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M. Sc. PHYSICS

Paper II

STATISTICAL MECHANICS

Time : Three Hours] [Maximum Marks : 80

Note : Part A and B of each question in each unit consist of 'very short answer type question' which are to be answered in one or two sentences. Part C 'Short answer type' and D 'Long answer type' of each question should be answered within the word limit mentioned.

UNIT-I

1. (A) Define thermodynamical probability. 2
- (B) Define chemical potential. 2
- (C) Compare microcanonical, canonical and grand canonical ensemble ?
(word limit 200-250) 4

OR

Derive expression for chemical potential of a perfect gas in micro-canonical ensemble.

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- (D) Define partition function ? Derive partition function and thermodynamic function for a system represented by a grand canonical ensemble ? (word limit 400-450) 12

OR

How the statistical parameters are used to explain the thermodynamic parameters : entropy, enthalpy. Gibb's free energy and Helmholtz's free energy.

UNIT-II

2. (A) State Liouville's theorem ? 2
- (B) What is the difference between classical and quantum statistics ? 2
- (C) What do you understand by the term phase space ? Classify different types of phase space ? (word limit 200-250) 4

OR

Compare the basic postulates of the Maxwell-Boltzmann, Bose-Einstein and Fermi-Dirac statistics ?

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- (D) Discuss the phenomenon of Bose-Einstein condensation. Discuss the anomalous properties of liquid helium at the transition temperature. *(word limit 400-450)* **12**

OR

Define Fermi gas ? Discuss it in terms of strong and weak degeneracy.

UNIT-III

3. (A) Define triple point ? **2**
(B) Write about Ising Model ? **2**
(C) Derive the virial equation for the theory of imperfect gas ?

(word limit 200-250) **4**

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Explain Landan theory of first order transition.

- (D) Derive equation of state of the system in cluster expansion for a classical gas.

(word limit 400-450) **12**

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OR

What are phase transition of first and second kind. Give clear distinction between them ? How Yang and Lee theory may be used to explain phase transition ?

UNIT-IV

4. (A) Define Brownian motion. **2**
(B) Write Fokber-Planck equation. **2**
(C) Derive Nernst relation.

(word limit 200-250) **4**

OR

Derive Langevin's theory.

- (D) Define fluctuations ? Explain thermodynamic fluctuation.

(word limit 400-450) **12**

OR

Derive Formula for spatial correlation in fluid.

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