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B.A./B.Sc. (General) 5th Semester
(1129)

PHYSICS

Paper—C : Nuclear and Particle Physics—I

Time Allowed : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 22

Note :— Attempt **two** questions each from Sections I and II. Attempt any **eight** parts from Section III which is compulsory. The use of non-programmable calculator is allowed.

SECTION—I

- I. What are magic numbers ? Give experimental evidence for their existence. What are the achievements for shell model ? 4½
- II. (a) Explain the assumptions made in liquid drop model. 1½
(b) What are nuclear forces ? Discuss the various properties of nuclear forces. 3
- III. (a) Calculate the energy carried by an electron in MeV. 1½
(b) Discuss at least five causes for failure of proton-electron hypothesis of nuclear construction. 3

SECTION—II

- IV. (a) Explain neutrino hypothesis of β -decay. 3
(b) Give Geiger-Nuttall law of radioactive decay. 1½

- V. (a) Calculate the activity of 10 mg of Ra^{226} which has a half life of 1620 years. 1½
- (b) Discuss the theory of successive decay of radioactive substance and obtain the conditions for transient and secular equilibrium. 3
- VI. (a) Explain the term nuclear-reaction cross-section and differential cross-section. 3
- (b) Explain what do you mean by compound nucleus. 1½

SECTION—III

(Compulsory)

VII. Do any **eight** parts :

- (i) Which is more, atomic binding energy or nuclear binding energy ?
- (ii) What is the relation between mass number and nuclear radius ?
- (iii) What are the limitations of liquid drop model ?
- (iv) Define the two units of intensity of radioactivity.
- (v) What is meant by electron capture ?
- (vi) Does a neutron possess any magnetic dipole moment ?
- (vii) What do you mean by endothermic endoergic and exoergic reaction ?
- (viii) What is the difference between $+\beta$ decay and $-\beta$ decay ?
- (ix) What do you mean by tunnel effect in α -decay ?
- (x) What are the main differences between fission and nuclear fusion ? ½×8=4