

- **8.** The time period of a particle of mass *m*, undergoing small oscillations around x = 0,

in the potential 
$$V = V_0 \cosh\left(\frac{x}{L}\right)$$
, is

(a) 
$$\pi \sqrt{\frac{mL^2}{V_0}}$$
 (b)  $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{mL^2}{2V_0}}$   
(c)  $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{mL^2}{V_0}}$  (d)  $2\pi \sqrt{\frac{2mL^2}{V_0}}$ 

- **9.** Consider the decay  $A \rightarrow B + C$  of a relativistic spin  $-\frac{1}{2}$  particle *A*. Which of the following statements is true in the rest frame of the particle *A* ?
  - (a) The spin of both *B* and *C* may be 1/2(b) The sum of the masses of *B* and *C* is
  - greater than the mass of A
  - (c) The energy of B is uniquely determined
  - by the masses of the particles
  - (d) The spin of both B and C may be integral
- **10.** Two current-carrying circular loops, each of radius *R*, are placed perpendicular to each other, as shown in the figure below.



The loop in the *xy*-plane carries a current  $I_0$  while that in the *xz*-plane carries a current  $2I_0$ . The resulting magnetic field  $\vec{B}$  at the origin is

(a)  $\frac{\mu_0 I_0}{2R} [2\hat{j} + \hat{k}]$  (b)  $\frac{\mu_0 I_0}{2R} [2\hat{j} - \hat{k}]$ (c)  $\frac{\mu_0 I_0}{2R} [-2\hat{j} + \hat{k}]$  (d)  $\frac{\mu_0 I_0}{2R} [-2\hat{j} - \hat{k}]$ 

**11.** An electric dipole of dipole moment  $\vec{P} = qb\hat{i}$  is placed at the origin in the vicinity of two charges +q and -q at (L, b) and (L, -b),

respectively, as shown in the figure below.



The electrostatic potential at the point  $\left(\frac{L}{2}, 0\right)$  is

(a) 
$$\frac{qb}{\pi\varepsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{L^2} + \frac{2}{L^2 + 4b^2}\right)$$
 (b)  $\frac{4qbL}{\pi\varepsilon_0[L^2 + 4b^2]^{3/2}}$   
(c)  $\frac{qb}{\pi\varepsilon_0L^2}$  (d)  $\frac{3qb}{\pi\varepsilon_0L^2}$ 

**12.** A monochromatic and linearly polarized light is used in a Young's double slit experiment. A linear polarizer, whose pass axis is at an angle 45° to the polarization of the incident wave, is placed in front of one of the slits. If  $I_{max}$  and  $I_{min}$ , respectively, denote the maximum and minimum intensities of the interference pattern on the screen, the visibility, defined as the ratio  $\frac{I_{max}-I_{min}}{I_{max}+I_{min}}$ , is

(a) 
$$\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$$
 (b)  $\frac{2}{3}$   
(c)  $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$  (d)  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$ 

**13.** An electromagnetic wave propagates in a nonmagnetic medium with relative permittivity  $\varepsilon = 4$ . The magnetic field for this wave is

 $\vec{H}(x,y) = \hat{k}H_0\cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha\sqrt{3}y),$ where  $H_0$  is a constant. The corresponding electric field  $\vec{E}(x,y)$  is (a)  $\frac{1}{4}\mu_0H_0c(-\sqrt{3}\hat{i}+\hat{j})\cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha\sqrt{3}y)$ (b)  $\frac{1}{4}\mu_0H_0c(\sqrt{3}\hat{i}+\hat{j})\cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha\sqrt{3}y)$ (c)  $\frac{1}{4}\mu_0H_0c(\sqrt{3}\hat{i}-\hat{j})\cos(\omega t - \alpha x - \alpha\sqrt{3}y)$ 

(d) 
$$\frac{1}{4}\mu_0H_0c(-\sqrt{3}\hat{\imath}-\hat{\jmath})\cos(\omega t-\alpha x-\alpha\sqrt{3}y)$$

**14.** The ground state energy of an anisotropic harmonic oscillator described by the potential  $V(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2 x^2 + 2m\omega^2 y^2 + 8m\omega^2 z^2$  (in units of  $\hbar\omega$ ) is (a) 5/2 (b) 7/2

