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2024_2 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PHY 309
COURSE TITLE: QUANTUM MECHANICS I
CREDIT UNIT: 3
TIME ALLOWED: 3 HRS
INSTRUCTION: Answer question 1 and any other three questions

- 1a. Define the following: Law of Stefan-Boltzmann, Orthogonality and Orthonormality. **9marks**
- 1b. What is the wavelength associated with a photon of a light with the energy is $3.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$? **7marks**
- 1c. Describe Planck's three experimental observations that explain the photoelectric effect. **9marks**
- 2a. Find the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors of the matrices: $\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ **8marks**
- b. For the Hermitian matrix 2a, show that the Eigen functions can be normalized and that they are orthogonal. **7marks**
- 3a. State the Heisenberg Uncertainty Principle **4marks**
- b. Determine whether the vectors (1, 2, 3), (2, 4, 4) and (3, 6, 5) are linearly dependent or independent. **11marks**
- 4a. Define inner product and linear operator **3marks**
- b. Calculate $\langle p \rangle$ for a quantum oscillator given that $\varphi(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{L}} \sin(\frac{2\pi x}{L})$ with $n = 2$, and $0 < x < L$. **12marks**
- 5a. List the Bohr's postulates **4marks**
- b. The wave function $\varphi(x, t) = \varphi_0 e^{-i\omega t}$ satisfies the time independent Schrodinger equation of a free particle. Show that $\nabla^2 \Psi + \frac{2m(E-V)}{\hbar^2} \Psi = 0$. **11marks**
- 6a. Highlight the limitations of Wien's and Rayleigh-Jean's Laws **4marks**
- b. Derive the Rayleigh-jean's law that state that; $E_\lambda = \frac{8\pi kT}{\lambda^4}$ **11marks**