



# **KIBABII UNIVERSITY**

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**FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER  
SUPP/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS  
FOR THE DEGREE OF B. ED (SCIENCE)**

**COURSE CODE:** SPH 122

**COURSE TITLE:** INTRODUCTION TO QUANTUM PHYSICS

**DATE:** 1/10/2021

**TIME:** 8:00-10:00AM

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## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Answer question one (**Compulsory**) and any other **Two** questions.
- Attempted questions must be indicated on front cover of answer booklet.
- Every question should be started on new page and question indicated respectively.

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### Question one (30 Marks)

- a. Define the gravitational red shift (2mks)
- b. With reference to the quantum mechanics, discuss the meaning of a standard inertial frame of reference. (2mks)
- c. Discuss the wave-particle duality of matter in reference to light (3mks)
- d. Find the wavelength of an electron moving with a speed of  $2 \times 10^6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  (3mks)
- e. X-rays with an energy of 300 KeV undergo Compton scattering with a target. If the scattered X-rays are detected at  $30^\circ$  relative to the incident X-rays, determine the Compton shift at this angle, the energy of the scattered X-ray, and the energy of the recoiling electron. (4mks)
- f. Discuss the Heisenberg Uncertainty (3mks)
- g. An FM radio transmitter has a power output of 100 kW and operates at a frequency of 94 MHz. How many photons per second does the transmitter emit? (3mks)
- h. Light source of wavelength 600nm illuminates a metal and ejects photoelectrons with a maximum kinetic energy of 1.00 eV. A second light source with half the wavelength of the first ejects photoelectrons with a maximum kinetic energy of 4.00 eV. Determine the work function of the metal. (3mks)
- i. The earth and sun are 8.3 light-minutes apart. Ignore their relative motion for this problem and assume they live in a single inertial frame, the Earth-Sun frame. Events  $A$  and  $B$  occur at  $t = 0$  on the earth and at 2 minutes on the sun respectively. Find the time difference between the events according to an observer moving at  $u = 0.8c$  from Earth to Sun. Repeat if observer is moving in the opposite direction at  $u = 0.8c$ . (4mks)
- j. Discuss the birth and development of the special relativity. (3mks)

### Question Two (20 Marks)

- a. Show that the low-frequency limit of Planck's Law reduces to the Rayleigh-Jeans Law and in the high-frequency limit reduces to Wien's Law. (6mks)
- b. Discuss the Wien's Displacement Law as outlined in quantum mechanics. (6mks)
- c. Suppose in the Michelson-Morley experiment, it is given that  $\Delta L = L_1 - L_2 \neq 0$  and that there is a contraction by a factor of  $\sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{c^2}}$  in the direction of the ether wind. Then show that

$$\Delta t = \frac{2}{c} \Delta L \left(1 + \frac{v^2}{2c^2}\right) \quad (8\text{mks})$$

### Question Three (20 Marks)

- Derive the Einstein photoelectric equation and discuss it basing on Einstein's explanation on existence of threshold frequency, effect of intensity of the incident light and possible maximum energy. (6mks)
- Derive the Stefan Boltzmann Law for the energy density of black-body radiation. (6mks)
- Derive the Compton equation the proofs the existence of quantum mechanics. (8mks)

### Question Four (20 Marks)

- Show that the standard space and time Lorentz transformation equation is given respectively by the equation below. (8mks)

$$x' = \frac{x-vt}{\sqrt{1+\frac{v^2}{a}}}, \quad t' = \frac{\frac{xv}{a}+t}{\sqrt{1+\frac{v^2}{a}}}$$

- Show that De Broglie formular is given by  $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$  where  $m$  is the mass,  $v$  the velocity and  $\lambda$  is the wavelength. (6mks)
- Discuss the Davison-Gerner experiment stating how the finding relate with Bragg's law, de Broglie law and the acceleration through a given voltage  $V$ . (6mks)