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Sample Questions For Ph.D. Entrance Examination-2012

Note : Sample questions are provided to give a general idea of the style of the questions that appear in the entrance test. These questions do not reflect the difficulty level of questions in the entrance test.

PHYSICS

- 1. Name the process or processes which alternate (s) the passage of gamma rays through matter:**
(1) Photoelectric effect (2) Compton Recoils
(3) Pair Production (4) All of these
- 2. How many quantum numbers do characterise an electron within an atom:**
(1) Six (2) Five
(3) Four (4) Three
- 3. Write down the total number of particles inside the nucleus in terms of mass number(A) and atomic number Z:**
(1) $A-2Z$ (2) $2A-Z$
(3) $3A-2Z$ (4) None of these
- 4. What is the name of the detecting device for discovery of positron:**
(1) Electron Microscope (2) Geiger-Muller Counter
(3) Bubble Chamber (4) Cloud Chamber
- 5. Give the name of the process by which a positron and an electron coalesce to form photons:**
(1) Pair Annihilation (2) Compton Scattering
(3) Bremsstrahlung (4) Rutherford Scattering

CHEMISTRY

- 6. When solid sodium chloride crystallises from a saturated solution, the entropy change of the system:**
(1) Decreases (2) Increases
(3) Zero (4) Remains same with the surrounding
- 7. Pure water has a $P_H = 7$ at 25°C . The water is heated to 90°C . Choose the right answer:**
(1) K_w value will decrease and water will be alkaline
(2) K_w Value will decrease but water will remain neutral
(3) K_w Value will increase and water will be acidic
(4) K_w value will increase but water will remain neutral

8. The vapour pressure of pure components 'X' and 'Y' are 100 torr and 50 torr respectively at a particular temperature. Assuming solution of X & Y obeying Raoult's law, the mole fraction of 'X' in the vapour phase in equilibrium with a solution containing equimoles of 'X' and 'Y' is:
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| (1) 0.33 | (2) 0.66 |
| (3) 0.80 | (4) 0.50 |
9. The half life time for a reaction at initial conc. of 0.1 mole/litre and 0.4 mole/litre are 200 sec and 50 sec respectively. The order of the reaction is:
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| (1) 0 | (2) 1 |
| (3) 2 | (4) 3 |
10. Under equilibrium condition for the reaction $2C(s)+O_2(g) \rightleftharpoons 2CO(g)$ the total pressure is 12 atm. The value of K_p is:
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| (1) 16 | (2) 0.5 |
| (3) 2 | (4) 32 |

BIOLOGY

11. The salivary gland of leech secrete the anticoagulating factor:
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| (1) Hypotoxin | (2) Antitoxin |
| (3) Hirudin | (4) None of these |
12. The beak is toothed in:
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| (1) Ostrich | (2) Archaeopteryx |
| (3) Penguin | (4) Kiwi |
13. Bombykol is:
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| (1) A hormone | (2) An enzyme |
| (3) A pheromon | (4) None of these |
14. The major constituent of blood plasma (more than half) is:
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| (1) Protein | (2) Inorganic salts |
| (3) Fatty substance | (4) Sugar |
15. Annual Ring indicates:
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| (1) Age of the tree | (2) Branching point |
| (3) Scale bark | (4) Adventitious root |

MATHEMATICS

16. If T is a real, skew-symmetric $n \times n$ matrix, then for n odd:
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| (1) $\det T > 0$ | (2) $\det T < 0$ |
| (3) $\det T = 0$ | (4) None of these |
17. The smallest subgroup which contains a fixed open subset of a topological group is:
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| (1) Only open | (2) Is only closed |
| (3) Is both open and closed | (4) All of these are false |
18. A subset S of real numbers has at least one limiting point if:
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| (1) S is bounded | (2) S is infinite set |
| (3) S is bounded and finite | (4) S is bounded and infinite |

19. Let F be a field of real numbers and $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in F_2$, if D be the set of all matrices commuting

with $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \in F_2$, then:

- (1) D is isomorphic to the field of complex numbers (2) D is isomorphic to the field of real numbers
(3) D is not isomorphic to the field of complex numbers (4) None of these

20. If T is a linear transformation on an inner product space $V(F)$, then which of the following is incorrect:

- (3) If $T > 0$ then $\text{Tr } T < 0$ (4) Not all the above are true