

B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2014  
BRANCH III - PHYSICS  
FIRST SEMESTER

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COURSE : MAJOR – CORE  
PAPER : PROPERTIES OF MATTER AND ATOMIC PHYSICS

TIME : 30 MINS. MAX. MARKS : 30

SECTION – A  
TO BE ANSWERED IN THE QUESTION PAPER ITSELF

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS: (30 x 1 = 30)

I CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWERS:

- Which of the following is not having the same dimensions as stress?  
a) pressure                      b) force                      c) elastic limit                      d) modulus of elasticity
- The elevation at the centre of a beam subjected to uniform bending is given by  
a)  $\frac{mgal^2}{4E Ak^2}$                       b)  $\frac{3mgal^2}{8E Ak^2}$                       c)  $\frac{mgal^2}{8E Ak^2}$                       d)  $\frac{3mgal^2}{4E Ak^2}$
- The time period of torsional oscillations of a body of moment of inertia I is directly proportional to  
a) I                      b)  $\sqrt{I}$                       c)  $I^2$                       d) I + 1
- The ratio of the respective excess of pressure inside a liquid drop and a bubble of the same radius is  
a) 1: 1                      b) 1: 2                      c) 2: 1                      d) 4:1
- If the cohesive force inside a liquid is greater than the force of adhesion between the liquid and the contact surface, then the angle of contact is  
a)  $90^\circ$                       b)  $0^\circ$                       c) acute                      d) obtuse
- One of the important advantage of Jaeger's method is that  
a) it measures the surface tension accurately  
b) the angle of contact need not be measured.  
c) it captures the bubble radius accurately  
d) it deals with the dynamics of formation of bubble.
- Ostwald's viscometer is not used to  
a) study the variation of viscosity with temperature  
b) compare the viscosities of two liquids  
c) find the viscosities of a liquid with a standard  
d) turbulent speed of a liquid.





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**SECTION – B**

**ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS: ( 5 x 5 = 25 )**

1. A wire 2.5 m long with a cross-sectional area of 5 sq. mm stretches by 1.25 mm when a mass of 50 kg is suspended from it. Assuming  $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ , find the stress, the resulting strain on the wire and the value of Young's modulus of the material of the wire.
2. Calculate the amount of workdone in blowing a soap bubble of radius from 10 cm to 15 cm S.T of a soap bubble = 0.035 N/m.
3. Define Ionisation and Excitation potential. Calculate the excitation potential when an electron goes from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> level, 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> level, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> level and 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> level.
4. a) With necessary theory of photo-electric effect, obtain the Einstein's equation. (3)  
b) Find the longest wavelength that can produce photo-electrons from Sodium plate with a work function of 2.3eV (Given that  $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ ). (2)
5. Describe the experimental arrangement of Stern and Gerlach in confirming the vector atom model.
6. Find the expression for the torque per unit twist of a cylindrical body.
7. What couple must be applied to a wire one metre long, 1 mm diameter in order to twist one end of it, through 90°, the other end remaining fixed? Rigidity modulus of the material of the wire is  $2.8 \times 10^{10} \text{ N/m}^2$ .

**SECTION – C**

**ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS: ( 3 x 15 = 45 )**

8. a) Derive relations between the moduli of elasticity of a material. (10)  
b) Obtain an expression for the depression at the end of a cantilever when it is loaded. Deduce it for a rectangular beam. (5)
9. Describe the Jaeger's method of determining the surface tension of a liquid at different temperatures with necessary diagrams.

10. a) Describe a McLeod gauge with a simple diagram and its principle of action.(10)  
b) Obtain an expression for the terminal velocity of a steel falling in a viscous liquid. (5)
11. With neat diagrams, describe the construction and theory of Aston's mass spectrograph.
12. Discuss the experiment of determining the normal Zeeman shift with adequate theory and diagrams

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