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OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. The general solution of the differential equation, $x^2 \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 2x \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = 0$ in terms of two arbitrary constants A and B, is

(a) $e^{1/x} \left(A \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + B \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right)$

(b) $Ax + \frac{B}{x}$

(c) $Ax + Bxe^x$

(d) $Ax + Bx^2$

2. If a, b and c are non-zero real numbers not equal to 1, $\log_a c$ can be expressed as

(a) $\log_b c / \log_b a$

(b) $\log_b a / \log_b c$

(c) $\log_c a / \log_b a$

(d) $\log_c b / \log_a b$

3. A homogeneous linear transformation takes the point (1, 1) in the xy-plane to the point (3, 3) and keeps the point (1, -1) fixed (i.e., it remains (1, -1) after the transformation). The matrix corresponding to this transformation is

(a) $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

(b) $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(c) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

(d) $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

4. The function $\frac{1}{\cosh x}$ may be expressed around the point $x = 0$ as a power series as

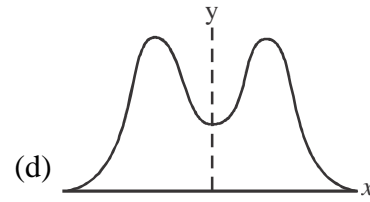
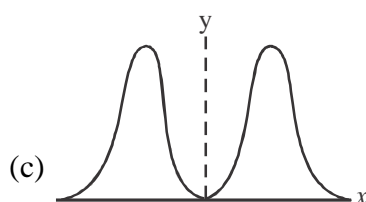
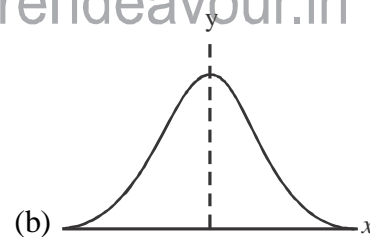
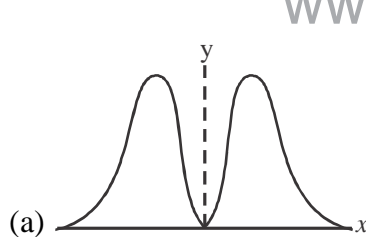
(a) $1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{24}x^4 - \frac{1}{720}x^6 + \dots$

(b) $1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{5}{24}x^4 - \frac{61}{720}x^6 + \dots$

(c) $1 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{11}{24}x^4 - \frac{331}{720}x^6 + \dots$

(d) $1 - \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{1}{24x^4} - \frac{1}{720x^6} + \dots$

5. Which of the following graphs gives the best representation of the real-valued function $y = x^2 e^{-x^2}$?



6. An observer O uses the coordinate system (x, t) to describe non-relativistic motion in one dimension. Another observer O', moving with respect to O with a uniform velocity 'v' (much smaller than the speed of light c) along the positive x-direction, uses (x', t') , such that at $t = 0, t' = 0$ and that instant x and x' coincide. then

(a) $x' = x - vt, t' = t, \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} - \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$

(b) $x' = x - vt, t' = t, \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

(c) $x' = x + vt, t' = t, \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{v} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$

(d) $x' = x + vt, t' = t, \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$ and $\frac{\partial}{\partial t'} = \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - v \frac{\partial}{\partial x}$

7. A ball dropped from a height h can only attain the height $4h/5$ after bouncing off the floor. If the ball is dropped from a height of 1 m, the time it will take to come to rest is, approximately
[Ignore air resistance and the finite radius of the ball.]

(a) 1.9 s (b) 3.8 s (c) 8.0 s (d) 4.1 s

8. A small raindrop of mass m experiences a viscous drag force $F_d = bv$, proportional to its instantaneous speed 'v'. If it starts from rest at a height h, its speed after a time 't' is

(a) $v(t) = \frac{mg}{b} \tanh\left(\frac{bt}{m}\right)$ (b) $v(t) = \frac{mg}{b} e^{-bt/m}$

(c) $v(t) = \frac{mg}{2b} (1 - e^{-2bt/m})$ (d) $v(t) = \frac{mg}{b} (1 - e^{-bt/m})$

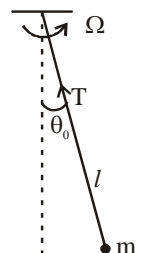
9. The nature of flow in a viscous liquid is characterised by the dimensionless Reynolds' number Re proportional to v (the flow velocity) : $Re \propto v$. Given that Re also depends on (i) the density ρ of the fluid, (ii) the dynamical viscosity η and (iii) a characteristic length l , of the flow. By dimensional analysis, we find that

(a) $Re = \frac{\eta \omega}{\rho}$ (b) $Re = \frac{\rho \omega}{\eta}$ (c) $Re = \frac{\rho \eta v}{l}$ (d) $Re = \frac{\rho v}{\eta l}$

10. A ball of mass m is hung from a support by a massless wire of length l . The support is rotated with an angular speed. $\Omega > \sqrt{g/l}$ around a vertical axis through the point of suspension as shown in the figure. The ball rests in equilibrium at an angle θ_0 . Which the following statements concerning θ_0 and the tension T, is true ?

