the experiments from Group I to their inferences in Group II?

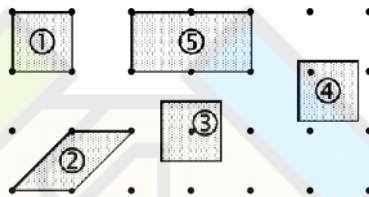
- (A) P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1
- (B) P-1, Q-3, R-2, S-4
- (C) P-3, Q-4, R-2, S-1
- (D) P-2, Q-1, R-4, S-3

Q.4 In spherical polar coordinates  $(r, \theta, \phi)$ , the unit vector  $\hat{\theta}$  at  $(10, \pi/4, \pi/2)$  is

- (A)  $\hat{k}$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{j} + \hat{k})$
- (C)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-\hat{j} + \hat{k})$
- (D)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{j} - \hat{k})$

- Q.5 The scale factors corresponding to the covariant metric tensor  $g_{ij}$  in spherical polar coordinates are  
 (A)  $1, r^2, r^2 \sin^2 \theta$  (B)  $1, r^2, \sin^2 \theta$  (C)  $1, 1, 1$  (D)  $1, r, r \sin \theta$
- Q.6 In the context of small oscillations, which one of the following does NOT apply to the *normal coordinates*?  
 (A) Each normal coordinate has an eigen-frequency associated with it  
 (B) The normal coordinates are orthogonal to one another  
 (C) The normal coordinates are all independent  
 (D) The potential energy of the system is a sum of squares of the normal coordinates with constant coefficients

- Q.7 For the given unit cells of a two dimensional square lattice, which option lists all the primitive cells?



- (A) ① and ② (B) ①, ② and ③  
 (C) ①, ②, ③ and ④ (D) ①, ②, ③, ④ and ⑤
- Q.8 Among electric field ( $\vec{E}$ ), magnetic field ( $\vec{B}$ ), angular momentum ( $\vec{L}$ ), and vector potential ( $\vec{A}$ ), which is/are **odd** under parity (space inversion) operation?  
 (A)  $\vec{E}$  only (B)  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{A}$  only (C)  $\vec{E}$  &  $\vec{B}$  only (D)  $\vec{B}$  &  $\vec{L}$  only
- Q.9 The expression for the second overtone frequency in the vibrational absorption spectra of a diatomic molecule in terms of the harmonic frequency  $\omega_e$  and anharmonicity constant  $x_e$  is  
 (A)  $2\omega_e(1 - x_e)$  (B)  $2\omega_e(1 - 3x_e)$  (C)  $3\omega_e(1 - 2x_e)$  (D)  $3\omega_e(1 - 4x_e)$
- Q.10 Match the physical effects and order of magnitude of their energy scales given below, where  $\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0\hbar c}$  is fine structure constant;  $m_e$  and  $m_p$  are electron and proton mass, respectively.

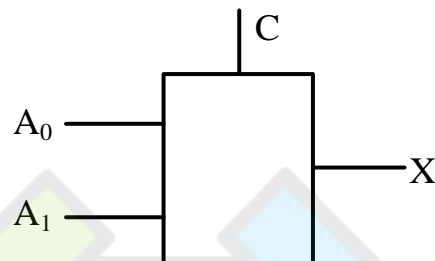
Group I	Group II
P: Lamb shift	1: $\sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha^2 m_e c^2)$
Q: Fine structure	2: $\sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4 m_e c^2)$
R: Bohr energy	3: $\sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha^4 m_e^2 c^2 / m_p)$
S: Hyperfine structure	4: $\sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha^5 m_e c^2)$

- (A) P-3, Q-1, R-2, S-4 (B) P-2, Q-3, R-1, S-4  
 (C) P-4, Q-2, R-1, S-3 (D) P-2, Q-4, R-1, S-3

- Q.11 The logic expression  $\bar{A}BC + \bar{A}\bar{B}C + AB\bar{C} + A\bar{B}\bar{C}$  can be simplified to  
 (A)  $A \text{ XOR } C$  (B)  $A \text{ AND } \bar{C}$  (C) 0 (D) 1

- Q.12 At low temperatures ( $T$ ), the specific heat of common metals is described by (with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  as constants)  
 (A)  $\alpha T + \beta T^3$  (B)  $\beta T^3$  (C)  $\exp(-\alpha/T)$  (D)  $\alpha T + \beta T^5$

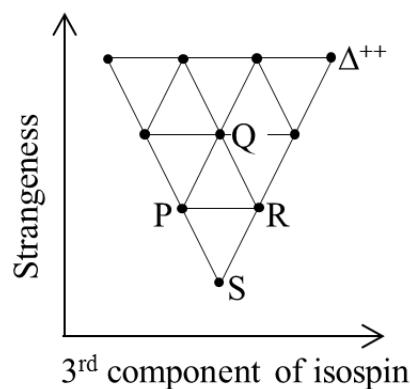
- Q.13 In a 2-to-1 multiplexer as shown below, the output  $X = A_0$  if  $C = 0$ , and  $X = A_1$  if  $C = 1$ .