(c) 3/2

**15.** The product  $\Delta x \Delta p$  of uncertainties in the position and momentum of a simple larmonic oscillator of mass *m* and angular frequency  $\omega$  in the ground state  $|0\rangle$ , is  $\hbar/2$ . The value of the product  $\Delta x \Delta p$  in the state  $e^{-i\vec{p}l/\hbar}|0\rangle$ , where *l* is a constant and  $\hat{p}$  is the momentum operator) is

(a) 
$$\frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{\frac{m\omega l^2}{\hbar}}$$
 (b)  $\hbar$   
(c)  $\frac{\hbar}{2}$  (d)  $\frac{\hbar^2}{m\omega l^2}$ 

**16.** Let the wavefunction of the electron in a hydrogen atom be

$$\psi(\vec{r}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\phi_{200}(\vec{r}) + \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\phi_{21-1}(\vec{r}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\phi_{100}(\vec{r})$$

where  $\phi_{nIm}(\vec{r})$  are the eigenstates of the Hamiltonian in the standard notation. The expectation value

of the energy in this state is

- (a) -10.8eV (b) -6.2eV (c) -9.5eV (d) -5.1eV
- **17.** Three identical spin  $-\frac{1}{2}$  particles of mass m are confined to a one-dimensional box of length L, but are otherwise free. Assuming that they are non-interacting, the energies of the lowest two energy eigenstates, in units of  $\frac{\pi^2\hbar^2}{2mL^2}$ , are
  - (a) 3 and 6 (b) 6 and 9 (c) 6 and 11 (d) 3 and 9
- **18.** The heat capacity  $C_V$  at constant volume of a metal, as a function of temperature, is  $\alpha T + \beta T^3$ , where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constants. The temperature dependence of the entropy at constant volume is

(a)  $\alpha T + \frac{1}{3}\beta T^{3}$  (b)  $\alpha T + \beta T^{3}$ (c)  $\frac{1}{2}\alpha T + \frac{1}{3}\beta T^{3}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{2}\alpha T + \frac{1}{4}\beta T^{3}$ 

**19.** The rotational energy levels of a molecule are  $E_l = \frac{\hbar^2}{2I_0} l(l+1)$ , where l = 0,1,2,... and  $I_0$  is its mo. ment of inertia. The contribution of the rotational motion to the Helmholtz free energy per molecule at low temperature in a

dilute gas of these molecules, is approximately

(a) 
$$-k_B T \left(1 + \frac{\hbar^2}{I_0 k_B T}\right)$$
 (b)  $-k_B T e^{-\frac{\hbar^2}{I_0 k_B T}}$   
(c)  $-k_B T$  (d)  $-3k_B T e^{-\frac{\hbar^2}{I_0 k_B T}}$ 

**20.** The vibrational motion of a diatomic molecule may be considered to be that of a simple harmonic oscillator with angular frequency  $\omega$ . If a gas of these molecules is at a temperature *T*, what is the probability that a randomly picked molecule will be found in its lowest vibrational state?

(a) 
$$1 - e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_BT}}$$
 (b)  $e^{-\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_BT}}$   
(c)  $\tanh\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{k_BT}\right)$  (d)  $\frac{1}{2}\operatorname{cosech}\left(\frac{\hbar\omega}{2k_BT}\right)$ 

**21.** Consider an ideal Fermi gas in a grand canonical ensemble at a constant chemical potential. The variance of the occupation number of the single particle energy level with mean occupation number  $\bar{n}$  is

(a) 
$$\bar{n}(1-\bar{n})$$
 (b)  $\sqrt{\bar{n}}$   
(c)  $\bar{n}$  (d)  $1/\sqrt{\bar{n}}$ 

**22.** Consider the following circuit, consisting of an RS flip-flop and two AND gates. Which of the following connections will allow the entire circuit to act as a JKip-flop?



- (a) connect Q to pin 1 and  $\overline{Q}$  to pin 2
- (b) connect Q to pin2 and  $\overline{Q}$  to pin 1
- (c) connect Q to K input and  $\overline{Q}$  to J input
- (d) connect Q to J input and  $\overline{Q}$  to K input
- **23.** The truth table below gives the value Y(A, B, C), where A, B and C are binary variables.

