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LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034

B.Sc.DEGREE EXAMINATION -PHYSICS

SIXTH SEMESTER - APRIL 2018

PH 6611- ATOMICS AND NUCLEAR PHYSICS

PART – A

Date: 17-04-2018 Time: 09:00-12:00

Dept. No.

Max.: 100 Marks

(10x2=20 marks)

Answer ALL questions:

- 1. What are the drawbacks of Thomson's parabola method?
- 2. Write down the electronic configuration of Na and Cl.
- 3. What is stark effect?
- 4. Write down the types of excitation giving rise to molecular spectra.
- 5. Distinguish between isobar and isotope with examples.
- 6. State Geiger-Nuttal law.
- 7. What is the value of spin and the value half life of a neutron?
- 8. Define chain reaction.
- 9. What are cosmic ray showers?
- 10. Name the four fundamental interactions.

PART – B

Answer any FOUR questions:

- 11. Explain the two different coupling schemes between orbital and spin angular momenta.
- 12. Describe the Dunnington's method of finding e/m of an electron.
- 13. Give the elementary theory of the origin of pure rotational spectrum of a rigid linear molecule.
- 14. Explain (i) mass defect (ii) binding energy and (iii) packing fraction. (3X2.5)
- 15. Write short notes on any three sources of neutrons. (3X2.5)
- a) List out the various conservation laws in elementary particle physics. 16.
 - b) Explain the conservation of baryon and lepton numbers with examples. (2.5+5)



(4+3.5)

(4X7.5=30 marks)

PART – C

Answer any FOUR questions:

17. a) Explain the principle and theory of Stern-Gerlach experiment.

b) Why it is necessary to use a beam of neutral atoms and not ions in this

experiment?

18. a) What is normal and anomalous Zeeman effect? (4+8.5)

b) Explain sodium doublet lines D_1 and D_2 by deriving Lande's 'g' factor.

19. a) Give the origin of line and continuous spectrum of β rays.

b) Calculate the binding energy of a neutron in the ${}_{3}\text{Li}{}^{7}\text{nucleus.}$ (Given masses

of₃Li⁷=7.016004, $_{3}$ Li⁶=6.015125 and $_{0}n^{1}$ =1.008665 amu.) (10+2.5)

20. Obtain an expression for binding energy of nucleus based on the semi-empirical mass formula.

21. Explain the construction and working of a nuclear reactor.

22. Discuss the variation of cosmic ray intensity with

i) altitude,

ii) latitude and

iii) east-west asymmetry.

(4X12.5=50 marks)