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CSIR NET Physics - Dec 2025 - Full Paper

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Q1. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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Suppose a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{300} are integers such that $a_{i-1} + a_i + a_{i+1} = 2025$ for all $i = 2, 3, \dots, 299$.

If $a_7 = -5, a_9 = 37$, then the value of a_{106} is

1. 1993
2. 37
3. -5
4. 2030

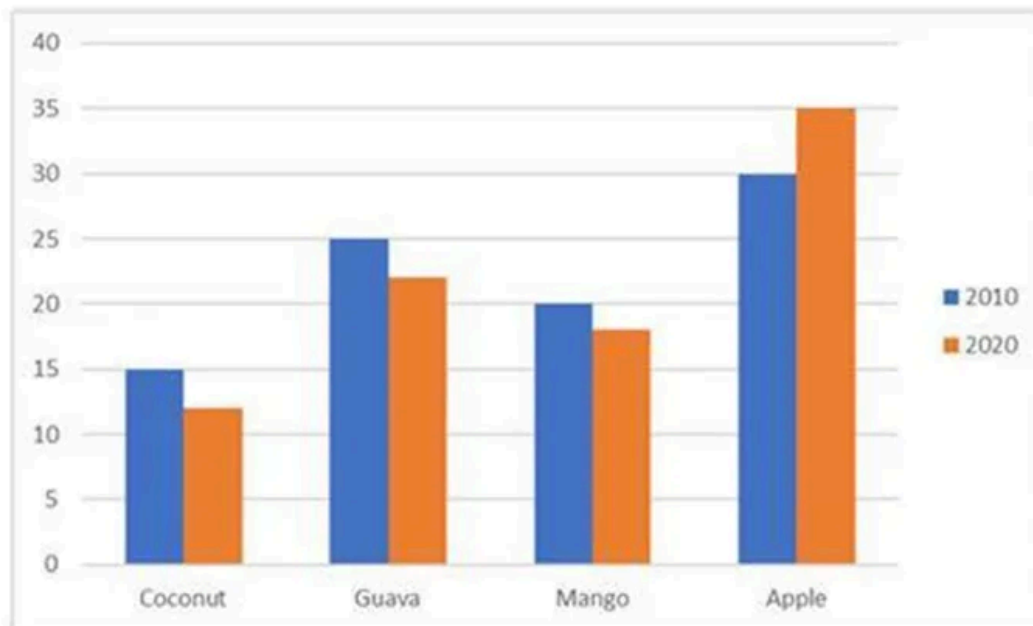
Q2. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Data Analysis

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The numbers (in millions) of coconut, guava, mango and apple trees in a region in 2010 and 2020 are shown in the following figure.