Α	В	С	Y
0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0
0	1	0	0
0	1	1	1
1	0	0	1



The output  $\overline{Y}$  can be represented by (a)  $Y = \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC}$ (b)  $Y = \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC}$ (c)  $Y = \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC}$ (d)  $Y = \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC} + \overline{ABC}$ 

**24.** A sinusoidal signal is an input to the following circuit :



Which of the following graphs best describes the output waveform?



**25.** A sinusoidal voltage having a peak value of  $V_P$  is an input to the following circuit, in which the DC voltage is  $V_b$ .



Assuming an ideal diode, which of the following best describes the output



- 26. The Green's function G(x, x') for the equation  $\frac{d^2 y(x)}{dx^2} = f(x), \text{ with the boundary values} \\
  y(0) = 0 \text{ and } y(1) = 0, \text{ is} \\
  (a) <math>G(x, x') = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x(1-x'), & 0 < x < x' < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}x'(1-x), & 0 < x' < x < 1 \end{cases} \\
  (b) <math>G(x, x') = \begin{cases} x(x'-1), & 0 < x < x' < 1 \\ x'(1-x), & 0 < x' < x < 1 \end{cases} \\
  (c) <math>G(x, x') = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{2}x(1-x), & 0 < x < x' < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}x'(1-x), & 0 < x' < x < 1 \end{cases} \\
  (d) <math>G(x, x') = \begin{cases} x(x'-1), & 0 < x < x' < 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}x'(1-x), & 0 < x' < x < 1 \end{cases} \\
  (d) G(x, x') = \begin{cases} x(x'-1), & 0 < x < x' < 1 \\ x'(x-1), & 0 < x' < x < 1 \end{cases}$
- **27.** A 4 × 4 complex matrix *A* satisfies the relation  $A^{\dagger}A = 4I$ , where *I* is the 4 × 4 identify matrix. The number of independent real parameters of *A* is
  - (a) 32 (b) 10 (c) 12 (d) 16
- **28.** The contour *C* of the following integral  $\oint_C dz \frac{\sqrt{(z-1)(z-3)}}{(z^2-25)^3}$ , in the complex *z*-plane is shown in the figure below.



This integral is equivalent to an integral along the contours



- **31.** The Hamiltonian of a classical onedimensional harmonic oscillator is  $H = \frac{1}{2}(p^2 + x^2)$ , in suituble units. The total time derivative of the dynamical variable  $(p + \sqrt{2}x)$  is (a)  $\sqrt{2}p - x$  (b)  $p - \sqrt{2}x$ (c)  $p + \sqrt{2}x$  (d)  $x + \sqrt{2}p$
- **32.** A relativistic particle of mass m and charge e is moving in a uniform electric field of strength b. Starting from rest at t = 0, how much time will it take to reach the speed c/2?

(a) 
$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \frac{mc}{e\varepsilon}$$
 (b)  $\frac{mc}{e\varepsilon}$   
(c)  $\sqrt{2} \frac{mc}{e\varepsilon}$  (d)  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{mc}{e\varepsilon}$ 

**33.** In an inertial frame, uniform electric and magnetic fields  $\vec{E}$  and  $\vec{B}$  are perpendicular to each other and satisfy  $|\vec{E}|^2 - |\vec{B}|^2 = 29$  (in suitable units). In another inertial frame, which moves at a constant velocity with respect to the first frame, the magnetic field is  $2\sqrt{5}\hat{k}$ . In the second trame, an electric field

consistent with the previous observations is

- (a)  $\frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{\imath} + \hat{j})$  (b)  $7(\hat{\imath} + \hat{k})$ (c)  $\frac{7}{\sqrt{2}}(\hat{\imath} + \hat{k})$  (d)  $7(\hat{\imath} + \hat{j})$
- **34.** Electromagnetic wave of angular frequency  $\omega$  is propagating in a medium in which, over a band of frequencies, the refractive index is
  - $n(\omega) \approx 1 \left(\frac{\omega}{\omega_0}\right)^2$ , where  $\omega_0$  is a constant. The ratio  $\frac{v_g}{v_p}$  of the group velocity to the phase velocity at  $\omega = \frac{\omega_0}{2}$  is (a) 3 (b) 1/4 (c) 2/3 (d) 2
- **35.** A rotating spherical shell of uniform surface charge and mass density has total mass *M* and charge *Q*. If its angular momentum is *L* and magnetic moment is  $\mu$ , then the ratio  $\mu/L$  is
  - (a) Q/3M (b) 2Q/3M(c) Q/2M (d) 3Q/4M
- **36.** Consider the operator  $A_x = L_y p_z L_z p_y$ , where  $L_i$  and  $p_i$  denote, respectively, the components of the angular momentum and momentum operators. The commutator  $[A_x, x]$ , where x is the x-component of the position operator, is

