

**UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (SPECIAL) DEGREE LEVEL II (SEMESTER II)**  
**EXAMINATION – AUGUST 2021**

**SUBJECT: PHYSICS**  
**COURSE UNIT: PHY4084**

**TIME: 02 hours & 30 minutes**

**Part II**

**Answer FIVE (05) Questions only.**  
 (All symbols have their usual meaning)

In the *nuclear shell model*, orbitals are filled in the order  $1s_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1p_{\frac{3}{2}}, 1p_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1d_{\frac{5}{2}}, 2s_{\frac{1}{2}}, 1d_{\frac{3}{2}}, 1f_{\frac{7}{2}}, 2p_{\frac{3}{2}}, 1f_{\frac{5}{2}}$

1. (a) Obtain the threshold energy of the reaction  ${}_{83}^{209}\text{Bi}(p, d){}_{83}^{208}\text{C}$ .  
 Masses of  ${}_{83}^{209}\text{Bi}$ ,  $p$ ,  $d$ , and  ${}_{83}^{208}\text{Bi}$  in **u** are 208.980394, 1.007825, 2.014102, and 207.979731 respectively. **(08 marks)**
- (b)  ${}^{14}\text{N}(n, p){}^{14}\text{C}$  shows resonance at 0.495, 0.639, 0.998, 1.120, 1.211 MeV. Find excited states of the compound nucleus.  
 Masses of  ${}^{14}\text{N}$ ,  ${}^{15}\text{N}$ ,  ${}^{14}\text{C}$ ,  $n$ , and  $p$  in a.m.u are 14.007518, 15.004857, 14.007683, 1.008983, and 1.008144 respectively. **(08 marks)**
- (c) The single-particle shell model energy difference between  $p$ -orbitals of the nucleus  ${}_{50}^{87}\text{Sn}$  is 3 MeV. Find the energy difference between the states in its  $f$  orbitals. **(09 marks)**
  
2. (a) In the harmonic oscillator shell model, the energy levels are given by
 
$$E_{nl} = \hbar\omega \left( 2n + l + \frac{3}{2} \right) = \hbar\omega \left( N + \frac{3}{2} \right) \quad N = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$
 where  $N = 2n + l$ .  
 Find the number of nucleons in each shell and the total number of particles (accumulating) for all levels up to  $N$ , permitted by Pauli's exclusion principle. **(07 marks)**
- (b) The magnetic moment  $\mu_z$  of a nucleus is given by  $\mu_z = (g_l l_z + g_s s_z)\mu_N$ . Show that the magnetic moment of the odd-even nucleus with an odd number of protons is given by
 
$$\langle \mu_z \rangle = \frac{j}{j+1} (j - 1.24)\mu_N \quad \text{with } j = l - \frac{1}{2}.$$
 Here  $g_l(p) = 1$  and  $g_s(p) = 5.6$ . **(10 marks)**
- (c) Estimate the value of magnetic moment for  ${}_{7}^{15}\text{N}$  and  ${}_{19}^{39}\text{K}$  in terms of  $\mu_N$ . **(04 marks)**

- (d) Using the single-particle shell model, predict the ground state spin and parity of the nuclei
- ${}_{20}^{43}\text{Ca}$
  - ${}_{41}^{93}\text{Nb}$
- (04 marks)**

3. (a) Obtain the  $Q$  equation of the reaction  $X(a, b)Y$ . **(09 marks)**

(b) Protons of energy 5 MeV scattering from  ${}_{5}^{10}\text{B}$  at an angle of  $45^\circ$  show a peak in the energy spectrum of the scattered protons at an energy of 3.0 MeV.

- To what excitation energy of  ${}_{5}^{10}\text{B}$  does this correspond? **(08 marks)**
- What is the expected energy of the scattered protons if the scattering is elastic? **(08 marks)**

4. (a) Name the four types of Fundamental Interactions and the source of each interaction. Write down the carrier particles that mediate each type of interaction. **(10 marks)**

(b) The  $\pi^+$  at rest decays to  $\mu^+$  and  $\nu_\mu$ . Using the energy and momentum conservation laws, show that momentum of neutrino,  $p_\nu = \frac{(m_\pi^2 - m_\mu^2)c}{2m_\pi}$ .

Compute the momentum of the neutrino particle using the values given below.

$$\text{mass of the pion, } m_\pi = 139 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}$$

$$\text{mass of the muon, } m_\mu = 105 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c^2}.$$

Assume that neutrino is a massless particle.

**(15 marks)**

5. (a) Define the Parity operator and Helicity. **(04 marks)**

(b) You are given the particle, electron below by representing its spin and motion.



- Draw the figure of the electron after the Parity operation. **(02 marks)**
- Name those two electrons **(02 marks)**
- Does it follow Parity conservation? **(02 marks)**

(c) Low energy collision s-wave scattering of pion  $\pi^+$  with deuteron results in the production of two protons  $\pi^+ + d \rightarrow p + p$ .

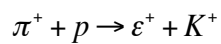
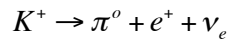
(i) Write down the Parity of each particle separately. Give the reason for your answer. **(06 marks)**

(ii) Using Parity conservation of initial and final states, find the possible values for the orbital angular momentum of the final state. **(05 marks)**

(iii) Discuss what would be value for the relative orbital angular momentum of the resulting two proton system. **(04 marks)**

6. (a) What is meant by Feynman diagrams? **(02 marks)**

(b) Consider following two reactions.



(i) Find out whether the above reactions are allowed under which interaction. **(08 marks)**

(ii) Write down each reaction in terms of quarks. **(05 marks)**

(iii) Describe each reaction in terms of Gauge Boson exchange using a suitable diagram. **(10 marks)**

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