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Sr. No. 321603

B.Sc. (H) Physics Semester-VI

Nuclear and Particle Physics (DECP-601)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks:75

- Instructions:**
1. It is compulsory to answer all the questions (1.5 marks each) of Part -A in short.
 2. Answer any four questions from Part -B in detail.
 3. Different sub-parts of a question are to be attempted adjacent to each other.
 4. Use of non-programmable simple calculator is allowed.

PART -A

- Q1 (a) The radius of Ge is found to be twice the radius of ${}^9_4\text{Be}$. Determine the number (1.5)
of nucleons in Ge.
- (b) State the assumption of Fermi gas model. (1.5)
- (c) What are the assumptions of the liquid drop model? (1.5)
- (d) What is meant by saturation of nuclear forces. (1.5)
- (e) What is the difference between spontaneous fission and induced fission? (1.5)
- (f) Write down the nuclear magic numbers. What is their significance? (1.5)
- (g) Explain magnetic moment and electric quadrupole moment of a nucleus. (1.5)
- (h) In what respects is an antiparticle similar to and dissimilar from a particle? (1.5)
- (i) State two differences between internal conversion and photoelectric effect. (1.5)
- (j) Why is ${}^{14}_6\text{C}$ radioactive while ${}^{12}_6\text{C}$ is not? (1.5)

PART -B

- Q2 (a) Write the semi empirical mass formula. How do various terms arise in the (10)
semi-empirical mass formula? Discuss their significance.
- (b) Distinguish between compound nucleus reaction and direct reaction with (5)
example.
- Q3 (a) Sketch the Baryon Octet based on the quark model and assign the required (8)
quantum number.
- (b) What are the evidences of shell structure of a nucleus? What are the (7)
assumptions of the shell model of a nucleus?
- Q4 (a) Find the threshold wavelength of gamma rays needed to produce a proton (5)
anti-proton pair.
 $M({}^1_1\text{H}) = 1.007825\text{u};$ $M({}^2_1\text{H}) = 2.014102\text{u};$ $M({}^4_2\text{He}) = 4.002603\text{u};$
Mass of a neutron = 1.008665u
- (b) Show that the nuclear density is the same for all the nuclei. (5)
- (c) Write the quark contents of the following elementary particles: (5)
 $n, p, \eta^0, K^+, \Sigma^0$

- Q5 (a) Explain which of the following reactions are allowed or forbidden under the conservation of strangeness, conservation of baryon number, conservation of charge, conservation of isospin, conservation of z component of Isospin, conservation of Lepton number. Also state the kind of interaction followed. Else state the conservation laws that are violated. (10)
- (i) $\Omega^- \rightarrow \Xi^0 + K^-$
 - (ii) $p + n \rightarrow \Xi^- + K^+ + \Sigma^+$
 - (iii) $e^- + e^+ \rightarrow \mu^- + \mu^+$
- (b) How do the gamma rays and neutrons interact with matter? Distinguish between the Bremsstrahlung radiation and Cerenkov radiation.? (5)
- Q6 (a) What is the working principle of cyclotron? What are its limitations? How can they be overcome in a synchro-cyclotron? (10)
- (b) A cyclotron with the applied potential of 20KeV across the dees of radius of 28 cm is subjected to a transverse magnetic field of 1.1 Tesla. Calculate the energy to which a proton can be accelerated. (5)
- Q7 (a) Distinguish between different fundamental interaction on the basis of their strength, range and reaction rate. Name the exchange particle involved in each case. (8)
- (b) What conservation laws were apparently being violated in the observed continuous beta spectrum? How did it help Pauli in predicting the nature of a new particle? (7)
