CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER-2025

PHYSICS

(Solved)

Time allowed : 3 hours | Maximum Marks : 79

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions carefully and follow them :

i. This question paper contains **38 questions.** All questions are **compulsory.**

ii. This question paper is divided into **5 sections.**

iii. **Section A** – questions number **1 to 2** are case based questions

iv. **Section B** – questions number **3 to 18** are multiple choice questions

v. **Section C** – questions number **19 to 24** are very short answer

vi. **Section D** – questions number **25 to 32** are short answer

vii. **Section E** – questions number **33 to 38** are long answer

viii. There is no overall choice given in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in few questions.

ix. Use of calculator is NOT allowed.

Section A

Question 1.

A circuit consisting of a capacitor C, a resistor of resistance R and an ideal battery of emf V, as shown in figure is known as an RC series circuit.

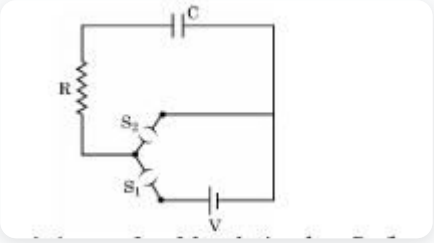
As soon as the circuit is completed by closing key S1 (keeping S2 open), charges begin to flow between the capacitor plates and the battery terminals. The charge on the capacitor increases and consequently the potential difference V_c (= q/C) across the capacitor also increases with time. When this potential difference equals the potential difference across the battery, the capacitor is fully

charged (Q = VC). During this process of charging, the charge q on the capacitor changes with time t as q = Q(1 - e^(-t/RC)).

The charging current can be obtained by differentiating it and using

$d/dx\ (e^{mx}) = me^{mx}$,

Consider the case when R = 20kΩ, C = 500μF, and V = 10V.



(1)

The key S_1, is closed and S_2, is open. The value of current in the resistor after 5 seconds, is

[1 Marks]

(2)

The final charge on the capacitor, when key S_1 is closed and S_2 is open, is:

(A) 5μC (B) 5mC

(C) 25 mC (D) 0.1C

[1 Marks]

(3)

For sufficient time, if key S_1 is closed and S_2 is open, now key S_2 is closed and S_1 is open. What is the final charge on the capacitor?

(A) Zero (B) 5mC

(C) 2.5 mC (D) 5μC

[1 Marks]

(4) The dimensional formula for RC is:

[1 Marks]

(5)

The key S_1, is closed and S_2, is open. The initial value of charging current in the resistor, is

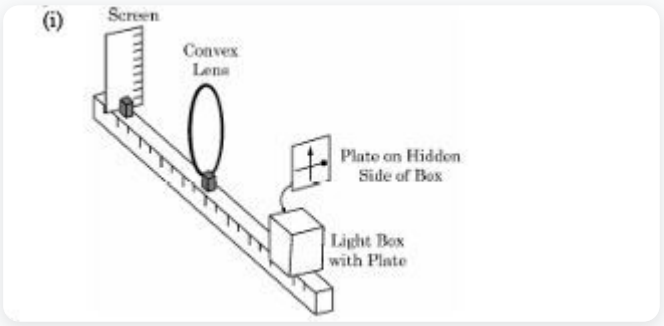
(A) 5mA (B) 0.5 mA

(C) 2mA (D) 1mA

[1 Marks]

Question 2.

A thin lens is a transparent optical medium bounded by two surfaces, at least one of which should be spherical. Applying the formula for image formation by a single spherical surface successively at the two surfaces of a lens, one can obtain the 'lens maker formula' and then the 'lens formula'. A lens has two foci — called 'first focal point' and 'second focal point' of the lens, one on each side.



(1)

Consider the arrangement shown in figure. A black vertical arrow and a horizontal thick line with a ball are painted on a glass plate. It serves as the object. When the plate is illuminated, its real image is formed on the screen.

Which of the following statements is incorrect regarding lenses?

[1 Marks]

(2)

Which of the following statements is incorrect ?

(A) For a convex mirror magnification is always negative.

(B) For all virtual images formed by a mirror magnification is positive.

(C) For a concave lens magnification is always positive.

(D) For real and inverted images, magnification is always negative.

[1 Marks]

(3)

A convex lens of focal length 'f' is cut into two equal parts perpendicular to the principal axis. The focal length of each part will be:

(A) f (B) 2f

(C) f/2 (D) f/4

[1 Marks]

(4)

If an object in case (i) above is 20 cm from the lens and the screen is 50 cm away from the object, the focal length of the lens used is

(A) 10cm (B) 12cm

(C) 16cm (D) 20cm

[1 Marks]

(5)

The distance of an object from first focal point of a biconvex lens is X_1, and distance of the image from second focal point is X_2. The focal length of the lens is

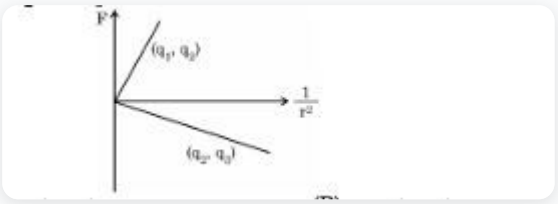
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Section B

Question 3.

