

1. How to measure the temperature of an object by using the principles of blackbody radiation phenomenon? (7%)
2. In the photoelectric effect experiment, how would the photocurrent be changed if one changes the (a) light intensity (b) light frequency? why? (7%)
3. On the basis of Bohr's atomic model, explain why some emission lines are missing in the absorption spectrum. (7%)
4. Explain why it is necessary to use electrons with higher energy in order to resolve smaller dimensions in the electron diffraction experiments. (7%)
5. Illustrate the position-momentum uncertainty principle with the single slit diffraction experiment. (7%)

6. Consider an electron moving in an infinite square well, with well width =  $L$ .
- Solve the corresponding Schrodinger equation for the ground state and the 1st excited state wave functions,  $\psi_0(x,t)$  and  $\psi_1(x,t)$ , respectively. Here  $x$  = position,  $t$  = time. Note that the wave functions must be normalized. (10%)
  - Suppose the electron is in the state  $\psi(x,t) = [\psi_0(x,t) + \psi_1(x,t)]/2^{1/2}$ . Calculate the expectation value of *electric dipole*, which is defined as  $(-e)x$  in classical mechanics, with  $(-e)$  the electronic charge. (10%)
  - The above dipole is a periodic function of time and it can radiate light. What is the *wavelength* of the light? (5%)

7. Consider a potential barrier  $V(x)$ , with

$$V(x) = V_0, 0 < x < W,$$

$$= 0 \text{ otherwise.}$$

If a particle with a kinetic energy  $E$ , where  $E < V_0$ , is incident upon the barrier. What is the *approximate probability* for the particle to tunnel through the barrier? (The probability is an exponential function of  $W$ . You are only required to obtain this exponential function as the answer.) (10%)

## 8. Angular momentum (15%)

The angular momentum operators  $L_x$ ,  $L_y$ ,  $L_z$ ,  $L^2$  are defined as follows:

$$L_x = yP_z - zP_y, L_y = zP_x - xP_z, L_z = xP_y - yP_x, L^2 = L_xL_x + L_yL_y + L_zL_z,$$

where  $p_x$ ,  $p_y$ ,  $p_z$  are the x-, y-, and z-component of the linear momentum.

The commutator of two operator A and B is defined by  $[A, B] = AB - BA$ .

Evaluate the following commutator:

(A)  $[L_x, L_y]$  (B)  $[L_x, L^2]$  (C)  $[L_x, x]$  (D)  $[L_x, y]$  (E)  $[L_x, x^2 + y^2 + z^2]$

## 9. central potential problem (15%)

A particle with mass  $\mu$  moves in the following three-dimensional central potential:

$$V(r, \theta, \phi) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } r < R \\ V_0 & \text{when } r > R \end{cases}$$

- (a) Write down the form of the (unnormalized) wave function  $\Phi(r, \theta, \phi)$  for  $r < R$  and  $r > R$  if the particle has an energy  $E < V_0$ .
- (b) Write down the equation for the radial part of  $\Phi(r, \theta, \phi)$  and the conditions that must be satisfied.
- (c) Derive an algebraic equation from which the ground-state energy may be solved.