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APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
B.Tech Degree S1(S) Examinations May 2026 (2024 Scheme)

Course Code: GZPHT121

Course Name: PHYSICS FOR PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND LIFE SCIENCE

Max. Marks: 60

Duration: 2 hours 30 minutes

PART A

(Answer all questions. Each question carries 3 marks)

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| 1 | What is stimulated emission? What are the factors affecting the rate of stimulated emission? | 1 | (3) |
| 2 | Compare step index and graded index fibers. | 1 | (3) |
| 3 | What are the necessary conditions for obtaining interference of light? Give one example of interference in daily life. | 2 | (3) |
| 4 | Distinguish between Fresnel and Fraunhofer classes of diffraction. | 2 | (3) |
| 5 | Explain the physical significance of a wave function in quantum mechanics. | 3 | (3) |
| 6 | Explain why electron cannot exist inside the nucleus of an atom on the basis of Heisenberg's uncertainty principle. | 3 | (3) |
| 7 | Distinguish between longitudinal and transverse waves with one example each. | 4 | (3) |
| 8 | What is piezoelectric effect? Draw the circuit diagram for the generation of ultrasonic waves using the piezoelectric effect. | 4 | (3) |

PART B

(Answer any one full question from each module, each question carries 9 marks)

Module-1

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| 9 | a) Describe the construction and working of a ruby laser with a detailed diagram. | 1 | 6 |
| | b) What is meant by pumping and why is it necessary in a laser? | 1 | 3 |
| 10 | a) With a neat diagram, derive an expression for Numerical Aperture of a step index fibre. | 1 | 6 |
| | b) Evaluate the numerical aperture and acceptance angle of a step index fibre with core of refractive index is 1.54 and cladding of refractive index is 1.49 when light is launched from air. | 1 | 3 |

Module-2

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| 11 | a) | Explain the theory of formation of interference fringes in a parallel thin film under reflected light, with a neat diagram, and derive condition for minimum intensity. | 2 | 6 |
| | b) | In an air wedge, the fringes were 0.015 cm apart when observed with a light of wavelength 5770 Å. Calculate wedge angle in radian. | 2 | 3 |
| 12 | a) | What is a diffraction grating? Derive the grating equation for the diffraction maxima. | 2 | 6 |
| | b) | Light of wavelength 6000 Å is incident normally on a grating having 5000 lines/cm. Calculate the angular separation between 2 nd order and 3 rd order spectra. | 2 | 3 |
| Module-3 | | | | |
| 13 | a) | Derive Time dependent Schrodinger equation. | 3 | 6 |
| | b) | Calculate de Broglie wavelength of an electron accelerated through 200 Volt. Assume charge of electron 1.6×10^{-19} C, mass of the electron 9.1×10^{-31} kg and $h = 6.625 \times 10^{-34}$ Js. | 3 | 3 |
| 14 | a) | Derive the general expression for energy eigen value of a particle confined in an infinite square well potential. | 3 | 6 |
| | b) | An electron is confined to one dimensional potential box of length 2 nm. Calculate the lowest permissible quantum energy of the electron. Assume mass of the electron 9.1×10^{-31} kg and $h = 6.625 \times 10^{-34}$ Js. | 3 | 3 |
| Module-4 | | | | |
| 15 | a) | Formulate differential equation for a transverse wave on a stretched string and obtain the expression for fundamental frequency of the wave. | 4 | 6 |
| | b) | Calculate speed of transverse wave in a stretched string of length 2.5 m and mass 0.012 kg under a tension of 80 N. | 4 | 3 |
| 16 | a) | Explain any three factors affecting the acoustics of a building and give remedial methods for each factor mentioned. | 4 | 6 |
| | b) | The volume of a hall is 9000 m ³ . The wall area is 500 m ² and the floor area is 600 m ² . The average absorption coefficient of the hall is 0.225. Find reverberation time. | 4 | 3 |
