

B.TECH
(SEM IV) THEORY EXAMINATION 2017-18
NUCLEAR SCIENCE

Time: 3 Hours

Total Marks: 100

Note: Attempt all Sections. If require any missing data; then choose suitably.

SECTION A

- 1. Attempt *all* questions in brief. **2 x 10 = 20****
- a. What do you mean by mass defect?
 - b. Define Nuclear Radius.
 - c. Write assumptions of liquid drop model.
 - d. Explain the conservation laws followed by nuclear reactions.
 - e. What do you mean by exoergic and endoergic reaction?
 - f. Define half-life period, mean life and decay constant.
 - g. What do you mean by prompt and delayed neutrons?
 - h. Give the assumptions of Gamow's theory of α -decay.
 - i. What is a mass spectrograph? What are the essentials?
 - j. List out the advantages of the bubble chamber.

SECTION B

- 2. Attempt any *three* of the following: **10 x 3 = 30****
- a. What is nuclear fission? How is it explained on the basis of liquid drop model?
 - b. What is meant by nuclear magnetic dipole moment? How is the nuclear magnetic moment determined experimentally?
 - c. Discuss Gamow's theory of α -decay. How far does this explain the Geiger-Nuttall law?
 - d. Discuss the working principle of a cyclotron and explain with the help of a neat diagram.
 - e. Describe the difference between ionization chamber, proportional counter and Geiger-Muller counter.

SECTION C

- 3. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) Describe Hofstadter method for measuring the nuclear radius.
 - (b) Draw a curve showing the variation of binding energy per nucleon against the mass number. Use the curve to explain the instability of light and heavy nuclei while stability of intermediate nuclei.
- 4. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) Discuss semi-empirical mass formula explaining meaning of each term in it and state its limitations.
 - (b) Explain Q-value of a reaction. How is it related to threshold energy of a particle?

- 5. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) Discuss interactions of γ -rays with matter.
 - (b) Describe the salient features of Fermi theory of β -decay. What do you understand by allowed and forbidden transitions?
- 6. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) What do you understand by mass spectrograph? Describe the principle of Aston's mass spectrograph.
 - (b) Give in brief the mode of operation of a scintillation counter and describe how it may be used to study nuclear reactions.
- 7. Attempt any *one* part of the following: **10 x 1 = 10****
- (a) Discuss about Agriculture Applications of Nuclear Techniques.
 - (b) Write short notes on Positron Emission Topography.