The maximum relative change in numbers was for



1. coconut trees
2. guava trees
3. mango trees
4. apple trees

Q3. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

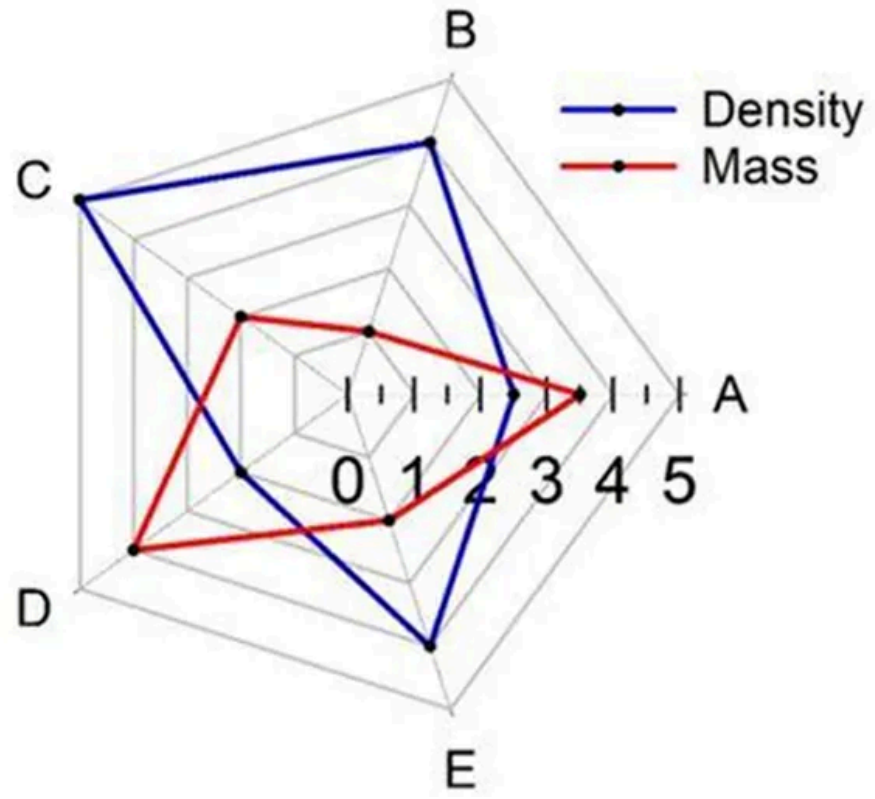
General Aptitude > Data Analysis

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The following figure shows densities and masses of five objects (A to E).

The object with the largest volume is ____ .

- 1. A
- 2. B
- 3. D
- 4. E



Q4. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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A lady bought some apples, each costing Rs. 25, and some bananas each costing Rs 6, for a total of Rs. 378. In how many ways could she have chosen the numbers of apples and bananas?

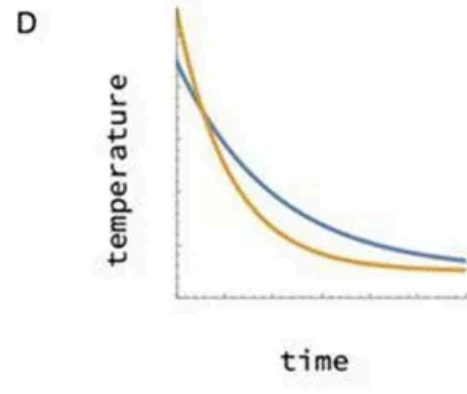
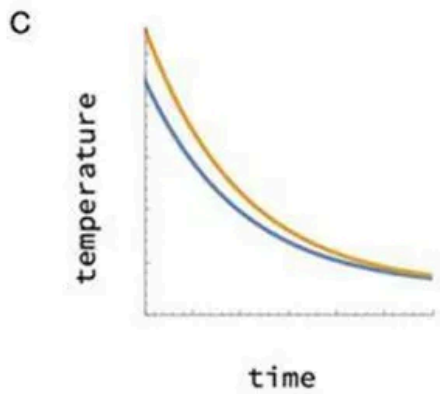
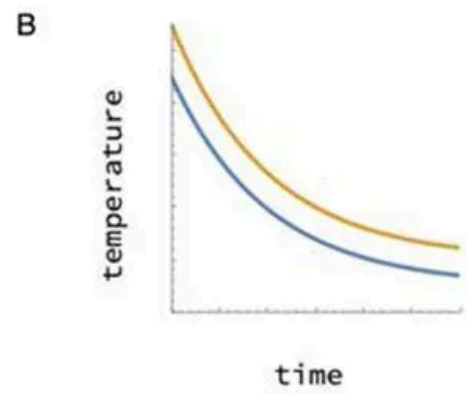
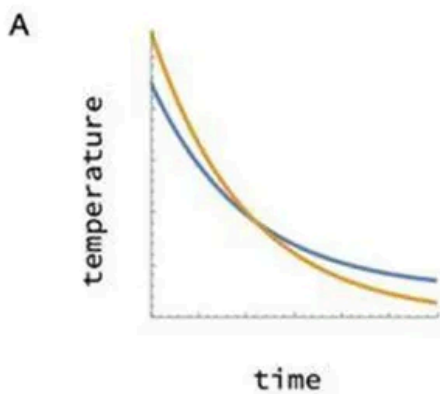
1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4

Q5. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Basic Physics

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Two identical metal bars are heated to different temperatures and allowed to cool in the same surroundings. Which one of the following figures correctly shows their cooling curves?



Q6. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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How many 5 -digit numbers can be formed from the digits 0,2,3,4,6,7 and 9 , using each at most once, which are divisible by 5 ?

