

(2½ Hours)

[ Total Marks :60

- N.B. :** (1) All questions are **compulsory**.  
 (2) **Figures** to the **right** indicate **full** marks.  
 (3) **Symbols** have their usual **meaning** unless otherwise **stated**.  
 (4) Use of **log tables** and **non-programmable** calculator is **allowed**.

1. (a) Attempt any **one**:---

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- (i) Explain time independent perturbation theory for non-degenerate states. Obtain the first-order perturbation corrections to the energy eigenvalues and eigenfunctions.  
 (ii) Consider an isotropic harmonic oscillator in two dimensions. The Hamiltonian is given by

$$H_0 = \frac{p_x^2}{2m} + \frac{p_y^2}{2m} + \frac{m\omega^2}{2}(x^2 + y^2)$$

- A. What are the energies of the two lowest -lying states? Is there any degeneracy?  
 B. A perturbation,  $H' = \varepsilon xy$ , ( $\varepsilon \ll 1$ ) is applied on the system. Find the first-order correction to the ground and first excited states.

$$\text{Hint: } \hat{x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(\hat{a}_x + \hat{a}_x^\dagger) \quad \hat{y} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}(\hat{a}_y + \hat{a}_y^\dagger)$$

(b) Attempt any **one** :---

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- (i) Explain Fermi's Golden rule.  
 (ii) The energy eigenfunctions for the infinite square well of width  $a$  is:

$$\psi_n(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{a}} \sin\left(\frac{n\pi}{a}x\right).$$

Find the first order correction to the energies and eigenfunctions for the perturbation:

$$H' = V_0, \quad 0 < x < \frac{a}{2} \\ = 0, \quad \frac{a}{2} < x < a$$

2. (a) Attempt any **one** :---

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- (i) Use the variational method to estimate the ground state energy of a particle of mass  $m$  in the potential given by

$$V(x) = \infty, \quad x \leq 0 \\ = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2, \quad x > 0$$

Take  $\psi(x) = A x e^{-\alpha x^2}$  as the trial wave function where  $\alpha$  is the variational parameter and  $A$  is the normalization constant.

$$\text{Given: } \int_0^\infty x^{2n} e^{-\beta x^2} dx = \frac{(2n)! \sqrt{\pi}}{2^{2n+1} n! \beta^{(2n+1)/2}}$$

- (ii) Use WKB approximation to find the tunneling probability through a potential barrier.

- (b) Attempt any **one** :--- 4
- (i) Show that variational method gives the upper bound of the ground state energy.
  - (ii) Obtain energy eigenvalues of harmonic oscillator using WKB approximation.
3. (a) Attempt any **one** :--- 8
- (i) A particle with mass  $m_1$  is scattered elastically by a particle of mass  $m_2$  at rest in the Lab frame.
    - A) Find the relation between the scattering angles of  $m_1$  in Lab frame and the Centre of mass frame.
    - B) Find the relation between differential scattering cross-section in Lab and centre of mass frame.
  - (ii) Calculate the differential cross-section in the Born approximation for the potential  $V(r) = \frac{V_0}{r} e^{-(r/a)}$ . Also calculate the total cross-section.
- (b) Attempt any **one** :--- 4
- (i) Calculate the total cross-section for low energy (S-wave) scattering of a particle of mass  $m$  from the following potential
 
$$V(r) = \begin{cases} -V_0, & r < r_0 \\ 0, & r > r_0 \end{cases}$$
  - (ii) Discuss the validity conditions of Born approximation.
4. (a) Attempt any **one** :--- 8
- (i) Consider a system of three noninteracting particles confined in a one-dimensional infinite potential well of length  $a$ . Determine the energy and wavefunction of the ground state and first excited state when the particles are
    - A) Spinless distinguishable with masses  $m_1 < m_2 < m_3$
    - B) Identical Bosons
  - (ii) Obtain the plane wave solution for the spin half particle in the relativistic formalism. Write the wavefunctions corresponding to positive and negative energies and two spin states.
- (b) Attempt any **one** :--- 4
- (i) What are negative energy states? What is a hole?
  - (ii) Obtain the equation of continuity from the Klein- Gordon equation.
5. Attempt any **four** :--- 12
- (a) A particle is initially in its ground state in a one-dimensional harmonic potential. A perturbation,  $H' = V_0 \hat{x} e^{-t/\tau}$  is turned on at  $t = 0$ . Calculate the probability that the particle will be found in its first excited state after a sufficiently long time ( $t \rightarrow \infty$ ).



- (b) A hydrogen atom is in a constant uniform electric field 'E' that points in the z direction. Calculate the first order correction to the ground state energy of the atom.

Given: Unperturbed ground state of hydrogen atom is  $\phi_{100}(r) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}a_0^{3/2}} e^{-(r/a_0)}$

- (c) Use WKB approximation to estimate the transmission coefficient of a particle of mass  $m$  and energy  $E$ , ( $E < V_0$ ) moving through the following potential barrier

$$V(x) = 0, \quad x < 0 \\ = V_0 - \lambda x, \quad x > 0$$

- (d) Discuss the validity condition of WKB approximation.  
 (e) What is scattering amplitude? How is it related to scattering cross section?  
 (f) Explain optical theorem.  
 (g) Obtain Klein-Gordon equation from relativistic energy relation.  
 (h) Show that:  $\alpha_x \alpha_y = i \sigma'_z$   
 where  $\alpha$ 's are Dirac matrices.