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# THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024

Physics/Applied Physics

PHY 3B 03/APH 3B 03—ELECTRODYNAMICS

(2019-2023 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum Marks: 60

The Symbols used in this questions paper have their usual meanings

### Section A (Short Answer Type)

Answer all questions in two or three sentences. Each question carries 2 marks. (Ceiling 20 marks)

- 1. What is law of cosines ?
- 2. What is the force on a test charge Q due to a single point charge q. Write down the expression.
- 3. Discuss the fundamental theorem for curl.
- 4. Express surface charge and volume charge in terms of polarization.
- 5. What do you mean by curl less field ?
- 6. Define electric field.
- 7. Define atomic polarizability.
- 8. Write the unit vectors in spherical co-ordinate system in terms of Cartesian system.
- 9. State and explain Gauss's law.
- 10. What is the physical interpretation of bound charge ?
- 11. Distinguish paramagnets and ferromagnets.
- 12. Define magnetic vector potential.

### Section B (Paragraph/Problem Type)

Answe all questions in a paragraph of about half a page to one page. Each question carries 5 marks. (Ceiling 30 marks)

- 13. Discuss the magnetostatic boundary conditions in detail.
- 14. Find the gradient of  $r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$ .

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- 15. Obtain the expression for electrostatic pressure on surface charge.
- 16. Show that the potential of a polarized object is the same as that produced by a volume charge density plus a surface charge density.
- 17. Check the divergence theorem using the function  $v = y^2 \hat{x} + (2xy + z^2)\hat{y} + (2yz)\hat{z}$  and a unit cube at the origin.
- 18. Deduce the Ampere's law in magnetized materials.
- 19. A long straight wire, carrying uniform line charge  $\lambda$ , is surrounded by rubber insulation out to a radius *a*. Find the electric displacement.

### Section C (Essay Type)

Answer any **one** question in **two** pages. The question carries 10 marks.

- 20. (a) Discuss the magnetic vector potential in terms of volume current density, surface current density and linear current density.
  - (b) Find the vector potential of an infinite solenoid with n turns per unit lenght, radius R, and current I.
- 21. Explain the linear curent density, surface current density and volume current density. Derive the continuity equation.

 $(1 \times 10 = 10 \text{ marks})$ 

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# THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2023

Physics/Applied Physics

PHY 3B 03/APH 3B 03-ELECTRODYNAMICS-I

(2019—2022 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

The Symbols used in this question paper have their usual meanings.

## Section A (Short Answer Type)

Answer **all** questions in two **or** three sentences. Each correct answer carries a maximum of 2 marks.

- 1. What is law of cosines ?
- 2. State Coulomb's law.
- 3. Express surface charge and volume charge in terms of polarization.
- 4. What do you mean by divergence less field ?
- 5. Define electric field.
- 6. Comment on "the magnetic forces do no work".
- 7. State and explain Gauss's law.
- 8. Write the two product rules for curls.
- 9. Distinguish paramagnets and ferromagnets.
- 10. What is the physical interpretation of bound current.
- 11. Discuss about the magnetic field inside and outside the solenoid.
- 12. Discuss the fundamental theorem for curl.

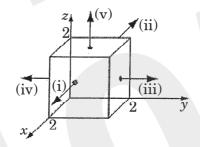
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#### Section B (Paragraph / Problem type)

Answer all questions in a paragraph of about half a page to one page. Each correct answer carries a maximum of 5 marks.

- 13. Find the angle between the face diagonals of a cube.
- 14. Obtain the expression for electrostatic pressure on surface charge
- 15. Calculate the surface integral of  $v = 2xz\hat{x} + (x+2)\hat{y} + y(z^2-3)\hat{z}$  over five sides (excluding the bottom) of the cubical box (side 2) in figure



- 16. Find the magnetic field a distance s from a long straight wire carrying a steady current I.
- 17. Deduce the Ampere's law in magnetized materials
- 18. Discuss the magnetostatic boundary conditions in detail.
- 19. Find the potential of a uniformly charged spherical shell of radius R.