1. 120
2. 240
3. 360
4. 720

Q7. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Reasoning

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In a community, some artists are teachers, no teacher is a painter, all painters are artists, and all teachers are professionals. Then it can be definitely asserted that

1. no painter is a professional
2. all artists are professionals
3. no professionals are teachers
4. some artists are professionals

Q8. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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In an exam, questions of three difficulty levels hard, medium, and easy fetch respectively 7, 3, and 2 marks if correct and 0 if incorrect. Three students got 30 marks each but in three different ways, though the total number of questions correctly answered by each student was the same. Then what could be the total number of questions correctly answered by each of these students?

1. 12
2. 10
3. 9
4. 6

Q9. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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The value of

$$1 + \left(\frac{1}{2^1} + \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{7}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2^9} + \dots + \frac{1}{1023}\right)$$

lies between

1. 2 and 10
2. 11 and 20
3. 21 and 30
4. 31 and 40

Q10. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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The geometric mean of 100 observations is 25 .

If each observation is multiplied by 4 , what will be the new geometric mean?

1. 100
2. 50
3. 25
4. $(25 \times 4)^{1/2}$

Q11. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > General Knowledge

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Which among the following cities can be said most appropriately to bear the same relation to Tamil Nadu that Pune bears to Maharashtra; Surat to Gujarat and Asansol to West Bengal?

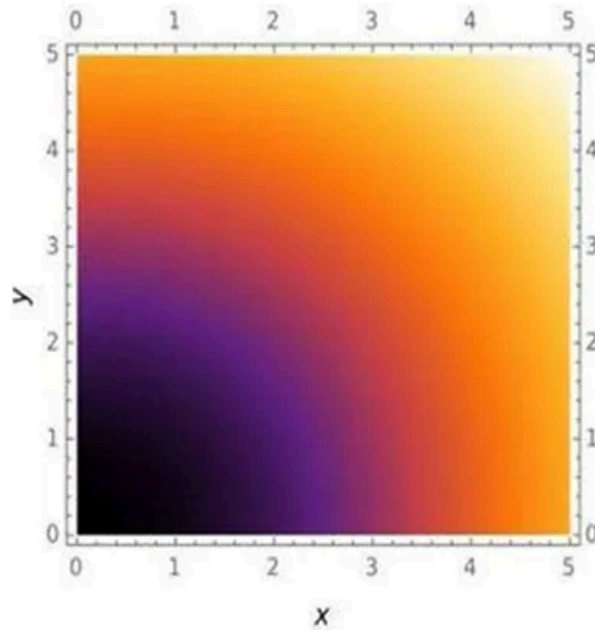
1. Tirupati
2. Mysore
3. Chennai
4. Coimbatore

Q12. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Data Analysis

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The following plot shows temperature as a function of x and y . Along which path is the temperature change minimum?



1. $x = \text{constant}$ or $y = \text{constant}$
2. $\frac{y}{x^2} = \text{constant}$
3. $y^2 + x^2 = \text{constant}$
4. $yx = \text{constant}$

Q13. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Basic Physics

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The minimum height of a plane vertical mirror that will allow a 6-feet tall person to see himself fully in it

1. depends on the distance between the person and the mirror
2. is 3 feet
3. is 4.5 feet
4. is 6 feet

Q14. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Reasoning

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Three periodic events repeat every 24 seconds, 54 seconds, and 56 seconds. If they coincide at 10:20:00, when will they next coincide?

1. 10:35:12
2. 10:45:20
3. 10:45:12
4. 10: 35: 20

Q15. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Reasoning

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Five students graduated from a college, not all in the same year, after each has studied for four years. If batchmates Jiten and Anwar were between Ramesh and Prakash but senior to Sam while Ramesh had left the college before Jiten took admission, then it is certain that

1. Anwar was the most senior
2. Ramesh was the most senior
3. Sam was the most junior
4. Prakash was the most junior

Q16. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Reasoning

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What is the minimum number of pourings required to transfer exactly 6 L of water from a 12 L fully filled container to an 8 L empty container when a 5 L empty container is also available to use?

1. 4
2. 5
3. 6
4. 7

Q17. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Basic Physics

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Alloy A is formed by mixing iron (Fe) and nickel (Ni) in the ratio 3: 4, while alloy B is formed by mixing Fe and Ni in the ratio 9: 5. If equal quantities of alloys A and B are melted together to form a new alloy C , what will be the ratio of Fe to Ni in the alloy C ?

1. 4: 3
2. 5: 3
3. 15: 13
4. 13: 9

Q18. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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In a class, 40% and 20% students passed in Mathematics and Physics, respectively, and 10% students passed in both subjects. What is the probability of a randomly selected student to have passed in Physics if the student already passed in Mathematics?