(a) 
$$-i\hbar(zp_z + yp_y)$$
 (b)  $-i\hbar(zp_z - yp_y)$   
(c)  $i\hbar(zp_z + yp_y)$  (d)  $i\hbar(zp_z - yp_y)$ 

- **37.** A one-dimensional system is described by the Hamiltonian  $H = \frac{p^2}{2m} + \lambda |x|$ , where  $\lambda > 0$ . The ground state energy varies as a function of  $\lambda$  as
  - (a)  $\lambda^{5/3}$  (b)  $\lambda^{2/3}$ (c)  $\lambda^{4/3}$  (d)  $\lambda^{1/3}$
- **38.** If the position of the electron in the ground state of a hydrogen atom is measured, the probability that it will be found at a distance  $r \ge a_0$  ( $a_0$  being Bohr radius) is nearest to (a) 0.91 (b) 0.66 (c) 0.32 (d) 0.13
- **39.** A system of spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  particles is prepared to be in the eigenstate of  $\sigma_z$  with eigenvalue +1.

The system is rotated by an angle of  $60^{\circ}$ about the *x*-axis. After the rotation, the fraction of the particles that will be measured to be in the eigenstate of  $\sigma_z$  with eigenvalue +1 is (a) 1/3 (b) 2/3

- (a) 1/3 (b) 2/3(c)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (d)  $\frac{3}{4}$
- **40.** The Hamiltonian of a one-dimensional Ising model of *N* spins (*N* large) is

 $H = -J \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1}$ where the spin  $\sigma_i = \pm 1$  and *J* is a positive constant. At inverse temperature  $\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}$ , the correlation function between the nearest neighbour spins  $\langle \sigma_i \sigma_{i+1} \rangle$  is (a)  $\frac{e^{-\beta J}}{(e^{\beta J} + e^{-\beta J})}$  (b)  $e^{-2\beta J}$ (c)  $\tanh(\beta J)$  (d)  $\coth(\beta J)$ 

- **41.** At low temperatures, in the Debye approximation, the contribution of the phonons to the heat capacity of a two-dimensional solid is proportional to (a)  $T^2$  (b)  $T^3$  (c)  $T^{1/2}$  (d)  $T^{3/2}$
- **42.** A particle hops on a one-dimensional lattice with lattice spacing *a*. The probability of the particle to hop to the neighbouring site to its right is *p*, while the corresponding probability to hop to the left is q = 1 p. The root-mean-squared deviation  $\Delta x =$

 $\sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2}$  in displacement after N steps, is



(a) $a\sqrt{Npq}$	(b) $aN\sqrt{pq}$	
(c) $2a\sqrt{Npq}$	(d) $a\sqrt{N}$	

**43.** The energy levels accessible to a molecule have energies  $E_1 = 0$ ,  $E_2 = \Delta$  and  $E_3 = 2\Delta$  (where  $\Delta$  is a constant). A gas of these molecules is in thermal equilibrium at temperature *T*. The specific heat at constant volume in the high temperature limit ( $k_BT \gg \Delta$ ) varies with temperature as

(a) $1/T^{3/2}$	(b) $1/T^3$
(c) $1/T$	(d) $1/T^2$

**44.** The input  $V_i$  to the following circuit is a square wave as shown in the following figure.



Which of the waveforms best describes the output ?



**45.** The amplitude of a carrier signal of frequency  $f_0$  is simusoidally modulated at a frequency  $f' * f_0$ . Which of the following graphs best describes its power spectrum?



