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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**

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**Course Code: PHT 100****Course Name: ENGINEERING PHYSICS A  
(2019 -Scheme)**

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

**PART A***Answer all questions, each carries 3 marks*

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| 1  | Define Q factor of a damped harmonic oscillator. State the factors on which it depends.                                    | (3)   |
| 2  | Write the one dimensional wave equation. Explain the parameters in it.   | (3)   |
| 3  | How can you test the planeness of a glass plate using air wedge?   | (3)   |
| 4  | What is grating element? Write down the relation connecting grating element, wavelength of light and angle of diffraction. | (3)   |
| 5  | What is Quantum Mechanical Tunnelling? Name two electronic devices based on this effect.                                   | (3)   |
| 6  | Discuss the mechanical properties of nano materials.   | (3)   |
| 7  | Distinguish between magnetic induction and magnetizing field.  | (3)   |
| 8  | Write down Maxwell's equations in differential form.   | (3)   |
| 9  | Show that superconductors are perfect diamagnets.  | (3)   |
| 10 | Explain the working of a Photo diode.  | (3)   |

**PART B***Answer one full question from each module, each question carries 14 marks.***MODULE 1**

- 11 a Write down the differential equation for a forced harmonic oscillator. Derive expressions for the amplitude and initial phase of forced oscillations in terms of the driving frequency. (10)
- b The equation of a wave travelling along a string is given by (4)  
 $y = \cos \pi(0.5x - 200t)$ , where  $y$  is in centimetres and  $t$  is in seconds. Evaluate the amplitude, wavelength, frequency and speed of the wave.
- 12 a Derive an expression for the velocity of transverse waves in a stretched string and state the laws of transverse vibrations. (10)

- b A piece of wire **60 cm** long and mass **1.2 g** is stretched by a load of **3 kg**. Find the frequency of the second harmonic. (4)

**MODULE 2**

- 13 a Show that in Newton's rings experiment, the radii of dark rings are directly proportional to square root of natural numbers. What will happen if a liquid drop is introduced in between the lens and glass plate. (10)
- b Light of wavelength **500 nm** falls normally on two glass plates enclosing a wedge shaped air film. The plates touch at one end and are separated at **5 cm** from that end by a wire. If the band width of the fringes obtained is **0.05 mm**, find the diameter of the wire. (4)
- 14 a How a plane transmission grating is produced? What is grating element? State Rayleigh's criterion for spectral resolution. Define resolving power and dispersive power of a grating with expression. (10)
- b Light of wavelength **550 nm** is incident normally on a plane transmission grating having **6000 lines/cm**. Calculate the angle at which the principal maxima of the first order is formed. (4)

**MODULE 3**

- 15 a Write the Schrodinger equation for a particle in one dimensional infinite square well potential and derive the normalised wave function. (10)
- b Compute the de-Broglie wavelength of an electron whose kinetic energy is **15eV**. (4)
- 16 a Explain increase in surface to volume ratio in nanomaterials. Write a short note on quantum confinement and explain nanosheet, nanorod and quantum dot. (10)
- b Write any four applications of nano materials. (4)

**MODULE 4**

- 17 a State Gauss' law in magnetism, Ampere's circuital law, Faraday's laws of electromagnetic induction and Lenz's law. Give their equations. (10)
- b A magnetising field of **1000A/m** produces a magnetic flux of  **$2 \times 10^{-5}$  Weber** in a bar of iron of **0.2 cm<sup>2</sup>** cross-section. Calculate permeability and susceptibility of the bar. (4)
- 18 a Define gradient, divergence and curl and illustrate their physical significance. State Gauss' divergence theorem. (10)
- b Distinguish between conduction current and displacement current. (4)

**MODULE 5**

- 19 a Write a note on high temperature superconductors. Distinguish between Type I (10)  
and Type II superconductors with appropriate diagrams and examples.
- b Mention any four applications of superconductivity. (4)
- 20 a Draw the block diagram of optical fibre communication system and explain its (10)  
various functional blocks. Mention any four advantages of optical fibres over  
conventional transmission lines.
- b Calculate the numerical aperture and acceptance angle of an optical fibre with a (4)  
core of refractive index 1.62 and a cladding of refractive index 1.52.

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