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1. In a certain culture of bacteria, the rate of increase is proportional to the number present. If it is found that the number doubles in every 4 hours, how many may be expected at the end of the 12 hours?

- (A) 8 times the original number      (B) 4 times the original number  
(C) 12 times the original number      (D) 10 times the original number

2. Consider the integral  $\oint_C (\sin z + 2\bar{z})dz$  where C is a closed circle of unit radius. The value of the integral will be

- (A) 0      (B)  $2\pi i$   
(C)  $4\pi i$       (D)  $\sin 1$

3. The closed line integral of the vector  $\vec{A} = (x^2 - y^2)\hat{i} + 2xy\hat{j}$  around a square of side b which has a corner at the origin, one side on the x-axis and the other side on the y-axis will be

- (A)  $2b^3$       (B)  $4b^3$   
(C)  $b^3$       (D)  $-\frac{b^3}{4}$

4. Which of the following are eigen values of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & i \\ -i & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  ?

- (A) 4, 0      (B) 2, 2  
(C) i, -i      (D) 1, 3





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9. Consider the polynomial  $B_n(x)$  defined by

$$\frac{te^{xt}}{e^t - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n(x)}{n!} t^n$$

Then  $B_n'(x)$  is [  $B_n'(x)$  denotes differentiation of  $B_n(x)$  with respect to  $x$  ]

- (A)  $nB_n(x)$  (B)  $nB_{n-1}(x)$   
(C)  $(n-1)B_n(x)$  (D)  $(n+1)B_n(x)$
10. The classical probability of finding a particle in the region  $0 \leq x \leq L$  is  $P(x) = \frac{A}{L}$ , where  $A$

and  $L$  are constants. The variance  $\Delta x = \sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2}$  of the position of the particle is

- (A)  $\frac{L}{2}$  (B)  $0$   
(C)  $\frac{L}{2\sqrt{3}}$  (D)  $L$
11. A particle is dropped freely from a height  $H$ . When it reaches to the ground, it will be deflected due to the Coriolis force towards
- (A) east in northern hemisphere, but west in southern hemisphere  
(B) east in southern hemisphere, but west in northern hemisphere  
(C) east in both hemisphere  
(D) west in both hemisphere



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12. The degrees of freedom of a system of three particles on a line with fixed inter-particle separations and constrained to move in space is

- (A) 6 (B) 4  
(C) 7 (D) 5

13. A particle of mass  $m$  with speed  $v$  approaches a stationary target  $M$ . The masses bounce of each other without any loss in total energy. After collision, the angle between the particles in the CM frame is

- (A)  $180^\circ$  (B)  $90^\circ$   
(C)  $45^\circ$  (D)  $0^\circ$

14. Which of the following operators is invariant under Lorentz transformation along  $x - x'$  axis?

- (A)  $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{c^2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$   
(C)  $\left( \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^2$  (D)  $\left( \frac{1}{c} \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right)^2$

15. A particle is oscillating inside the potential  $V(x) = Ax^4$ , ( $A > 0$ ). If the amplitude of the oscillation is  $a_0$ , then time period  $T$  of oscillation is

- (A) proportional to  $\frac{1}{a_0}$  (B) proportional to  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_0}}$   
(C) proportional to  $a_0^2$  (D) independent of  $a_0$



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16. A planet of mass  $m$  moves in a circular orbit of radius  $R$  in the gravitational potential  $V(r) = -\frac{k}{r}$ , ( $k > 0$ ). The orbital angular momentum of the planet is

- (A)  $\sqrt{2mkR}$  (B)  $mkR$   
(C)  $\sqrt{mkR}$  (D)  $2mkR$

17. Lagrangian of a system is given by

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2 - \frac{1}{2}\alpha x^2 - \alpha x\dot{x}t$$

The equation of motion corresponding to the Lagrangian is

- (A)  $m\ddot{x} = 0$  (B)  $m\ddot{x} + \alpha x = 0$   
(C)  $m\ddot{x} + \alpha\dot{x} + \alpha x = 0$  (D)  $m\ddot{x} + \alpha\dot{x}t = 0$
18. An insect flies on a spiral trajectory such that its polar co-ordinates at time  $t$  are given by  $r = be^{\omega t}$ ,  $\theta = \omega t$ , where  $b$  and  $\omega$  are positive constants. The angle between velocity and acceleration at time  $t$  is

- (A)  $30^\circ$  (B)  $60^\circ$   
(C)  $45^\circ$  (D)  $90^\circ$

19. Consider a unit mass oscillator whose equation of motion is

$$\ddot{x} + 10\dot{x} + 16x = 0$$

This corresponds to

- (A) a harmonic oscillator  
(B) overdamped harmonic oscillator  
(C) underdamped harmonic oscillator  
(D) critically damped harmonic oscillator



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20. Which of the following functions represent a travelling wave?