(a) $\theta_0 = 0$ and $T = mg$ (b) $\theta_0 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{g}{\Omega^2 l}\right)$ and $T < mg \cos \theta_0$

(c) $\theta_0 = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{g}{\Omega^2 l}\right)$ and $T > mg \cos \theta_0$ (d) $\theta_0 = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{g}{\Omega^2 l}\right)$ and $T > mg \cos \theta_0$



11. In a wire loop of resistance R and inductance L , an e.m.f. ε is switched on at $t = 0$. The magnetic flux through the loop is given by

- (a) $\frac{L\varepsilon}{R}(1 - e^{-tR/L})$ (b) $\frac{L\varepsilon}{R}e^{-tR/L}$ (c) $\frac{L\varepsilon}{R}\left(1 - \frac{L}{tR}\right)$ (d) $\frac{L\varepsilon}{R}$

12. The electric and magnetic fields of an electromagnetic wave in vacuum are given by

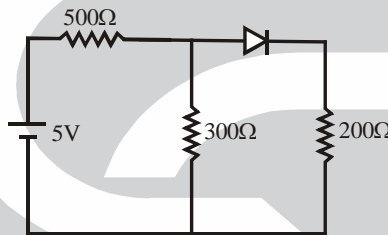
$\mathbf{E} = \hat{i}E_0 \sin(kz - \omega t)$ and $\mathbf{B} = \hat{j}B_0 \sin(kz - \omega t)$ respectively. Which of the following relations is correct ?

- (a) $k^2E_0 = \omega^2B_0$ (b) $\omega E_0 = kB_0$ (c) $kE_0 = \omega B_0$ (d) $E_0B_0 = \omega k$

13. The radius of the nucleus of the Ra atom, which carries an electric charge $+88e$, is 7.0×10^{-15} m. What should roughly be the speed of a proton, if it has to reach as close as 1.0×10^{-14} m from the centre of the nucleus? [The radius of the cloud of orbital electrons of the Ra atom is approximately 5.0×10^{-11} m.]

- (a) 6.7×10^9 m/s (b) 3.1×10^8 m/s (c) 1.4×10^5 m/s (d) 4.9×10^7 m/s

14. In the circuit shown below, the diode is non-ideal and has a voltage drop of 0.7 V. What is the value of the diode current ?

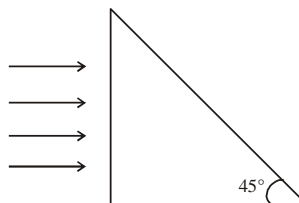


- (a) 4.84 mA (b) 8.06 mA (c) 3.03 mA (d) 6.25 mA

15. The Doppler width $\Delta\lambda$ of the orange line (for which $\lambda = 6058 \text{ \AA}$) of Kr is 0.0055 \AA . What is the spread in frequency of this spectral line?

- (a) 2.7×10^7 Hz (b) 2.7×10^9 Hz (c) 4.5×10^6 Hz (d) 4.5×10^8 Hz

16. A beam of light, consisting of red (R), green (G) and blue (B) colours, is incident normal to a face on a right-angled prism (see figure). The refractive indices of the material of the prism for R, G and B wavelengths are 1.39, 1.44 and 1.47 respectively. Then



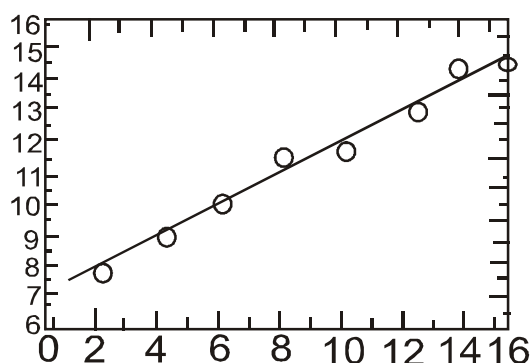
(a) R, G and B get transmitted (without undergoing total internal reflection)

(b) R and G undergo total internal reflection and B gets transmitted

(c) R gets transmitted, while G and B undergo total internal reflection

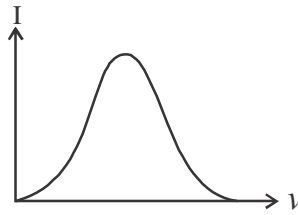
(d) All of R, G and B undergo total internal reflection

24. The ratio of the specific heat capacity and temperature, C_v/T , of Cu is plotted as a function of T^2 , the square of the absolute temperature, in the graph below:



The values of γ and β (the coefficients corresponding to the electronic and the vibrational components of the specific heat) are, approximately

