

C.U.SHAH UNIVERSITY

Summer Examination-2017

Subject Name: Introduction to Statistical Mechanics and Plasma Physics

Subject Code: 4SC06SMC1 Branch: B.Sc. (Physics)

Semester: 6 Date: 19/04/2017 Time: 02:30 To 05:30 Marks : 70

Instructions:

- (1) Use of Programmable calculator & any other electronic instrument is prohibited.
- (2) Instructions written on main answer book are strictly to be obeyed.
- (3) Draw neat diagrams and figures (if necessary) at right places.
- (4) Assume suitable data if needed.

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| Q-1 | Attempt the following questions: | (14) |
| | a) Define Ideal gases. | 1 |
| | b) Name the three distributions according to which particles are arranged in their respective energy levels. | 1 |
| | c) Give the condition for the applicability of M.B. distribution. | 1 |
| | d) Define most probable energy. | 1 |
| | e) How is β related to temperature? | 1 |
| | f) Define macroscopic and microscopic states. | 1 |
| | g) Define phase space. | 1 |
| | h) State the Liouville's theorem. | 1 |
| | i) Define plasma. | 1 |
| | j) Define micro canonical ensemble. | 1 |
| | k) What do you mean by Plasma radiation? | 1 |
| | l) Give the criteria's for a gas to be Plasma. | 1 |
| | m) State the Nernst heat theorem. | 1 |
| | n) State Gibb's paradox. | 1 |

Attempt any four questions from Q-2 to Q-8

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| Q-2 | Attempt all questions | (14) |
| | a) Derive the formula for the number of particles n_i distributed in E_i energy levels following Maxwell Boltzmann statistics. | 7 |
| | b) Derive the formula for entropy of a perfect gas. | 7 |
| Q-3 | Attempt all questions | (14) |
| | a) Explain the concept of a microcanonical ensemble by deriving the formula for density distribution function. | 5 |
| | b) Derive the condition for the applicability of Maxwell Boltzmann distribution. | 6 |
| | C) A Maxwell Boltzmann gas has 2 particles in the i^{th} state whose degeneracy is 3. Find the number of independent ways of selecting the particles in the state. | 3 |
| Q-4 | Attempt all questions | (14) |
| | a) Explain the Gibb's paradox. How can you remove such a paradox? | 7 |



- b) Derive the formula for the density distribution function of a grand canonical ensemble. 7
- Q-5** **Attempt all questions** **(14)**
- a) Derive the formula for the distribution of velocities according to the M.B. distribution. **8**
- b) Which are the various types of collisions? Explain them briefly. **6**
- Q-6** **Attempt all questions** **(14)**
- a) Derive the formula for plasma frequency based on the concept of plasma oscillations. **10**
- b) Explain the concept of equivalence of microcanonical and canonical ensembles. **4**
- Q-7** **Attempt all questions** **(14)**
- a) Explain the various properties of Plasma. **7**
- b) Explain the concept of magneto hydrodynamic energy conversion and ion propulsion. **4**
- c) Using **3**
- $$n(E)dE = \frac{2\pi N E^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{E}{kT}}}{(\pi kT)^{3/2}} dE$$
- Derive the formula for the average energy of a particle following M.B statistics.
- Q-8** **Attempt all questions** **(14)**
- a) Derive the formula for the distribution function of a canonical ensemble. **7**
- b) Explain briefly (a) electron impact dissociation (b) electron impact excitation (c) penning ionization (d) recombination and photo ionization. **7**