(A)  $f(x^2 - 2xvt + v^2t^2)$

(B)  $f(x - vt)$

(C)  $f(x^2 - v^2t^2)$

(D)  $f(x^2 + v^2t^2)$

21. The number of cyclic coordinates for a particle falling freely under gravity is

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 0

22. A rod of length 10 m, making an angle  $30^\circ$  with  $x'$  - axis is at rest in  $S'$  frame.  $S'$  frame is moving with uniform velocity  $0.6c$  along  $x - x'$  axis with respect to  $S$  frame. The length of the rod measured from  $S$  frame will be ( $S$  and  $S'$  both are inertial frames)

(A) 9.86 m

(B) 7.86 m

(C) 8.54 m

(D) 6.84 m

23. Photon gas has an entropy  $S$  varying with volume ( $V$ ) and temperature ( $T$ )

[Note energy density  $\rho = aT^4$ ] as

(A)  $S = \frac{4}{3}aV^2T^3$

(B)  $S = \frac{1}{3}aVT^3$

(C)  $S = \frac{4}{3}aVT^3$

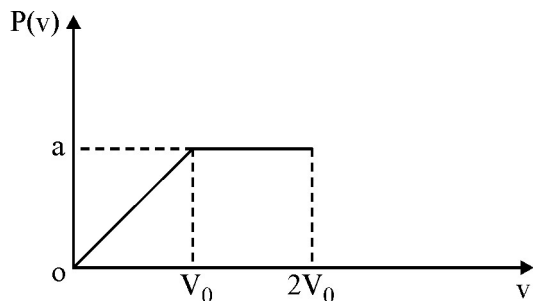
(D)  $S = \frac{2}{3}aVT^3$





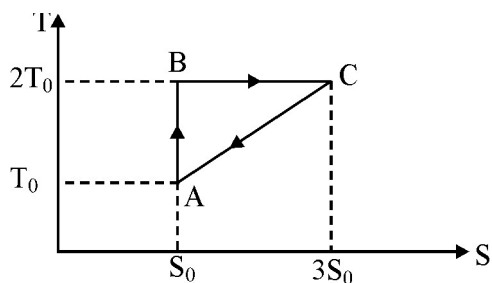
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24. A hypothetical speed distribution for a sample of  $N$  gas molecules is shown below  $P(v) = 0$  for  $v > 2V_0$



How many particles have speeds between  $1.2 V_0$  and  $1.9 V_0$  ?

- (A)  $\frac{N}{5}$  (B)  $\frac{7N}{15}$   
 (C)  $\frac{2N}{21}$  (D)  $\frac{N}{8}$
25. Consider the following reversible cycles represented by right-angled triangle in a T-S diagram.



The efficiency of the above cycle is

- (A) 66% (B) 50%  
 (C) 33% (D) 25%
26. Consider a system whose three energy levels are given by  $0, \epsilon, 2\epsilon$ . The energy level  $\epsilon$  is two-fold degenerate and the other two are non-degenerate. The average energy of a particle for  $K_B T \gg \epsilon$  is

- (A)  $\epsilon$  (B)  $0$   
 (C)  $2.5\epsilon$  (D)  $2\epsilon$



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27. In a certain process, the entropy of a substance is known to be equal to  $S_0$  at temperature  $T_0$ . If in that process the heat capacity of the substance is  $C$  (Constant), then temperature as a function of entropy  $S$  can be expressed as

- (A)  $T = T_0 \left( \frac{S - S_0}{C} \right)$                       (B)  $T = T_0 e^{-\left( \frac{S - S_0}{C} \right)}$   
 (C)  $T = T_0 e^{\frac{S - S_0}{C}}$                       (D)  $T = T_0 \left( \frac{S_0 - S}{C} \right)$

28. Consider 1 mole of an ideal gas with internal energy  $U_1$  and 1 mole of Van der Waals gas with internal energy  $U_2$ . The Van der Waals parameters  $a$  and  $b$  are positive. Then

- (A)  $\left( \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial V} \right)_T = 0; \left( \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial V} \right)_T = 0$                       (B)  $\left( \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial V} \right)_T = 0; \left( \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial V} \right)_T > 0$   
 (C)  $\left( \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial V} \right)_T > 0; \left( \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial V} \right)_T > 0$                       (D)  $\left( \frac{\partial U_1}{\partial V} \right)_T = 0; \left( \frac{\partial U_2}{\partial V} \right)_T < 0$

