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FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

M.Sc. (Third Semester) EXAMINATION

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PHYSICS

PH-16

(Nuclear and Particle Physics)

(Saturday, 6-05-2022)

Time : 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Time— Three Hours

Maximum Marks—75

N.B. :- (i) All questions are compulsory and carry equal marks.

(ii) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

1. What do you mean by electric quadrupole ? Discuss electric quadrupole moment of a nucleus. 15

Or

(a) Explain the concept of nuclear dipole moment in detail. 8

(b) Write a note on the nuclear quantum numbers. 7

2. Derive the expression for stopping power of heavy charged particles. 15

Or

(a) Write a short note on the charge conjugation and time reversal. 8

(b) Explain construction and working of a scintillation detector. 7

3. Discuss the nuclear liquid drop model in detail with its assumptions, evidences and limitations. 15

Or

(a) Explain the characteristics of Nuclear Forces. 8

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- (b) State the shell model configuration and assign the spin and particles to the ground state of the nucleus of ${}_{31}\text{Sc}^{41}$. 7
4. Explain the R-S disintegration law along with the decay constant and the half life period. 15
- Or
- (a) Explain the concept of non-conservation of parity in beta decay processes. 8
- (b) With suitable examples, explain the selection rules for classification of beta transitions. 7
5. Attempt any *three* : 15
- (i) Find the binding energy per nucleon for an alpha particle. Given, $m_p = 1.007825$ amu, $m_n = 1.008665$ amu, $m_\alpha = 4.002603$ amu and $1 \text{ amu} = 931.5 \text{ MeV}$.
- (ii) Write a note on straggling and range for alpha particles.
- (iii) Explain charge independence property of nucleons.
- (iv) Explain the term mean life for radioactive substances.