(Ceiling - 30)

#### Section C(Essay Type)

Answer in about **two pages**, any **one** question. Answer carries 10 marks.

- 20. a) Discuss the magnetic vector potential in terms of volume current density, surface current density and linear current density.
  - b) Find the vector potential of an infinite solenoid with *n* turns per unit length, radius R, and current I.
- 21. Discuss the energies of a point charge distribution, continuous charge distribution. Also comments on electrostatic energy.

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# THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2022

## Physics/Applied Physics

### PHY 3B 03/APH 3B 03—ELECTRODYNAMICS—I

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

The symbols used in question paper have their usual meanings.

## Section A (Short Answer Type)

Answer **all** questions in two or three sentences. Each correct answer carries a maximum of 2 marks.

- 1. What do you mean by the Laplacian of a scalar ? Is it a scalar or a vector ?
- 2. Write down an expression for the electric field due to a volume charge. Discuss the terms involved.
- 3. Give Poisson's equation and explain the terms involved.
- 4. How is the work and energy related in electrostatics ? Is the electrostatic force conservative ?
- 5. Write down the expression for the torque experienced by a dipole in uniform electric field. What is the effect of the torque ?
- 6. Write down the relation connecting permittivity and susceptibility in linear dielectrics. Explain the terms involved. What is the susceptibility of vacuum ?
- 7. Check whether the following statements are true or false : (i) Magnetic forces can alter the direction in which a charged particle moves ; and (ii) Magnetic forces can speed up a charged particle.
- 8. Write and explain the expressions for the divergence and curl of B in magnetostatics.
- 9. Explain the equation of continuity.
- 10. What is the relation connecting magnetic flux density B and magnetic vector potential A? What is the divergence of A?
- 11. When will you say that a medium is magnetically polarized ? Discuss the magnetic polarization in diamagnets.
- 12. Explain the temperature-driven phase transitions in ferromagnetic materials.

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## Section B (Paragraph/Problem Type)

Answer **all** questions in a paragraph of about **half a page** to **one page**. Each question answer carries a maximum of 5 marks.

- 13. Prove that the curl of the gradient of a function is zero.
- 14. Find the electric field (magnitude and direction) at a distance z above the midpoint between two equal charges q, a distance d apart.
- 15. Suppose the electric field in some region is found to be  $E = kr^3 \hat{r}$ , in spherical polar coordinates, where k is some constant. Determine the charge density.
- 16. Explain why the electric field and charge density vanishes inside a conductor.
- 17. Compare the curl of E and D in electrostatics.
- 18. Give an expression for the field of a magnetized object. Explain the physical meaning of the expression.
- 19. Explain the hysteresis loop of ferromagnets.

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### Section C (Essay type)

Answer in about **two pages**, any one question. Answer carries 10 marks.

- 20. What do you mean by the curl of a vector function ? Explain its geometrical interpretation. Explain Stokes' theorem and give its geometrical interpretation.
- 21. Using suitable figures, discuss the magnetostatic boundary conditions.

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# THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2021

Physics/Applied Physics

PHY 3B 03/APH 3B 03-ELECTRODYNAMICS-I

(2019-2020 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

The symbols used in question paper have their usual meanings.

### Section A (Short Answer Type)

Answer at least **eight** questions. Each question carries 3 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall Ceiling 24.

- 1. Explain Coulomb's law in electrostatics.
- 2. Give an expression for the electric field due to a surface charge. Explain the terms involved.
- 3. How is electric field and potential related in electrostatics ? What is Laplace's equation in electrostatics ?
- 4. Write down the relation connecting polarization and electric field in linear dielectrics. What do you mean by a polar dielectric ?
- 5. Write down Gauss's law in presence of a dielectric.
- 6. Give the relation connecting permittivity and susceptibility in linear dielectrics. Explain the terms involved. How is relative permittivity connected to susceptibility ?
- 7. Check whether the following statements are true or false : (i) stationary charges create constant magnetic field ; and (ii) a moving point charge cannot constitute a steady current.
- 8. Give Biot-Savart law. Explain the terms involved.
- 9. Give the differential and integral forms of Ampere's law in magnetostatics.
- 10. Write down the relation connecting magnetic flux density B and magnetic vector potential A. What is the divergence of A ?

