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Time: 02:30 To 05:30

Marks: 70

Instructions:

- (1) Use of Programmable calculator and 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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SECTION – I

Q-1 Attempt the Following questions (07)

- a. How is the charge of a nucleus expressed?
- b. Name the wave mechanical properties of a nucleus.
- c. What do you mean by long range of alpha particles?
- d. State the Geiger-Nuttal law.
- e. What information does one get from the fine structure of the alpha spectrum?
- f. Which particle was thought to carry away $2/3^{\text{rd}}$ energy in a beta decay process?
- g. Define total cross section.

Q-2 Attempt all questions (14)

- a. Explain the concept of binding energy in relation to mass defect of a nucleus. (09)
Explain in detail the binding energy per nucleon (BE/A) plot.
- b. Taking into consideration the wave function of a nucleus, explain the concept of parity, also mentioning its two types. (03)
- c. What is the importance of Quadrupole moment? (02)

OR

Q-2 Attempt all questions (14)

- a. Derive the expression for the magnetic moment of a nucleus. (06)
- b. Name and explain the two coupling methods used to determine the total angular momentum of a nucleus. (04)
- c. Name and differentiate the two statistics. (04)

Q-3 Attempt all questions (14)

- a. Write a note on alpha decay paradox. (08)
- b. What difficulties were encountered while explaining the beta spectrum? How was it overcome? (06)

OR

Q-3 a. Derive the expression for density of states in a beta decay process. (08)

- b. Find the Q-value (disintegration energy) for a spontaneous alpha decay process? (03)**



- c. Prove experimentally the violation of parity in a beta decay process. (03)

SECTION – II

Q-4 Attempt the Following questions (07)

- a. In an isobaric family, by which processes does nuclei attain stability?
- b. Define nucleon emission.
- c. According to the single particle shell model, which particle defines the entire properties of the nucleus?
- d. State the CPT theorem.
- e. Does quantum numbers contribute in defining the shells of nucleus? If so how?
- f. State the Gellmann-Nishijima condition.
- g. According to the quark model, baryons are made up of how many quarks and anti quarks?

Q-5 Attempt all questions (14)

- a. Point out the difference between internal conversion and pair production. (03)
- b. Explain direct reactions with its two types. (05)
Check whether the following reaction is possible or not based on the conservation of charge and mass number:
$${}_{92}^{236}\text{U} \rightarrow {}_{56}^{144}\text{Ba} + {}_{36}^{89}\text{Kr} + 3n + 177\text{MeV}$$
- c. Determine the ground state properties of i) ${}_{8}^{15}\text{O}$, ii) ${}_{8}^{16}\text{O}$ and iii) ${}_{7}^{16}\text{O}$. (06)

OR

- a. Explain the volume and surface energy terms contributing towards the binding energy in a semi empirical mass formula. (04)
- b. Explain the concept of mass parabola for odd A nuclei with suitable example. (06)
- c. Check if the following reactions are possible or not taking into consideration laws of conservation of charge, lepton number, baryon number and strangeness: (04)
 $n \rightarrow p + e^{-} + \nu_e^{-}$

Q-6 Attempt all questions (14)

- a. Taking into consideration the laws of conservation of charge (Q), lepton number (L), baryon number (B), isospin (I), I_3 and hypercharge (Y); check whether the following nuclear reaction is allowed or not:
 $p + p \rightarrow \Lambda^0 + K^0 + p + \pi^+$ (06)
- b. The quark content of a neutron is (udd); determine its charge (Q), baryon number (B), I_3 and strangeness (S). (05)
- c. A particle Δ^+ is having quark content (uud); determine its charge (Q), baryon number (B) and strangeness(S). (03)

OR

Q-6 Attempt all Questions (14)

- a. Explain the evidence that led to the shell model. (06)
- b. Determine the ground state properties of i) ${}_{6}^{12}\text{C}$ and ii) ${}_{6}^{13}\text{C}$. (03)
- c. Considering the laws of conservation of charge (Q), lepton number (L), baryon number (B), hypercharge (Y) and isospin (I) check whether the following reaction is allowed or not: $\pi^+ + n \rightarrow K^0 + K^+$ (05)