Which one of the following is the correct implementation of this multiplexer?

- (A) (B)
- (C) (D)

- Q.14 The elementary particle  $\Xi^0$  is placed in the baryon decuplet, shown below, at



- (A) P (B) Q (C) R (D) S

Q.15 The intrinsic/permanent electric dipole moment in the ground state of hydrogen atom is ( $a_0$  is the Bohr radius)

- (A)  $-3ea_0$  (B) zero (C)  $ea_0$  (D)  $3ea_0$

Q.16 The high temperature magnetic susceptibility of solids having ions with magnetic moments can be described by  $\chi \propto \frac{1}{T+\theta}$  with  $T$  as absolute temperature and  $\theta$  as constant. The three behaviors i.e. paramagnetic, ferromagnetic and anti-ferromagnetic are described, respectively, by

- (A)  $\theta < 0, \theta > 0, \theta = 0$  (B)  $\theta > 0, \theta < 0, \theta = 0$   
(C)  $\theta = 0, \theta < 0, \theta > 0$  (D)  $\theta = 0, \theta > 0, \theta < 0$

Q.17 Which one of the following is an allowed electric dipole transition?

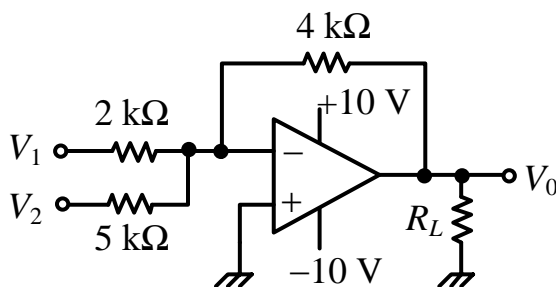
- (A)  $^1S_0 \rightarrow ^3S_1$  (B)  $^2P_{3/2} \rightarrow ^2D_{5/2}$  (C)  $^2D_{5/2} \rightarrow ^2P_{1/2}$  (D)  $^3P_0 \rightarrow ^5D_0$

Q.18 In the decay,  $\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+ + \nu_e + X$ , what is  $X$ ?

- (A)  $\gamma$  (B)  $\bar{\nu}_e$  (C)  $\nu_\mu$  (D)  $\bar{\nu}_\mu$

Q.19 A spaceship is travelling with a velocity of  $0.7c$  away from a space station. The spaceship ejects a probe with a velocity  $0.59c$  opposite to its own velocity. A person in the space station would see the probe moving at a speed  $Xc$ , where the value of  $X$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to three decimal places).

Q.20 For an operational amplifier (ideal) circuit shown below,



if  $V_1 = 1$  V and  $V_2 = 2$  V, the value of  $V_0$  is \_\_\_\_\_ V (up to one decimal place).

Q.21 An infinitely long straight wire is carrying a steady current  $I$ . The ratio of magnetic energy density at distance  $r_1$  to that at  $r_2 (= 2r_1)$  from the wire is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Q.22 A light beam of intensity  $I_0$  is falling normally on a surface. The surface absorbs 20% of the intensity and the rest is reflected. The radiation pressure on the surface is given by  $X I_0/c$ , where  $X$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to one decimal place). Here  $c$  is the speed of light.
- Q.23 The number of independent components of a general electromagnetic field tensor is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q.24 If  $X$  is the dimensionality of a free electron gas, the energy ( $E$ ) dependence of density of states is given by  $E^{\frac{1}{2}X-Y}$ , where  $Y$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q.25 For nucleus  $^{164}\text{Er}$ , a  $J^\pi = 2^+$  state is at 90 keV. Assuming  $^{164}\text{Er}$  to be a rigid rotor, the energy of its  $4^+$  state is \_\_\_\_\_ keV (up to one decimal place).



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**Q. 26 – Q. 55 carry two marks each.**

Q.26 Given  $\vec{V}_1 = \hat{i} - \hat{j}$  and  $\vec{V}_2 = -2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ , which one of the following  $\vec{V}_3$  makes  $(\vec{V}_1, \vec{V}_2, \vec{V}_3)$  a complete set for a three dimensional real linear vector space ?