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- 11. Explain the physical meaning of the equation of continuity.
- 12. What is the basic difference between electric and magnetic polarizations ?

 $(8 \times 3 = 24 \text{ marks})$ 

#### Section B (Paragraph/Problem Type)

Answer at least **five** questions. Each question carries 5 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall Ceiling 25.

- 13. Prove that the divergence of the curl of a vector is always zero.
- 14. Check whether  $E = k [xy\hat{x} + 2yz\hat{y} + 3xz\hat{z}]$ , is a possible electrostatic field ? Here, *k* is a constant with appropriate units.
- 15. Show that the energy of an ideal dipole *p* in an electric field E is given by U = -p.E.
- 16. Compare electrostatics and magnetostatics in terms of the Maxwell's equations applicable. Compare the nature of the fields with respect to their source.
- 17. Define the term surface current density. A current I flows down a wire of radius *a*. If the current is uniformly distributed over the surface, what is the surface current density ?
- 18. Write an expression for the field of a magnetized object. Explain the terms involved.
- 19. Explain the domain model of ferromagnets.

 $(5 \times 5 = 25 \text{ marks})$ 

#### Section C (Essay Type)

Answer any **one** question. The question carries 11 marks.

- 20. Discuss the divergence of a vector function and give its geometrical interpretation. Explain Green's theorem and illustrate it geometrically.
- 21. Explain the term electric potential. Obtain an expression for the electric potential of a localized charge distribution.

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Maximum : 60 Marks

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# THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2020

Physics/Applied Physics

# PHY 3B 03/APH 3B 03-ELECTRODYNAMICS-I

Time : Two Hours

### Section A (Short Answer Type)

Answer atleast eight questions. Each question carries 3 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall Ceiling 24.

1. What do you mean by the cross product of two vectors ? Mention two properties of cross product.

2. Give the geometrical interpretation of the gradient of a quantity.

3. Give the basic features of a one dimensional Dirac delta function.

- 4. Write down the relation connecting electric field and electric potential. Write its differential form.
- 5. Prove that the potential difference between two points a and b is equal to the work done per unit charge required to carry the particle from a to b.
- 6. List the basic electrostatic properties of ideal conductors.
- 7. What happens when a dielectric made of non-polar molecules is placed in an electric field ? What do you mean by the term polarization ?
- 8. Write down the relation connecting electric field, polarization and electric displacement. Can we express electric displacement as the gradient of a scalar potential ?
- 9. What happens when a dielectric is placed near the plates of a parallel plate capacitor ? Explain the term fringing field.
- 10. Write down Lorentz force law. Why magnetic forces do no work ?
- 11. Write down Maxwell's equations for magnetostatics.
- 12. Compare the behavior of paramagnetic and diamagnetic materials in a non-uniform magnetic field.

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### Section B (Paragraph/Problem Type)

Answer atleast five questions. Each question carries 5 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall Ceiling 25.

- 13. Using the expression for an infinitesimal volume element in spherical polar co-ordinates, determine the volume of a sphere.
- 14. Explain the Gauss's divergence theorem. Discuss its geometrical interpretation.
- 15. Obtain Poisson's and Laplace's equations in electrostatics.
- A metal sphere of radius a carries a charge Q. It is surrounded, out to radius b, by a linear dielectric material of permittivity c. Determine the potential at the centre (relative to infinity).
- 17. Find the magnetic field at a distance z above the centre of a circular loop of radius R, which carries a steady current I.
- 18. An infinitely long cylinder carries a uniform magnetization M parallel to its axis. Determine the magnetic field due to M inside and outside the cylinder.
- 19. Draw and explain a typical ferromagnetic hysteresis curve.

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#### Section C (Essay Type)

Answer any **one** question. The question carries 11 marks.

20. Explain Gauss's law. Obtain the differential form of Gauss's law. Using Gauss's law, determine the field outside a uniformly charged solid sphere of radius R and total charge q.

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21. Obtain the equation of continuity in magnetostatics. Explain the Bio-Savart Law.

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