

SYLLABUS : PHYSICS

1) MECHANICS AND KINEMATICS:

Vector algebra, Newton's laws of motion, frames of reference, Coriolis force, rigid body dynamics- moment of inertia, elasticity.

Conservation laws.

Gravitation, planetary motion, artificial satellites.

Fluid dynamics- surface tension, viscosity, osmosis, its applications.

2) HEAT, THERMODYNAMICS AND STATISTICAL PHYSICS:

Gas laws, ideal gas, real gas, VanderWaal's equations, low temperature physics, Diffusion.

Thermal conductivity.

Laws of Thermodynamics and consequences : heat engines, carnot's cycle, entropy. Thermodynamic potentials, Enthalpy, Maxwell relations, chemical potential, phase equilibria, phase space, micro and macro states : Microcanonical, canonical and grand canonical ensembles and partition functions: Free energy and connection with Thermodynamic quantities: First and second order phase transition, Maxwell-Boltzmann, Bose Einstein and Fermi Dirac statistics, energy distribution.

Black Body radiation And Planck's Distribution law: and consequences:

Bose Einstein condensation, random walk and Brownian motion

3) WAVES AND OSCILLATIONS:

Simple Harmonic Motion, Types of waves and characteristics, intensity of waves, interference, diffraction, Doppler effect.

Acoustics.

4) OPTICS-

Geometric Optics- Fermat's Principle, reflection, refraction, dispersion, measurement of speed of light.

Physical Optics-Theory of light, Huygen's principle, reflection, refraction, Interference, diffraction, polarisation.

5) ELECTROMAGNETIC THEORY:

Electrostatics: Gauss Law and its applications; Laplace and Poisson equations, effects of electric current, boundary value problems electromagnetic induction, electrostatic induction ; Displacement current, Maxwell's equations in free space and linear isotropic media; boundary conditions on fields at interfaces;

Scalar and vector potentials: Gauge invariance; Electromagnetic waves in free space, dielectrics and conductors,- Lorentz invariance of Maxwell's equations, Poynting vector.

Dynamics of charged particles in static and uniform electromagnetic fields, radiation from moving charges, dipoles.

6) ELECTRONICS:

Semiconductor devices, Amplifiers, oscillators.

Optoelectronics, generators and detectors, Cathode ray oscilloscope. Operational amplifiers and their applications: Digital electronics and applications ,logic gates; A/D and D/A converters .

Microprocessor and microcontroller basics, memory devices. Transducers.

Basics of signals and communication.

7) ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR PHYSICS

Quantum states of an electron in an atom; Stern-Gerlach experiment; atomic and molecular spectra ; relativistic corrections for energy levels of hydrogen atom; hyperfine structure and isotopic shift; width of spectral lines; LS and JJ coupling; Zeeman, Paschen Back and Stark effect; electron spin resonance; Nuclear magnetic resonance.

Raman spectra of diatomic molecules; Einstein A & B coefficients. Lasers.

8) QUANTUM MECHANICS:

Wave- particle duality, wave functions, Heisenberg uncertainty principle; matrix representation; Dirac's bra & ket notation; Schrodinger equation, wave function, particle in a box, oscillator, rotator, quantum mechanical tunneling, addition of angular momentum. Hydrogen atom, Helium atom; perturbation theory, WKB approximation, Born approximation; Pauli's exclusion principle, relativistic quantum mechanics.

9) NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS

Nuclear properties, mass defect, Binding energy, semi-empirical mass formula Liquid drop model- merits & demerits, Nuclear forces, Yukawa's theory of nuclear forces. Nuclear Reactions: Nuclear fission, nuclear reactor, nuclear fusion, Nuclear Detectors.

Radioactivity, Theory of alpha decay, Fermi's theory of beta decay, Beta ray spectra. K- electron capture. Internal conversion, Gamma ray spectrum, Multipolarity of gamma rays, Selection rules, Internal conversion, Elementary Particle Physics, Charged weak interactions of quarks, CPT theorem

10) CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

Crystalline state- primitive and non- primitive lattice cell-fundamental Bravais lattices;, Miller indices. Simple crystal structures-NaCl, CsCl, HCP, diamond, ZnS and Wurtzite, Point defects, Free electron theory of metals Fermi energy. Average energy of electrons, Electronic specific heat. Thermionic emission from metals. Electrical conductivity. Drift velocity and relaxation time. Thermal conductivity. Wiedemann-Franz law, Band theory of solids: Bloch theorem Kronig Penny model-E-K curves-number of allowed states in bands-motion of electrons in 1-d-effective mass-concept of hole-freeness factor-classification of solids.

Concept of holes, expression for carrier concentration)-electrical conductivity-mobility and their temperature dependence-Hall effect in semiconductors, Para, dia&ferro magnetism.

Superconductivity-type I & II superconductors, Meissner effect-thermodynamic properties-heat capacity-thermal conductivity. . Josephson junctions BCS theory, high temperature superconductors, Applications, X-diffraction in crystals.

Nano & Smart Materials:- Properties -examples and applications

Liquid crystals: Classification, Orientational order and its determination in the case of nematic liquid crystals and applications

11) ASTROPHYSICS:

Basic concepts , Surface or effective temperature and color of a star, Spectral classification of stars and their chemical composition: Mass - luminosity relationship and expression for life-time of a star. Hertzsprung - Russell (HR) diagram: Evolution of a star, Supernova explosion. Formation of a pulsar or neutron star and blackhole , Gravitational potential energy or self-energy of a star.

12) CLASSICAL MECHANICS :

Newton's laws; phase- space dynamics, stability analysis, central-force motion, two-body collisions, scattering in laboratory and centre of mass frames;

Variational principle, Lagrangian and Hamiltonian formalisms and equations of motion; Poisson brackets and canonical transformations. Symmetry invariance and conservation laws, Cyclic coordinates, periodic motions small oscillations and normal modes

Special theory of relativity, relativistic kinematics and mass-energy equivalence.

13) MATHEMATICAL AND COMPUTATIONAL PHYSICS:

Linear algebra, Elements of tensors, linear differential equations, special functions- Hermite, Bessel, Laguerre, Legendre. Generation of functions, Fourier series, Laplace transform. Elements of complex analysis, group theory. Green's function, integral equations, Dirac delta function.

Numerical techniques, C programming, solution of transcendental equations, Newton-Raphson, RungeKutta method, finite difference methods.

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