Figure shows variation of Coulomb force (F) acting between two point charges with $1/r^2$ being the separation between the two charges (q_1 and q_2) and (q_2,q_3). If q_2 is positive and least in magnitude, then the magnitudes of q_1,q_2 and q_3 are such that:

[1 Marks]



(A) $q_1 < q_2 < q_3$

(B) $q_3 < q_1 < q_2$

(C) $q_2 < q_1 < q_3$

(D) $q_2 < q_3 < q_1$

Question 4.

Two wires P and Q are made of the same material. The wire Q has twice the diameter and half the length as that of wire P. If the resistance of wire P is R, the resistance of the wire Q will be:

[1 Marks]

(A) 2R

(B) R/8

(C) R/2

(D) R

Question 5.

A 1 cm segment of a wire lying along x-axis carries current of 0.5 A along +x direction. A magnetic field □□=(0.4 mT)$\hat{j}$+(0.6 mT)$\hat{k}$ is switched on in the region. The force acting on the segment is

[1 Marks]

(A) (−3$\hat{j}$+2$\hat{k}$)□N

(B) $(6\hat{j}+4\hat{k})$ mN

(C) $(2\hat{j}+3\hat{k})$ mN

(D) $(-4\hat{j}+6\hat{k})$□N

Question 6.

A coil has 100 turns, each of area 0.05 m^2 and total resistance 1.5 Ω. It is inserted at an instant in a magnetic field of 90 mT, with its axis parallel to the field. The charge induced in the coil at that instant is:

[1 Marks]

(A) 0.45 C

(B) 0.30 C

(C) 3.0 mC

(D) 1.5 C

Question 7.

You are required to design an air-filled solenoid of inductance 0.016 H having a length of 0.81 m and radius 0.02 m. The number of turns in the solenoid should be:

[1 Marks]

(A) 2592

(B) 2866

(C) 2976

(D) 3140

Question 8.

Assertion (A): It is difficult to move a magnet into a coil of large number of turns when the circuit of the coil is closed.

Reason (R): The direction of induced current in a coil with its circuit closed, due to motion of a magnet, is such that it opposes the cause.

[1 Marks]

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

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

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

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

Question 9.

A voltage $v = v_0 \sin \omega t$ applied to a circuit drives a current $i = i_0 \sin (\omega t + \varphi)$ in the circuit. The average power consumed in the circuit over a cycle is

[1 Marks]

(A) $(i_0 v_0)/2 * \cos \varphi$

(B) Zero

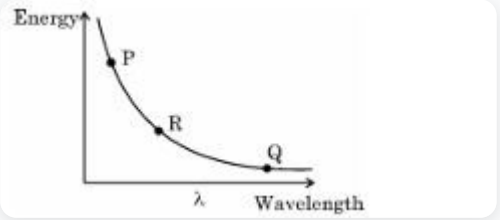
(C) $(i_0 v_0)/2$

(D) $i_0 v_0 \cos \varphi$

Question 10.

The given diagram exhibits the relationship between the wavelength of the electromagnetic waves and the energy of photon associated with them. The three points P, Q and R marked on the diagram may correspond respectively to :

[1 Marks]



(A) X-rays, microwaves, UV radiation

(B) X-rays, UV radiation, microwaves

(C) UV radiation, microwaves, X-rays

(D) Microwaves, UV radiation, X-rays

Question 11.

A beaker is filled with water (refractive index 4/3) upto a height H. A coin is placed at its bottom. The depth of the coin, when viewed along the near normal direction, will be

[1 Marks]

(A) H/4

(B) 4H/3

(C) H

(D) 3H/4

Question 12.

The stopping potential V_0 measured in a photoelectric experiment for a metal surface is plotted against frequency v of the incident radiation. Let m be the slope of the straight line so obtained. Then the value of charge of an electron is given by (h is the Planck's constant.)

[1 Marks]

(A) mh

(B) m/h

(C) 1/mh

(D) h/m

Question 13.

Let **λ_e, λ_p, λ_d** be the wavelengths associated with an electron, a proton and a deuteron, all moving with the same speed. Then the correct relation between them is

[1 Marks]

(A) $\lambda_d > \lambda_p > \lambda_e$

(B) $\lambda_e = \lambda_p = \lambda_d$

(C) $\lambda_e > \lambda_p > \lambda_d$

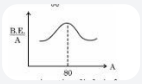
(D) $\lambda_p > \lambda_e > \lambda_d$

Question 14.

