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M.Sc 1ST SEMESTER REGULAR EXAMINATIONS, NOV/DEC 2019-20

PHPC104-QUANTUM MECHANICS-I

Time: 3 Hours

Max Marks: 80

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SECTION A

Q.1 Answer any four of the following: [4 X4 =16]

- a Define a Hermitian operator. Show that the eigenvalues of a Hermitian operator are real.
- b Distinguish between coordinate and momentum representations.
- c Outline Dirac's bra and ket notation.
- d Evaluate the commutator $[L_x, L_y]$ in the momentum representation.
- e Write a short note on unitary transformation of basis vectors.
- f Outline Schmidt orthogonalization procedure for a doubly degenerate system.

OR

2. Answer all questions from the following

[2 x 8 =16]

- a What is Hilbert space?
- b With examples explain linear operator.
- c What are creation and annihilation operators? How do they define number operator?
- d What is the SI unit of $\Psi(x,t)$?
- e Write the matrix form of σ_x and σ_z .
- f What are lowering and raising operators?
- g Why does the wavefunction $\Psi(x,t)$ have no direct physical significance?
- h What is orthonormal condition?

SECTION-B

3. Answer all Questions:

[16 x4 =64]

- a Obtain the energy eigenvalues and eigenfunctions for a linear harmonic oscillator using operator method.

OR

- b A harmonic oscillator moves in a potential $V(x) = 0.5kx^2 + cx$, where 'c' is a constant. Find the energy eigenvalues.

4.

- a Describe in brief the three different pictures of representation of quantum mechanics bringing out the essential differences between them.

OR

- b Describe a time-evaluation operator and discuss its importance.

5.

- a Obtain the Clebsh-Gordan coefficients for a system having $j_1 = 1$ and $j_2 = 1/2$

OR

- b Derive matrices for the operators J^2, J_z, J_x and J_y for $j = 3/2$

6.

- a For a spin - 1/2 system, state matrices for S_x, S_y and S_z . List their eigenvalues with the corresponding eigenvectors.

OR

- b Define the uncertainty (ΔA) in the measurement of a dynamical variable. Derive the generalized uncertainty relation.