- (a) $\gamma = 7.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-2}$ and $\beta = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ k}^{-4}$
 (b) $\gamma = 5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ k}^{-2}$ and $\beta = 7.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ k}^{-4}$
 (c) $\gamma = 1.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ k}^{-2}$ and $\beta = 7.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ k}^{-4}$
 (d) $\gamma = 5.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ k}^{-2}$ and $\beta = 7.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ J mol}^{-1} \text{ k}^{-4}$
25. A paramagnetic gas at room temperature is placed in an external magnetic field of 1.5 T (tesla). Each atom of the gas has a magnetic moment $\mu = 1.0 \mu_B$, where $\mu_B = 9.3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$ is the Bohr magneton. The difference in energy when an atom is aligned along the magnetic field and opposite to it, is
 (a) $2.8 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}$ (b) $1.4 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J}$ (c) $18.6 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J}$ (d) $9.3 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J}$
26. The Fermi energy ϵ_F in metals depends on the number density n_e of mobile electrons, which may be thought of as a free Fermi gas. If n_e of one metal is larger by a factor of 1000 compared to another, then in comparison, its Fermi energy is
 (a) 1000 times larger (b) smaller by a factor of 1/100
 (c) 100 times larger (d) 10 times larger
27. The kinetic energy of a proton and an α -particle (not under the influence of any force) are given to be equal. If we denote the de Broglie wavelengths of the proton by λ_p and that of the α -particle by λ_α , then
 (a) $\lambda_p \approx \lambda_\alpha$ (b) $\lambda_p \approx 4\lambda_\alpha$ (c) $\lambda_p \approx \frac{1}{2}\lambda_\alpha$ (d) $\lambda_p \approx 2\lambda_\alpha$
28. When a monochromatic point source of light is placed at a distance of 0.2 m from a photoelectric cell, the stopping potential V_s and the saturation current I_s are found to be 0.6 V and 18.0 mA, respectively. If the same source is now placed 0.6 m away from the photoelectric cell, one finds
 (a) $V_s = 0.2 \text{ V}$ and $I_s = 6.0 \text{ mA}$ (b) $V_s = 0.6 \text{ V}$ and $I_s = 6.0 \text{ mA}$
 (c) $V_s = 0.6 \text{ V}$ and $I_s = 2.0 \text{ mA}$ (d) $V_s = 0.2 \text{ V}$ and $I_s = 18.0 \text{ mA}$
29. The graph in the figure below shows the intensity I as a function of frequency ν of a perfect blackbody at a fixed temperature T :



The corresponding graph at temperature $2T$ can be obtained by which of the following operations ?
For every point of the graph

- (a) multiply the ν -coordinate by $1/2$ and the I -coordinate by 8
 (b) multiply the ν -coordinate by 2 and the I -coordinate by 8
 (c) multiply the ν -coordinate by $1/2$ and the I -coordinate by 16
 (d) multiply the ν -coordinate by 2 and the I -coordinate by 16

30. What is the maximum theoretical accuracy ΔE to which an ideal experiment may determine the energy levels of the hydrogen atom ?

[Hint : Use the fact that the age of the universe is estimated to be approximately 1.4×10^{10} years.]

- (a) 4.7×10^{-26} eV (b) 9.4×10^{-33} eV (c) 1.2×10^{-63} eV (d) 2.4×10^{-70} eV

31. A particle in one dimension is in the ground state (lowest energy quantum state) of the potential well given by

$$V(x) \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } |x| < \frac{L}{2} \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let P_+ be the probability that the particle is found to move along the positive x -direction and p be the magnitude of the momentum for that state of motion. Then

- (a) $P_+ = 0$ and $p = 0$ (b) $P_+ = \frac{1}{2}$ and $p = \frac{\pi}{2L}$ (c) $P_+ = \frac{1}{2}$ and $p = \frac{\pi}{L}$ (d) $P_+ = 1$ and $p = \frac{\pi}{L}$

32. A particle of mass m is moving in a three-dimensional potential

$$V(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2} m \omega^2 (x^2 + 2y^2 + 4z^2)$$

The energy of the particle in the ground state (lowest energy quantum state) is

- (a) $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{2} \hbar \omega$ (b) $\frac{3}{2} \hbar \omega$ (c) $\frac{7}{2} \hbar \omega$ (d) $\frac{(3 + \sqrt{2})}{2} \hbar \omega$

33. A nucleus may be modelled as a drop of liquid consisting of the nucleons (protons and neutrons). In this model, the dominant contribution to the nuclear binding energy is from the volume, which is proportional to A , the total number of nucleons. Then the two important subdominant contributions from the surface tension and the coulomb repulsion of the protons are, proportional to

- (a) $A^{2/3}$ and $Z / A^{1/3}$ respectively (b) $A^{2/3}$ and $Z^2 / A^{1/3}$ respectively
 (c) $A^{1/3}$ and $Z^2 / A^{2/3}$ respectively (D) $A^{1/2}$ and $Z^2 / A^{1/3}$ respectively