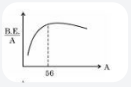
Which of the following figures correctly represent the shape of curve of binding energy per nucleon as a function of mass number ?

[1 Marks]

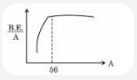
(A)



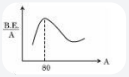
(B)



(C)



(D)



Question 15.

When a p-n junction diode is forward biased

[1 Marks]

(A) the barrier height and the depletion layer width both increase.

(B) the barrier height increases and the depletion layer width decreases.

(C) the barrier height and the depletion layer width both decrease.

(D) the barrier height decreases and the depletion layer width increases.

Question 16.

Assertion (A) : The deflection in a galvanometer is directly proportional to the current passing through it.

Reason (R) =: The coil of a galvanometer is suspended in a uniform radial magnetic field.

[1 Marks]

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

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

(C) Assertion (A) is false and Reason (R) is also false.

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

Question 17.

Assertion (A) : We cannot form a p-n junction diode by taking a slab of a p-type semiconductor and physically joining it to another slab of a n-type semiconductor.

Reason (R) : In a p-type semiconductor $\eta_e >> \eta_h$, while in a n-type semiconductor $\eta_h >> \eta_e$.

[1 Marks]

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

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

(C) Assertion (A) is false and Reason (R) is also false.

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

Question 18.

Assertion (A) : The potential energy of an electron revolving in any stationary orbit in a hydrogen atom is positive.

Reason (R) : The total energy of a charged particle is always positive.

[1 Marks]

(A) Assertion (A) is false and Reason (R) is also false.

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

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

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Section C

Question 19. A battery of emf E and internal resistance r is connected to a resistor. When a current of 2A is drawn from the battery, the potential difference across the resistor is 5V. The potential difference becomes 4V when a current of 4A is drawn from the battery. Calculate the value of E and r.

[2 Marks]

Question 20.

In a diffraction experiment, the slit is illuminated by light of wavelength 600 nm. The first minimum of the pattern falls at an angle of 30°. Calculate the width of the slit.

[2 Marks]

Question 21.

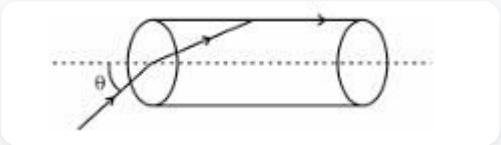
In a Young's double-slit experiment, two light waves, each of intensity I_0, interfere at a point, having a path difference $\lambda/8$ on the screen, Find the intensity at this point.

[2 Marks]

Question 22.

A transparent solid cylindrical rod (refractive index $2/\sqrt{3}$) is kept in air. A ray of light incident on its face travels along the surface of the rod as shown in the figure. Calculate the critical angle θ .

[2 Marks]



Question 23.

Prove that, in the Bohr model of the hydrogen atom, the time period of revolution of an electron in n^{th} orbit is proportional to n^3.

[2 Marks]

Question 24.

A p-type silicon semiconductor is made by doping an average of one dopant atom per 5×10^7 silicon atoms. If the number density of silicon atoms in the specimen is 5×10^{28} atoms m^{-3}, find the number of holes created per cubic cm in the specimen due to doping. Also, give one example of such dopants.

[2 Marks]

Section D

Question 25.

Two batteries of emfs 3V & 6V and internal resistances 0.20**Ω** & 0.4**Ω** are connected in parallel. This combination is connected to a 4**Ω** resistor. Find :

i) the equivalent emf of the combination

ii) the equivalent internal resistance of the combination

iii) the current drawn from the combination

[3 Marks]

Question 26.

(i) A conductor of length l is connected across an ideal cell of emf E. Keeping the cell connected, the length of the conductor is increased to 2l by gradually stretching it. If R and R’ are initial and final values of resistance and V_d, and V_d' are initial and final values of drift velocity, find the relation between (i) R’ and R and (ii) V_d’ and V_d.

(ii) When electrons drift in a conductor from lower to higher potential, does it mean that all the ‘free electrons’ of the conductor are moving in the same direction ?

[3 Marks]

Question 27.

Using Biot-Savart law, derive expression for the magnetic field (□□) due to a circular current carrying loop at a point on its axis and hence at its centre.

[3 Marks]

Question 28.

(a) Show that the energy required to build up the current I in a coil of inductance L is 1/2 LI^2.

(b) Considering the case of magnetic field produced by air-filled current carrying solenoid, show that the magnetic energy density of a magnetic field B is B^2 / 2**μ0**

[3 Marks]

Question 29.

(a) A parallel plate capacitor is charged by an ac source. Show that the sum of conduction current (I_c) and the displacement current (I_d) has the same value at all points of the circuit.

(b) In case (a) above, is Kirchhoff’ first rule (junction rule) valid at each plate of the capacitor ? Explain.