29. A gas of molecules, each of mass  $m$  is in thermal equilibrium at temperature  $T$ . The velocity components of the molecules along the Cartesian axes are  $v_x$ ,  $v_y$  and  $v_z$ . The mean value of  $(v_x + bv_y)^2$  is

- (A)  $(1 + b^2) \frac{3k_B T}{m}$                       (B)  $\frac{2k_B T}{m}$   
 (C)  $(1 + b^2) \frac{k_B T}{m}$                       (D)  $(1 + b)^2 \frac{k_B T}{m}$

30. An EM wave is to pass through an interface separated by two media having dielectric constants  $\epsilon_1$  and  $\epsilon_2$ . If  $\epsilon_1 = 2\epsilon_2$ , the wave will be totally reflected if the angle of incidence is

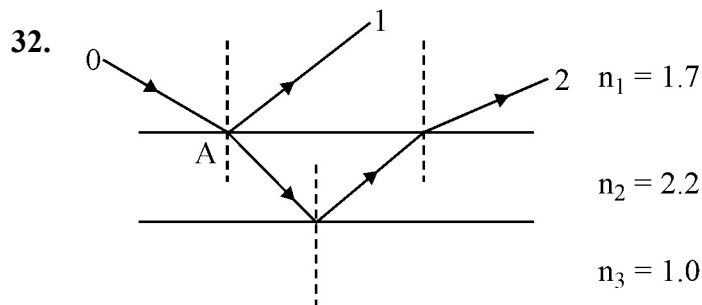
- (A)  $0^\circ$                       (B)  $60^\circ$   
 (C)  $30^\circ$                       (D)  $45^\circ$



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31. A cube of side  $a$  has its edges parallel to  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  axis of a rectangular co-ordinate system. A uniform  $\vec{E}$  field is parallel to  $y$  axis and a uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  is parallel to  $z$  axis. If  $\vec{S}$  denotes the Poynting vector and  $U$  the energy density stored in the cube, then

- (A)  $\vec{S} \neq 0; U = 0$  (B)  $\vec{S} \neq 0; \frac{dU}{dt} \neq 0$   
 (C)  $\vec{S} = 0; \frac{dU}{dt} = 0$  (D)  $\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{S} = 0; \frac{dU}{dt} = 0$



Consider the following ray diagram with OA as incident ray. Which of the following statement is correct, regarding phase change on reflection only.

- (A) ray 1 and 2 suffer a phase change of  $\pi$ .  
 (B) ray 1 suffers a phase change of  $\pi$  and ray 2 does not suffer any phase change.  
 (C) ray 1 and 2 both do not suffer any phase change.  
 (D) ray 1 suffers no phase change but ray 2 suffers phase change of  $\pi$ .
33. The components of the electric field of an electromagnetic plane wave are given by

$$E_x = E_0 \sin(kz - \omega t)$$

$$E_y = E_0 \cos(kz - \omega t)$$

$$E_z = 0$$

Then, the propagation direction of wave and the polarization state are respectively

- (A)  $+z$  direction, Left circularly polarized  
 (B)  $-z$  direction, Left elliptically polarized  
 (C)  $+z$  direction, Right elliptically polarized  
 (D)  $-z$  direction, Right circularly polarized



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34. The electric field of any region is given by

$$\vec{E} = 4x\hat{i} - 8y\hat{j}$$

The equation of the lines of force is

- (A)  $x^2y = \text{constant}$  (B)  $xy^2 = \text{constant}$   
 (C)  $\frac{x^2}{y} = \text{constant}$  (D)  $\frac{x}{y^2} = \text{constant}$

35. Consider a double slit interference pattern where central maximum contains exactly 9 fringes. How many fringes lie between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> minima in one side of the central maximum ?

- (A) 4 (B) 3  
 (C) 5 (D) 8

36. Given uniform magnetic field  $\vec{B} = B_0\hat{k}$  ( $B_0 = \text{constant}$ ), a possible choice for the magnetic vector potential  $\vec{A}$  is

- (A)  $\vec{A} = B_0y\hat{i}$  (B)  $\vec{A} = B_0(y\hat{i} + x\hat{j})$   
 (C)  $\vec{A} = B_0(x\hat{i} + y\hat{j})$  (D)  $\vec{A} = -B_0y\hat{i}$

37. A disc of radius R rotates with a constant angular velocity  $\omega$  about its own axis. The surface charge density of this disc varies as  $\sigma = \alpha r^2$  ( $\alpha$  is a constant), where r is the distance from the centre of the disc. The magnetic field intensity at the centre of the disc will be