(A)  $\vec{V}_3 = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

(B)  $\vec{V}_3 = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$

(C)  $\vec{V}_3 = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$

(D)  $\vec{V}_3 = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$

Q.27 An interstellar object has speed  $v$  at the point of its shortest distance  $R$  from a star of much larger mass  $M$ . Given  $v^2 = 2GM/R$ , the trajectory of the object is

(A) circle

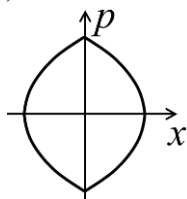
(B) ellipse

(C) parabola

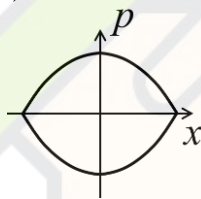
(D) hyperbola

Q.28 A particle moves in one dimension under a potential  $V(x) = \alpha|x|$  with some non-zero total energy. Which one of the following best describes the particle trajectory in the phase space?

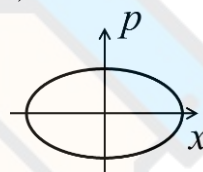
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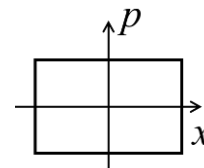
(B)



(C)



(D)



Q.29 Consider an infinitely long solenoid with  $N$  turns per unit length, radius  $R$  and carrying a current  $I(t) = \alpha \cos \omega t$ , where  $\alpha$  is a constant and  $\omega$  is the angular frequency. The magnitude of electric field at the surface of the solenoid is

(A)  $\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 NR\omega\alpha \sin \omega t$

(B)  $\frac{1}{2}\mu_0 \omega NR \cos \omega t$

(C)  $\mu_0 NR\omega\alpha \sin \omega t$

(D)  $\mu_0 \omega NR \cos \omega t$

Q.30 A constant and uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B} = B_0\hat{k}$  pervades all space. Which one of the following is the correct choice for the vector potential in Coulomb gauge?

(A)  $-B_0(x+y)\hat{i}$

(B)  $B_0(x+y)\hat{j}$

(C)  $B_0x\hat{j}$

(D)  $-\frac{1}{2}B_0(x\hat{i} - y\hat{j})$

Q.31 If  $H$  is the Hamiltonian for a free particle with mass  $m$ , the commutator  $[x, [x, H]]$  is

(A)  $\hbar^2/m$

(B)  $-\hbar^2/m$

(C)  $-\hbar^2/(2m)$

(D)  $\hbar^2/(2m)$

Q.32 A long straight wire, having radius  $a$  and resistance per unit length  $r$ , carries a current  $I$ . The magnitude and direction of the Poynting vector on the surface of the wire is

- (A)  $I^2 r / 2\pi a$ , perpendicular to axis of the wire and pointing inwards
- (B)  $I^2 r / 2\pi a$ , perpendicular to axis of the wire and pointing outwards
- (C)  $I^2 r / \pi a$ , perpendicular to axis of the wire and pointing inwards
- (D)  $I^2 r / \pi a$ , perpendicular to axis of the wire and pointing outwards

Q.33 Three particles are to be distributed in four non-degenerate energy levels. The possible number of ways of distribution: (i) for distinguishable particles, and (ii) for identical Bosons, respectively, is

- (A) (i) 24, (ii) 4      (B) (i) 24, (ii) 20      (C) (i) 64, (ii) 20      (D) (i) 64, (ii) 16

Q.34 The term symbol for the electronic ground state of oxygen atom is

- (A)  $^1S_0$       (B)  $^1D_2$       (C)  $^3P_0$       (D)  $^3P_2$

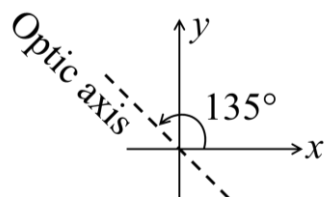
Q.35 The energy dispersion for electrons in one dimensional lattice with lattice parameter  $a$  is given by  $E(k) = E_0 - \frac{1}{2}W \cos ka$ , where  $W$  and  $E_0$  are constants. The effective mass of the electron near the bottom of the band is

- (A)  $\frac{2\hbar^2}{Wa^2}$       (B)  $\frac{\hbar^2}{Wa^2}$       (C)  $\frac{\hbar^2}{2Wa^2}$       (D)  $\frac{\hbar^2}{4Wa^2}$

Q.36 Amongst electrical resistivity ( $\rho$ ), thermal conductivity ( $\kappa$ ), specific heat ( $C$ ), Young's modulus ( $Y$ ), and magnetic susceptibility ( $\chi$ ), which quantities show a sharp change at the superconducting transition temperature?

