B.Sc. (Physics)- III Year

Semester – VI
Paper – VII:: Modern Physics
(DSC – Compulsory) **42 hrs**
(w.e.f the academic year 2018-2019) **(3 hrs / week)**

UNIT-I (11 hrs)

Atomic Spectra and Models - Inadequacy of classical physics:

Brief review of black body radiation , Photoelectric effect, Compton effect, dual nature of radiation, wave nature of particles. Atomic spectra, Line spectra of hydrogen atom, Ritz -Rydberg combination principle. Alpha particle scattering, Rutherford scattering formula, Rutherford model of atom and its limitations, Bohr"s model of hydrogen atom, explanation of atomic spectra, correction for finite mass of the nucleus, Bohr correspondence principle, limitations of Bohr model, discrete energy exchange by atom, Frank Hertz experiment. Sommerfeld's modification of Bohr"s theory.

UNIT-II (11 hrs)

Wave particle duality, de-Broglie hypothesis, Experimental confirmation of matter wave, Davisson-Germer experiment, velocity of de-Broglie wave, wave particle duality, Complementarity. Superposition of two waves, phase velocity and group velocity, wave packets, Gaussian wave packet, spatial distribution of wave packet, Localization of wave packet in time. Time development of a wave Packet; Heisenberg uncertainty Principle, Illustration of the principle through thought experiments of Gamma ray microscope and electron diffraction through a slit. Time-independent Schroedinger wave equation and its application to linear harmonic oscillator.

UNIT-III (9 hrs)

Nuclear physics: Size and structure of atomic nucleus and its relation with atomic weight; Impossibility of an electron being in the nucleus as a consequence of the uncertainty principle. Nature of nuclear force, NZ graph, Liquid-drop model: semi-empirical mass formula and binding energy, Nuclear shell model and magic numbers.

Unit IV(11 hrs)

Radioactivity: stability of the nucleus; Law of radioactive decay; Mean life and half-life; Alpha decay; Beta decay- energy released, spectrum and Pauli's prediction of neutrino; Gamma ray emission, energy-momentum conservation: electron-positron pair creation by gamma photons in the vicinity of a nucleus. Fission and fusion - Mass defect, relativity and generation of energy; Fission - nature of fragments and emission of neutrons. Nuclear reactor: slow neutrons interacting with Uranium 235; Fusion and thermonuclear reactions driving stellar energy (brief qualitative discussion).

Text Books:

1. Introduction to Atomic spectra – H. E. White, McGraw-Hill
2. Nuclear Physics – D. C. Tayal, Himalaya Publishing House
3. Quantum Theory and Nuclear Physics – V. K. Srivastava, ABD Publisher, Jaipur
4. Concepts of Modern Physics, Arthur Beiser, 2002, McGraw-Hill.
5. Modern Physics ---Murugesan and Sivaprasad –(S. Chand Higher Academics)

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