

UNIT-2 QUANTUM PHYSICS

PART-A QUESTION

Level-I

1) Explain Planck's hypothesis (or) what are the postulates of Planck's quantum theory?

- (i) The electrons in the black body are assumed as simple harmonic oscillators.
- (ii) The oscillators will not emit energy continuously.
- (iii) They emit radiation in terms of quanta of magnitude 'hv' discretely. i.e.,
 $E = n h\nu$ where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

2) What is a black body radiation?

A perfect black body is the one which absorbs and also emits the radiations completely.

In practice no body is perfectly black. We have to coat the black colour over the surface to make a black body.

Black body is said to be a perfect absorber, since it absorbs all the wavelength of the incident radiation. The black body is a perfect radiator, because it radiates all the wavelength absorbed by it. This phenomenon is also called black body radiation.

3) Define Rayleigh-jeans law. Give its limitation.

It is defined as "The energy (E) is directly proportional to the absolute temperature and inversely proportional to the fourth power of the Wavelength"

$$E_{\lambda} \propto \frac{T}{\lambda^4}$$
$$E_{\lambda} = \frac{8\pi K_b T}{\lambda^4}$$

Limitation. It holds good only for longer wavelength.

4) Define Wien's displacement law. Give its limitation.

It is defined as "The Product of the wavelength (λ_m) of maximum energy emitted and the absolute temperature (T) is a constant".

$$\lambda_m T = \text{Constant}$$

Limitation. It holds good only for shorter wavelength.

5) Define Compton Effect and Compton shift.

When a photon of energy ' $h\nu$ ' collides with a scattering element, the scattered beam has two components, viz one of the same frequency (or) wavelength as that of the incident radiation and the other has lower frequency (or) higher wavelength compared to incident frequency (or) wavelength. This effect is called Compton Effect. The change in wavelength is called Compton shift.

6) State the principle of electron microscope.

In an electron microscope a stream of electron are passed through the object and the electron which carry the information about the object are focused by electric and magnetic lenses (or) electromagnetic lenses.

7) Mention the application of electron microscope

[i] It has a very wide area of applications in the field of physics, chemistry, medicine and engineering.

[ii] It is used to determine the complicated structure of crystals.

[iii] It is used to determine the structure of microorganisms such as virus, bacteria, etc

8) State the principle of SEM?

Electron beam is made to fall on the various portions of the specimen by the scanning coils for scanning the sample. From the secondary electron or back scattered electrons or X-rays that are produced by incoming incident electrons are used to get the information about the specimen's surface, topography, composition etc

9) Mention the application of Scanning electron microscope

[i] This microscope also has wide range of applications in various fields of physics, chemistry, biology, industry and engineering etc.

[ii] It is used to examine the structure of specimens in a three dimensional view.

Level-II

10) What is Compton Wavelength? Give its value.

The shift in wavelength corresponding to the scattering angle of 90° is called Compton wavelength.

$$\text{We know Compton shift } \Delta\lambda = \frac{h}{m_0c} (1 - \cos\theta)$$

When $\theta = 90^\circ$; $\cos\theta = 0$

$$\Delta\lambda = \frac{6.625 \times 10^{-34}}{(9.11 \times 10^{-31})(3 \times 10^8)}$$

$$\Delta\lambda = 0.02424 \text{ \AA}$$

11) State de-Broglie's hypothesis (or) Explain the concept of wave nature

The light exhibits the dual nature (i.e.) it can behave both as a particle and the wave. de Broglie suggested that an electron, which is a particle, can also behave as a wave and exhibits the dual nature.

Thus the waves associated with a material particle are called matter waves.

If v is the velocity and m is the mass of the particle then

$$\text{de-Broglie wavelength } \lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$$

12) What is the physical significance of a wave function?

[i] The probability of finding a particle in space at any given instant of time is characterized by a function (x, y, z) , called wave function.

[ii] It relates the particle and the wave statistically.

[iii] It gives the information about the particle behavior.

[iv] It is a complex quantity.

[v] $|\Psi|^2$ represents the probability density of the particle, which is real and positive.

13) Write down the Schrodinger wave equation and give any two applications of it.

[i] Schrodinger time-dependent wave equation, given by

$$E = H\psi \text{ where } E$$

= Total energy of the particle

H = Hamiltonian operator

=Wave function

[ii] schroedinger time independent wave equation, given by

$$\Delta^2 \psi + \frac{2m}{\hbar^2} [E - V] \psi = 0$$

Where E= Total energy of the particle

V=Potential energy of the particle

m=Mass of the particle

Application

[i] It is used to find the electron in the metal.

[ii] It is used to find the energy level of an electron in an infinite deep potential well.

14) What is meant by degenerate and non-degenerate state?

Degenerate state

For various combinations of quantum numbers if we get the same Eigenvalue but different Eigenfunction, then it is called degenerate state.

Non-degenerate state

For various combinations of quantum numbers if we get the same Eigenvalue but the same Eigenfunction, then it is called Non-degenerate state.

Level-III

15) What is meant by photon? Give any two properties.

Photons are discrete energy values in the form of small quanta of definite frequency (or) wavelength.

Properties

[i] They do not have any charge and they will not ionize.

[ii] The energy and momentum of the photon is given by

$$E = h\nu \text{ and } p = mc$$

Where ν = frequency h = Planck's constant

m = Mass of photon c = velocity of photon

16) What is meant by wavefunction?

Wave function is a variable quantity that is associated with a moving particle at any position (x,y, z) and at any time 't'. It relates the probability of finding the particle at that point at that time.

17) Write down the one dimensional schroedinger time independent equation and write the same for a free particle.

The one dimensional schroedinger time independent equation is given by

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 2[E - V] = 0$$

For a free particle, the potential energy is zero. Therefore it becomes

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + 2mE = 0$$

18) Define normalisation process and write down the normalised wavefunction for an electron in a one dimensional potential well of length 'a' metres

Normalisation is the process by which the probability of finding a particle inside any potential well can be done.

For a one dimensional potential well of length 'a' metre the normalised wavefunction is given by

$$\psi_n = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin \frac{n\pi x}{a}$$

19) Define Eigenvalue and Eigenfunction.

Eigenvalue is defined as energy of the particle (E_n).

Eigenfunction is defined as wavefunction of the particle (ψ_n).

20) Define Magnifying power

$$\text{Magnifying power (M)} = \frac{\text{Angle subtended by the final image at eye } (\beta)}{\text{Angle subtended by the object at eye kept at the near point } (\alpha)}$$

QUANTUM PHYSICS PART – QUESTION

With the concept of quantum theory of blackbody radiation derive an expression for energy distribution and use it to prove Wien's displacement law and Rayleigh –Jeans law

What are matter waves? Explain de-Broglie waves.

Deduce Schrödinger's time independent and time dependent equation

List out the physical significance of wavefunction. Explain the application of Schrödinger wave equation to one dimensional potential well

Explain the construction and working of an electron microscope. Mention their merits and application.

The application of Schrödinger wave equation to one dimensional potential well.