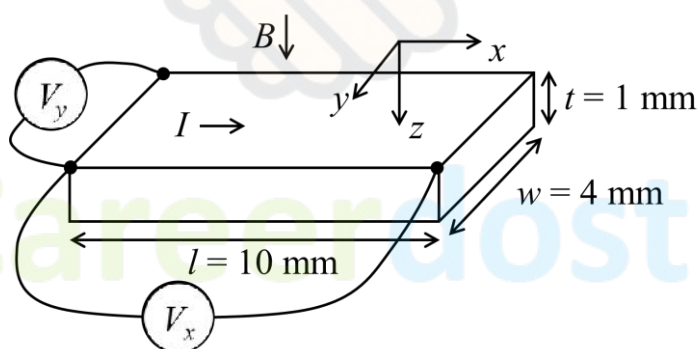
- (A)  $\rho, \kappa, C, Y$       (B)  $\rho, C, \chi$       (C)  $\rho, \kappa, C, \chi$       (D)  $\kappa, Y, \chi$

- Q.37 A quarter wave plate introduces a path difference of  $\lambda/4$  between the two components of polarization parallel and perpendicular to the optic axis. An electromagnetic wave with  $\vec{E} = (\hat{x} + \hat{y}) E_0 e^{i(kz - \omega t)}$  is incident normally on a quarter wave plate which has its optic axis making an angle  $135^\circ$  with the  $x$ -axis as shown.



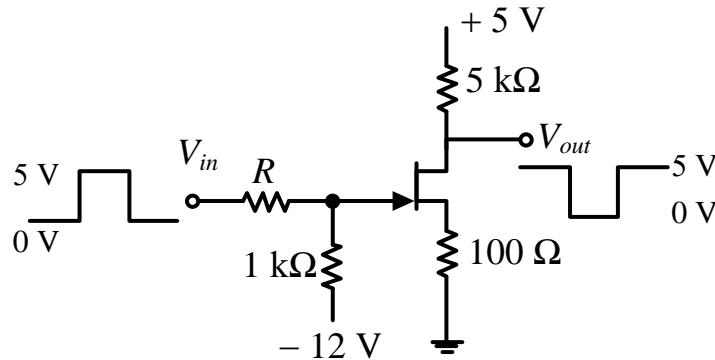
The emergent electromagnetic wave would be

- (A) elliptically polarized
  - (B) circularly polarized
  - (C) linearly polarized with polarization as that of incident wave
  - (D) linearly polarized but with polarization at  $90^\circ$  to that of the incident wave
- Q.38 A  $p$ -doped semiconductor slab carries a current  $I = 100$  mA in a magnetic field  $B = 0.2$  T as shown. One measures  $V_y = 0.25$  mV and  $V_x = 2$  mV. The mobility of holes in the semiconductor is \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{m}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  (up to two decimal places).





- Q.39 An n-channel FET having Gate-Source switch-off voltage  $V_{GS(OFF)} = -2 \text{ V}$  is used to invert a  $0 - 5 \text{ V}$  square-wave signal as shown. The maximum allowed value of  $R$  would be \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{k}\Omega$  (up to two decimal places).



- Q.40 Inside a large nucleus, a nucleon with mass  $939 \text{ MeV}c^{-2}$  has Fermi momentum  $1.40 \text{ fm}^{-1}$  at absolute zero temperature. Its velocity is  $Xc$ , where the value of  $X$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to two decimal places).

$$(\hbar c = 197 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm})$$

- Q.41  $4 \text{ MeV}$   $\gamma$ -rays emitted by the de-excitation of  $^{19}\text{F}$  are attributed, assuming spherical symmetry, to the transition of protons from  $1d_{3/2}$  state to  $1d_{5/2}$  state. If the contribution of spin-orbit term to the total energy is written as  $C\langle \vec{l} \cdot \vec{s} \rangle$ , the magnitude of  $C$  is \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{MeV}$  (up to one decimal place).

- Q.42 An  $\alpha$  particle is emitted by a  $^{230}_{90}\text{Th}$  nucleus. Assuming the potential to be purely Coulombic beyond the point of separation, the height of the Coulomb barrier is \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{MeV}$  (up to two decimal places).

$$\left(\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 1.44 \text{ MeV}\cdot\text{fm}, r_0 = 1.30 \text{ fm}\right)$$

- Q.43 For the transformation

$$Q = \sqrt{2q} e^{-1+2\alpha} \cos p, \quad P = \sqrt{2q} e^{-\alpha-1} \sin p$$

(where  $\alpha$  is a constant) to be canonical, the value of  $\alpha$  is\_\_\_\_\_.

