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M.Sc.DEGREE EXAMINATION - PHYSICS

FOURTH SEMESTER - APRIL 2019

16/17PPH4MC02/ PH 4811 - NUCLEAR PHYSICS

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Time: 09:00-12:00

PART A

Answer **ALL** questions:

 $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. An α -particle of energy 3 MeV is scattered through 180° by a Uranium nucleus. Calculate the distance between the nucleus and the α -particle.
- 2. Write a short note on charge independence of nuclear forces.
- 3. Calculate the BE and BE/A of $_{28}$ Ni 64 = 63.927958u. Given M_n = 1.008665u and M_H = 1.007825u.
- 4. List down the types of reactions based on the type of the bombarding particle.
- 5. Describe continuum, leading to the collapse of sharp resonances in compound nuclei.
- 6. Describe spallation reaction with an example.
- 7. Give any 4 properties of an ideal reactor coolant.
- 8. Describe pion condensation.
- 9. What are leptons? Name any two leptons and their antiparticles.
- 10. Give the quark composition of an antiproton.

PART B

Answer **Any Four** questions:

 $(4 \times 7.5 = 30)$

- 11. Give an account of the electric quadrupole moment of nuclei.
- 12. Obtain Levy's formula for atomic mass determination.
- 13. Derive the four factor formula for controlled chain reactions.
- 14. Discuss the Fermi and Gamow-Teller selection rules for beta transitions.
- 15. Discuss the invariance of combined (CP) inversion in nature with a suitable example.
- 16. Bring out the analogies between the nucleus and the liquid drop.

PART C

Answer Any Four questions:

 $(4 \times 12.5 = 50)$

- 17. Discuss with necessary theory how the electron scattering experiments lead to the determination of the nuclear size.
- 18. Derive the semi-empirical mass formula proposed by Weizsacker giving adequate explanation to each energy term.
- 19. Obtain the Breit-Wigner resonance formula for I=0 in a compound nucleus.
- 20. Discuss the energy spectrum of beta decay and outline the Fermi's theory.
- 21. Elucidate the principle of CPT invariance in elementary particles.
- 22. Elucidate the shell model and write a note on the significance of magic numbers.