- **46.** The standard deviation of the following set of data : {10.0,10.0,9.9,9.9,9.8,9.9,9.9,9.9,9.9,9.8,9.9} (a) 0.10 (b) 0.07 (c) 0.01 (d) 0.04
- **47.** The diatomic molecule HF has an absorption line in the rotational band at 40 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the isotope <sup>18</sup> F. The corresponding line for the isotope <sup>19</sup> F will be shifted by approximately (a)  $0.05 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (b)  $0.11 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ (c)  $0.33 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (d)  $0.01 \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- **48.** The excited state (n = 4, l = 2) of an electron in an atom may decay to one or more of the lowe energy levels shown in the diagram below.

$$n = 4 - \frac{1}{l=1}$$
$$n = 3 \prod_{l=0}^{l=1} l = 2$$
$$n = 2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{l=1}$$

Of the total emitted light, a fraction 1/4 comes from the decay to the state (n = 2, l = 1). Based of selection rules, the fractional intensity of the emission line due to the decay to the state (n = 3, l = 1) will be (a)  $\frac{3}{4}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (d) 0

- **49.** The volume of an optimal cavity is 1 cm<sup>3</sup>. The number of modes it can support within a bandwidtif of 0.1 nm, centred at  $\lambda = 500$  nm, is of the order of (a) 10<sup>3</sup> (b) 10<sup>5</sup> (c) 10<sup>10</sup> (d) 10<sup>7</sup>
- **50.** Barium Titanate (BaTiO<sub>3</sub>) crystal has a cubic perovskite structure, where the Ba<sup>2+</sup> ions are

at the vertices of a unit cube, the  $O^{2-}$  ions are at the centres of the faces while the  $T^{2+}$  is at the centre. The number of optical phonon modes of the crystal is



**51.** The dispersion relation of optical phonons in a cubic crystal is given by  $\omega(k) = \omega_0 - ak^2$ , where  $\omega_0$  and a are positive constants. The contribution to the density of states due to these phonons with frequencies just below  $\omega_0$  is proportional to

(a) $(\omega_0 - \omega)^{1/2}$	(b) $(\omega_0 - \omega)^{3/2}$
(c) $(\omega_0 - \omega)^2$	(d) $(\omega_0 - \omega)$

- **52.** A silicon crystal is doped with phosphorus atoms. (The binding energy of a **H** atom is 13.6eV, the dielectric constant of silicon is 12 and the effective mass of electron in the crystal is  $0.4m_e$ ). The gap between the donor energy level and the bottom of the conduction band is nearest to
  (a) 0.01eV(b) 0.08eV(c) 0.02eV(d) 0.04eV
- **53.** Assume that pion-nucleon scattering at low energies, in which isospin is conserved, is described by the effective interaction potential  $V_{\text{eff}} = F(r)\vec{I}_x \cdot \vec{I}_N$ , where F(r) is a function of the radial separation r and  $\vec{I}_m$  and  $\vec{I}_N$  denote, respectively, the isospin vectors of a pion and the nucleon. The ratio  $\sigma_{I=3/2}/\sigma_{I-\nu/2}$  of the scattering cross-sections corresponding to total isospins I = 3/2 and 1/2, is (a) 3/2 (b) 1/4 (c) 5/4 (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- **54.** A nucleus decays by the emission of a gamma ray from an excited state of spin-parity 2<sup>+</sup>to the ground state with spin-parity 0<sup>+</sup>. What is the type of the corresponding radiation ?

(a) magnetic dipole
(b) electric quadrupole
(c)
electric dipole
(d) m a g netic quadrupole

**55.** The low lying energy levels due to the vibrational excitations of an even-even nucleus are shown in the figure below.



The spin-parity <i>j</i> <sup>p</sup>	of the level $E_1$ is
(a) 1 <sup>+</sup>	(b) 1 <sup>-</sup>
(c) 2 <sup>-</sup>	(d) 2 <sup>+</sup>

## ✤ ANSWER KEY

1. d	2. c	3.	4. c	5. b
6.	7. c	8. c	9. c	10. c
11. c	12. b	13. a	14. b	15. c
16. d	17. b	18. a	19. d	20. a
21. a	22. b	23. b	24. a	25. c
26. d	27. d	28. b	29. c	30. c
31. a	32. a	33. a	34. a	35. c
36. a	37. b	38. b	39. d	40. c
41. a	42. c	43. d	44. c	45. b
46. b	47. b	48. a	49. c	50. a
51. a	52. d	53. b	54. b	55. d