Q.44 Given

$$\frac{d^2 f(x)}{dx^2} - 2 \frac{df(x)}{dx} + f(x) = 0,$$

and boundary conditions  $f(0) = 1$  and  $f(1) = 0$ , the value of  $f(0.5)$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to two decimal places).

Q.45 The absolute value of the integral

$$\int \frac{5z^3 + 3z^2}{z^2 - 4} dz,$$

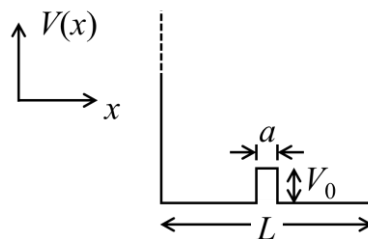
over the circle  $|z - 1.5| = 1$  in complex plane, is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to two decimal places).

Q.46 A uniform circular disc of mass  $m$  and radius  $R$  is rotating with angular speed  $\omega$  about an axis passing through its center and making an angle  $\theta = 30^\circ$  with the axis of the disc. If the kinetic energy of the disc is  $\alpha m \omega^2 R^2$ , the value of  $\alpha$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to 2 decimal places).



Q.47 The ground state energy of a particle of mass  $m$  in an infinite potential well is  $E_0$ . It changes to  $E_0(1 + \alpha \times 10^{-3})$ , when there is a small potential bump of height

$V_0 = \frac{\pi^2 \hbar^2}{50mL^2}$  and width  $a = L/100$ , as shown in the figure. The value of  $\alpha$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to two decimal places).



- Q.48 An electromagnetic plane wave is propagating with an intensity  $I = 1.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  in a medium with  $\epsilon = 3\epsilon_0$  and  $\mu = \mu_0$ . The amplitude of the electric field inside the medium is \_\_\_\_\_  $\times 10^3 \text{ Vm}^{-1}$  (up to one decimal place).

$$(\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2 \text{ N}^{-1} \text{ m}^{-2}, \mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ NA}^{-2}, c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1})$$

- Q.49 A microcanonical ensemble consists of 12 atoms with each taking either energy 0 state, or energy  $\epsilon$  state. Both states are non-degenerate. If the total energy of this ensemble is  $4\epsilon$ , its entropy will be \_\_\_\_\_  $k_B$  (up to one decimal place), where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant.

- Q.50 A two-state quantum system has energy eigenvalues  $\pm\epsilon$  corresponding to the normalized states  $|\psi_{\pm}\rangle$ . At time  $t = 0$ , the system is in quantum state  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}[|\psi_+\rangle + |\psi_-\rangle]$ . The probability that the system will be in the same state at  $t = h/(6\epsilon)$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to two decimal places).

- Q.51 An air-conditioner maintains the room temperature at  $27^\circ\text{C}$  while the outside temperature is  $47^\circ\text{C}$ . The heat conducted through the walls of the room from outside to inside due to temperature difference is  $7000 \text{ W}$ . The minimum work done by the compressor of the air-conditioner per unit time is \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{W}$ .

- Q.52 Two solid spheres A and B have same emissivity. The radius of A is four times the radius of B, and temperature of A is twice the temperature of B. The ratio of the rate of heat radiated from A to that from B is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Q.53 The partition function of an ensemble at a temperature  $T$  is

$$Z = \left( 2 \cosh \frac{\epsilon}{k_B T} \right)^N,$$

where  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant. The heat capacity of this ensemble at  $T = \frac{\epsilon}{k_B}$  is  $X N k_B$ , where the value of  $X$  is \_\_\_\_\_ (up to two decimal places).

- Q.54 An atom in its singlet state is subjected to a magnetic field. The Zeeman splitting of its  $650 \text{ nm}$  spectral line is  $0.03 \text{ nm}$ . The magnitude of the field is \_\_\_\_\_ Tesla (up to two decimal places).

$$(e = 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}, m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}, c = 3.0 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1})$$

- Q.55 The quantum effects in an ideal gas become important below a certain temperature  $T_Q$  when de Broglie wavelength corresponding to the *root mean square* thermal speed becomes equal to the inter-atomic separation. For such a gas of atoms of mass  $2 \times 10^{-26}$  kg and number density  $6.4 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}^{-3}$ ,  $T_Q = \text{_____} \times 10^{-3} \text{ K}$  (up to one decimal place).

$(k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}, h = 6.6 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J-s})$

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