

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)
BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2018
(Sixth Semester)

Branch - PHYSICS

NUCLEAR PHYSICS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

SECTION-A (20 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions earn' EQUAL marks (10 x 2 = 20)

- 1 Define binding energy of a nucleus.
- 2 What is meant by packing fraction?
- 3 State Geiger nuttal law.
- 4 Define half life period.
- 5 Give the advantages of scientilation counter.
- 6 Write principle of a Wilson cloud chamber.
- 7 What is the principle used in "Atom bomb"?
- 8 Define nuclear fusion.
- 9 Write short note on primary cosmic rays.
- 10 What is meant by pair production?

SECTION - B (25 Marks!)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 5 = 25)

- 11 a Obtain Weizacker's semi-empirical mass formula.
OR
b Explain the properties of nuclear forces.
- 12 a Describe the law^r of radio-active disintearation.
OR
b Write a note on neutrino theory of beta - decay.
- 13 a Explain the working of GM - Counter.
OR
b Deduce the working of electron - synchrotron.
- 14 a Write a note on radio isotope and its uses.
OR
b Discuss the principle and working of a hydrogen bomb.
- 15 a Write a note on cosmic ray showers.
OR
b Briefly explain elementary particles.

SECTION - C (30 Marks!)

Answer any THREE Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (3 x 10 = 30)

- 16 Explain liquid drop model. Give its merits and demerits.
- 17 Describe the range of alpha particles and its experimental method with neat diagram.
- 18 Explain in detail the working of a bubble chamber with neat diagram. What are its advantages?
- 19 Describe the principle construction and applications of nuclear reactor.
- 20 Write a short note on (i) Cosmic rays - Primary & secondary
(ii) Latitude effect (iii) Altitude effect & east west effect. (3 + 3 + 4)