- (A)  $\mu_0\alpha\omega R^3$  (B)  $\frac{\mu_0\alpha\omega R^3}{6}$   
 (C)  $\frac{\mu_0\alpha\omega R^4}{8}$  (D)  $\frac{\mu_0\alpha\omega R^3}{3}$

38. Consider a free particle Hamiltonian operator  $\hat{H} = \frac{\hat{p}^2}{2m}$ . Then  $\frac{d}{dt} \left\langle \frac{\hat{x}\hat{p} + \hat{p}\hat{x}}{2} \right\rangle$  will be equal to

- (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{\langle \hat{p} \rangle}{m}$   
 (C)  $\frac{\langle \hat{p}^2 \rangle}{m}$  (D)  $\frac{\langle \hat{x}^2 \rangle}{m}$



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39. Any eigen function regardless of its energy in an infinite square well is periodic in time with a period of

- (A)  $\frac{mL}{\hbar\pi}$  (B)  $\frac{4mL^2}{\hbar\pi}$   
 (C)  $\frac{2mL^2}{\hbar\pi}$  (D)  $\frac{mL}{2\hbar\pi}$

(m = mass of the particle; L = Length of the well)

40. Eigen functions of the Hamiltonian  $\hat{H} = \hat{T} + \hat{V}$  of a harmonic oscillators are

- (A) eigen functions of  $\hat{T}$  as well as  $\hat{V}$  (B) eigen function of  $\hat{T}$  but not of  $\hat{V}$   
 (C) eigen function of  $\hat{V}$  but not of  $\hat{T}$  (D) eigen function of neither  $\hat{T}$  nor  $\hat{V}$

41. Which of the following wave functions is/are not accepted in quantum mechanics?

I.  $\Psi(x) = \tan x;$

II.  $\Psi(x) = e^{-|x|}$

III.  $\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = e^{i\phi/3}$

IV.  $\Psi(r, \theta, \phi) = e^{i\phi}$

- (A) I only (B) I and III  
 (C) II and III (D) I, II, III and IV

42. Let  $\Psi_{n\ell m}$  denote the eigen state of hydrogen atom in the usual notation. Consider the state

$$\frac{1}{5} [2\Psi_{200} - 3\Psi_{211} + \sqrt{7}\Psi_{210} - \sqrt{5}\Psi_{21-1}]$$

The above state is an eigen state of

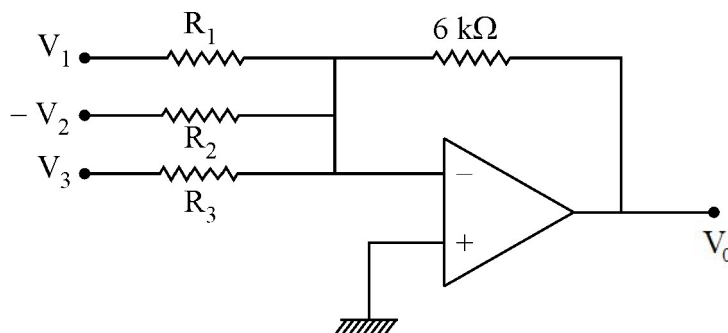
- (A)  $L^2$  and  $L_z$  (B) H and  $L_z$   
 (C) H,  $L^2$  and  $L_z$  (D) H only





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47. For the circuit shown below, the output is  $V_0 = -V_1 + 2V_2 - 3V_3$



The values of resistances  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are respectively

- (A)  $6\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $2\text{ k}\Omega$  and  $3\text{ k}\Omega$                       (B)  $2\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $6\text{ k}\Omega$  and  $3\text{ k}\Omega$   
 (C)  $6\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $3\text{ k}\Omega$  and  $2\text{ k}\Omega$                       (D)  $6\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $3\text{ k}\Omega$  and  $3\text{ k}\Omega$
48. On the basis of extreme single particle shell model, the ground state spin parity of  ${}_{21}\text{Sc}^{45}$  will be  
 (A)  $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^+$                       (B)  $\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^-$   
 (C)  $\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^-$                       (D)  $\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^+$
49. Consider a strong interaction:  $\Pi^+ + p \rightarrow \Sigma^+ + X$ . The z component of Isospin ( $I_3$ ) of X is  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (B)  $-\frac{1}{2}$   
 (C)  $+1$                       (D)  $-1$
50. In the quark model, the  $\Delta^{++}$ , a spin  $-\frac{3}{2}$  resonance of charge  $+2$ , consists of which of the following combinations of quarks?  
 (A)  $uuu$                       (B)  $uud$   
 (C)  $ddd$                       (D)  $ud$



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