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M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHYSICS

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PPH1MC02 – ELECTRODYNAMICS



Date: 11-11-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 pm-04:00 pm

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Fill in the blanks

- The energy of a magnetic field is related to the _____ of current-carrying elements.
- The reflection of electromagnetic waves at a conducting surface is also known as _____.
- In the presence of a uniform magnetic field, charged particles move in _____ paths.
- MHD involves the study of the behavior of conducting fluids in the presence of a _____ field.
- At interfaces between different media, there are specific conditions that the electromagnetic fields must satisfy to ensure _____ of the fields.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Match the following

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| a) | Divergence and curl of E | Tensor algebra |
| b) | Poynting's theorem | Calculation of radiated power by a moving charge |
| c) | Power radiated by a point charge | Boundary conditions |
| d) | Essential conditions for guided waves | Electric scalar potential |
| e) | Four vectors | Propagation in linear media |

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following

(3 x 10 = 30)

- Use Gauss's law to find the electric field at a distance x from an infinitely long wire having a uniform line charge density λ .
- Write down the differential form of the Poynting's theorem and explain the significance of each term.
- Derive the Abraham-Lorentz formula for the radiation reaction force.
- Explain how a coaxial transmission line supports propagation of TEM waves.
- Three long parallel conductors in free space are separated by a distance of 50 cm each. All conductors carry a current of 100 A. The first and the second conductors carry current in the same direction. What is the force acting on the first, second and third conductors?

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)**Answer any TWO of the following****(2 x 12.5 = 25)**

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| 8 | Outline the theory of multipole expansion of electrostatic potential in powers of $(1/r)$. |
| 9 | Explain the phenomena of dispersion and anomalous dispersion in matter and hence derive Cauchy's formula. |
| 10 | What are retarded potentials? Derive expressions for retarded scalar and vector potentials. (2.5 + 10) |
| 11 | Calculate the percentage contraction of a rod moving with a velocity of $0.8c$ in a direction inclined at 60° to its own length. (6.5)
Find the velocity at which the mass of a particle is double its rest mass. (6) |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**Answer any ONE of the following****(1 x 15 = 15)**

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| 12 | Derive the Lienard-Wiechert potentials for a moving point charge. |
| 13 | Appraise and prioritize the importance of gauge transformations and their interconnection with electromagnetic potentials. Reframe the concepts of Coulomb gauge and Lorenz gauge, emphasizing their significance. |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**Answer any ONE of the following****(1 x 20 = 20)**

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| 14 | Obtain Maxwell's equations in matter. |
| 15 | What are waveguides? Obtain expressions for the longitudinal components E_z and B_z . |

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