[3 Marks]

Question 30.

Answer the following giving reason :

(a) All the photo electrons do not eject with the same kinetic energy when monochromatic light is incident on a metal surface.

(b) The saturation current in case (a) is different for different intensity.

(c) If one goes on increasing the wavelength of light incident on a metal

surface, keeping its intensity constant, emission of photo electrons

stop at a certain wavelength for this metal.

[3 Marks]

Question 31.

(a) Define ‘Mass defect’ and ‘Binding energy’ of a nucleus. Describe ‘Fission process’ on the basis of binding energy per nucleon.

(b) A deuteron contains a proton and a neutron and has a mass of 2.013553 u. Calculate the mass defect for it in u and its energy equivalence in MeV. (m_p= 1.007277 u, m_n= 1.008665 u, 1u = 931.5 MeV/ c^2)

[3 Marks]

Question 32.

(a) Draw circuit arrangement for studying V-I characteristics of a p-n junction diode.

(b) Show the shape of the characteristics of a diode.

(c) Mention two information that you can get from these characteristics.

[3 Marks]

Section E

Question 33.

(i) Two-point charges 5 μC and -1 μC are placed at points (-3 cm,0, 0) and (3 cm, 0, 0) respectively. An external electric field □□=$Ar2\ \hat{r}$ where A = 3x 10^5 Vm is switched on in the region. Calculate the change in electrostatic energy of the system due to the electric field. An external electric field

(ii) A system of two conductors is placed in air and they have net charge of +80 μC and —80μC which causes a potential difference of 16 V between them.

(1) Find the capacitance of the system.

(2) If the air between the capacitor is replaced by a dielectric medium of dielectric constant 3, what will be the potential difference between the two conductors?

(3) If the charges on two conductors are changed to +160 μC and —160 μC, will the capacitance of the system change? Give reason for your answer.

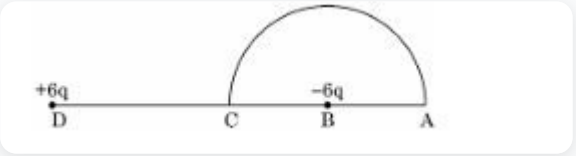
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Question 34.

(i) Consider three metal spherical shells A, B and C, each of radius R. Each shell is having a concentric metal ball of radius R/10. The spherical shells A, B and C are given charges +6q, —4q, and 14q respectively. Their inner metal balls are also given charges —2q, +8q and —10q respectively. Compare the magnitude of the electric fields due to shells A, B and C at a distance 3R from their centres.

(ii) A charge —6 μC is placed at the centre B of a semicircle of radius 5 cm, as shown in the figure. An equal and opposite charge is placed at point D at a distance of 10 cm from B. A charge +5 μC is moved from point 'C' to point 'A' along the circumference. Calculate the work done on the charge.

[5 Marks]



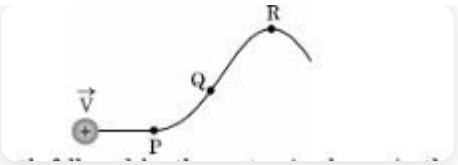
Question 35.

(i) A proton moving with velocity □□ in a non-uniform magnetic field traces a path as shown in the figure.

The path followed by the proton is always in the plane of the paper. What is the direction of the magnetic field in the region near points P, Q and R? What can you say about relative magnitude of magnetic fields at these points?

(ii) A current carrying circular loop of area A produces a magnetic field B at its centre. Show that the magnetic moment of the loop is $2BA/\mu_0 \sqrt{(A/\pi)}$.

[2 Marks]



Question 36.

(i) Derive an expression for the torque acting on a rectangular current loop suspended in a uniform magnetic field.

(ii) A charged particle is moving in a circular path with velocity □□ in a uniform magnetic field □□. It is made to pass through a sheet of lead and as a consequence, it looses one half of its kinetic energy without change in its direction. How will (1) the radius of its path (2) its time period of revolution change ?

[5 Marks]

Question 37.

(i) (1) What are coherent sources ? Why are they necessary for observing a sustained interference pattern?

(2) Lights from two independent sources are not coherent. Explain.

(ii) Two slits 0.1 mm apart are arranged 1.20 m from a screen. Light of wavelength 600 nm from a distant source is incident on the slits.

(1) How far apart will adjacent bright interference fringes be on the screen ?

(2) Find the angular width (in degree) of the first bright fringe.

[5 Marks]

Question 38.

(i) Define a wavefront. An incident plane wave falls on a convex lens and gets refracted through it. Draw a diagram to show the incident and refracted wavefront.

(ii) A beam of light coming from a distant source is refracted by a spherical glass ball (refractive index 1.5) of radius 15 cm. Draw the ray diagram and obtain the position of the final image formed.

[5 Marks]