

**KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR THE POSTS OF PROVINCIAL  
MANAGEMENT SERVICES (BPS-17).**

2016

**PHYSICS, PAPER-II**

TIME ALLOWED: 03 HOURS

MAX:MARKS: 100

**NOTE: ATTEMPT ANY FIVE QUESTIONS**

- Q. No. 1 (a) Apply Gauss's law to find out the electric field at an arbitrary point near a thin insulating sheet of infinite extent having a uniform charge density  $\sigma$ . 10
- (b) What are the limitations of Coulomb's law? 03
- (c) Two point charges,  $-q$  and  $(\frac{1}{2})q$ , are situated at the origin and at the point  $(a,0,0)$ , respectively. At what point along the  $x$ -axis does the electric field vanish? 07
- Q. No. 2 (a) State and prove the uniqueness theorem. 10
- (b) Explain why foods that contain water can be cooked in a microwave oven. 03
- (c) Two spherical conducting shells of radii  $r_a$  and  $r_b$  are arranged concentrically and are charged to potentials  $\phi_a$  and  $\phi_b$ , respectively. If  $r_a > r_b$ , find the potential at points between the shells and at points  $r > r_b$ . 07
- Q. No. 3 (a) What is magnetic vector potential? Give its physical significance. Derive an expression for the magnetic vector potential in terms of current density. 10
- (b) Use the concept of magnetic pole density and surface density of magnetic pole strength to explain why the poles of a uniformly magnetized bar magnet lie at its ends. 03
- (c) The magnetic moment of a macroscopic body is defined as  $\int_V \vec{M} dv$ . Prove the relationship:  $\int_V \vec{M} dv = \int_V \vec{r} \rho_M dv + \oint_S \vec{r} \sigma_M da$ ; where S is the surface bounding V. 07
- Q. No.4 (a) Draw a circuit diagram for a N-P-N transistor in common emitter configuration. Explain how it works as a voltage amplifier. What modification is needed to convert it into an oscillator? 10
- (b) Explain how diode works as a rectifier. 03
- (c) What are semiconductors? Explain how doping leads to the fabrication of N-type and P-type semiconductors. 07
- Q. No. 5 (a) Draw a circuit diagram to demonstrate the use of a triode as a receiver. Explain how it works. 10

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- (b) Do pure (undoped) semiconductors obey Ohm's law? 03
- (c) Explain the difference between amplitude modulation and frequency modulation? 07
- Q. No. 6 (a) State and prove the law of radioactive decay. Use it to obtain the expression of half-life. 10
- (b) In your body, are there more neutrons than protons? More protons than electrons? Discuss. 03
- (c) All nuclei are made up of a neutron-proton mixture that can be called nuclear matter. Calculate its density. 07
- Q. No. 7 (a) What is a nuclear reactor? How does it work? Discuss the major difficulties that still stand in the way of a working reactor. 10
- (b) Explain the purpose of moderator in a nuclear reactor. 03
- (c) The half-life of a radioactive isotope is 140 days. How many days it would take for the decay rate of a sample of this isotope to fall to one-fourth of its initial value? 07
- Q. No. 8 (a) A particle is trapped in a box and cannot escape from it. Discuss the validity of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle in this case. 10
- (b) Discuss analogy between wave mechanics and classical mechanics. 03
- (c) An electron of kinetic energy 12 eV can be shown to have a speed of  $2.05 \times 10^6$  m/s. Assume that its speed can be measured with a precision of 1.50%. With what uncertainty can one simultaneously measure the position of the electron? 07