

B.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2023.

Second Semester

Physics — Core

OPTICS AND ACOUSTICS

(For those who joined in July 2021–2022)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer.

- A lens free from chromatic aberration is called
 - convex
 - concave
 - chromatic
 - achromatic
- The difference in deviation between any two colours is called
 - angle of deviation
 - angular dispersion
 - minimum deviation
 - dispersion

- The transverse nature of light wave is demonstrated only by
 - interference
 - diffraction
 - polarization
 - refraction
- The condition for brightness in Newton's ring is
 - $2t = \frac{\lambda}{2}$
 - $2t = 2n - 1$
 - $2t = 2n - 1 \frac{\lambda}{2}$
 - $2t = n\lambda$
- With diffraction grating, the angles are
 - small
 - greater
 - zero
 - close to zero
- The phase difference of the emerging wave in half wave plate
 - 90°
 - 180°
 - 270°
 - 360°

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- In simple harmonic motion, acceleration of a particle is proportional to
 - rate of change of velocity
 - displacement
 - velocity
 - direction
- Example for transverse wave motion is
 - Wave on water surface
 - EM waves
 - Light waves
 - All
- The intensity of sound is proportional to _____ of amplitude.
 - square root
 - cube root
 - square
 - cube
- The unit of absorption is
 - Poise
 - Stoke
 - Siemen
 - Sabin

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- What is chromatic aberration of a lens? Explain how it is removed.

Or

 - Give the construction and working of a Ramsden eyepiece.
- Outline the conditions necessary for observing interference fringes.

Or

 - Describe Michelson interferometer and explain the formation of fringes in it.
- Discuss the theory of a plane diffraction grating for oblique incidence.

Or

 - Explain the phenomenon of double refraction in calcite crystal.

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14. (a) State and explain laws of transverse vibration of strings.

Or

- (b) Write a note on musical scale.

15. (a) Describe the production and detection of ultrasonic waves in brief with any one method.

Or

- (b) Outline the factors affecting the acoustics of buildings.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Derive the condition to produce dispersion without deviation in a combination of prisms.

Or

- (b) Explain the construction of a Huygens eyepiece.

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17. (a) Explain the theory of air wedge. Explain using air wedge how will you find out the thickness of a thin wire.

Or

- (b) Describe with necessary theory for determining the refractive index of a lens using Newtons rings experiment.

18. (a) Explain the complete theory of plane diffraction.

Or

- (b) Explain the working of half wave plate.

19. (a) Explain free vibrations, forced vibrations and resonance.

Or

- (b) Define intensity level. Distinguish between intensity and loudness. Describe the measurement of loudness of a sound.

20. (a) Describe the piezo electric method of producing ultrasonic waves.

Or

- (b) Derive Sabine's formula for reverberation time.

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