1. $1/2$
2. $1/20$
3. $1/4$
4. $2/25$

Q19. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > General Knowledge

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A recent survey suggests that the total fertility rate in a country has fallen below 2.1, the population replacement ratio. This necessarily implies that the

1. infant mortality rate has increased reducing the net fertility ratio.
2. total population will decline.
3. population of young people is going to increase with a faster rate in the long run if the same status continues.
4. proportion of elderly people is going to decrease in the long run if the same status continues.

Q20. [Dec 2025] . 2.0 marks

General Aptitude > Mathematical Analysis

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Some, but not all, faces of a six-faced cubical fair die are painted red (R) and the remaining green (G); and the die is thrown until red faces come up on top 4 times. Consider the following sequences of colors listed left to right as they appear on the top.

A: GRRRR

B: GRGRRR

Which one of the following is true?

1. A is more probable than B
2. B is more probable than A
3. Both have the same probability
4. Whether A or B is more probable depends upon how many faces are painted green

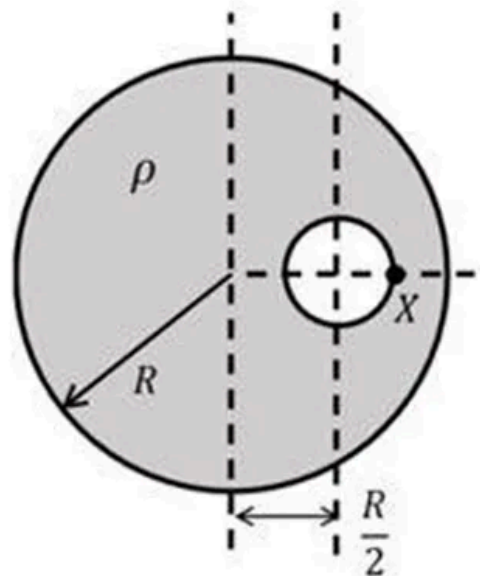
Q21. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Electromagnetism > Electrostatics

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A solid sphere of radius R has uniform charge density ρ . A spherical volume of radius $\frac{R}{4}$ is scooped out from the sphere as shown. The electric field at the point marked X is (\hat{r} denotes the unit vector along the radially outward direction)

1. $\frac{2\rho R}{9\varepsilon_0} \hat{r}$
2. $\frac{\rho R}{6\varepsilon_0} \hat{r}$
3. $\frac{\rho R}{3\varepsilon_0} \hat{r}$
4. $\frac{\rho R}{9\varepsilon_0} \hat{r}$



Q22. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Mathematical Physics > Probability

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	MMP
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Let $p(x)$ be the probability density function for a positive real variable x , and

$$g(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} p(x)e^{-\alpha x} dx.$$

If $g'(\alpha)$ and $g''(\alpha)$ are respectively first and second derivatives of $g(\alpha)$ with respect to α , which of the following gives the variance of x ?

1. $g''(0) - [g'(0)]^2$
2. $g''(0) + [g'(0)]^2$
3. $[g''(0) - g'(0)]^2$
4. $\frac{g''(0)}{g'(0)g(0)}$

Q23. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Statistical Mechanics > Random Walk/Brownian motion/Diffusion

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	Stat. Mech.
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A 1-dimensional random walker's displacement is always positive and is equally likely to be anywhere in the range $[L, L + b]$. After N statistically independent steps the mean distance covered by the walker is

1. NL
2. $N\sqrt{L^2 + b^2}$
3. $N\left(L + \frac{b}{2}\right)$
4. $NL + b\sqrt{N}$

Q24. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Classical Mechanics > Rotation Motion

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	CM
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A fly of mass m rests on the edge of a uniform horizontal disc of radius R and mass M . The disc is free to rotate about the vertical axis through its center. Initially the disc is stationary. The fly starts to walk around the circumference of the disc with speed v relative to the disc. The speed of the fly for a stationary observer is

1. $\frac{mv}{M+2m}$
2. $\frac{Mv}{M-2m}$
3. $\frac{Mv}{M+2m}$
4. $\frac{mv}{M-2m}$

Q25. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Orbital angular Momentum and Hydrogen atom

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	QM
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If \hat{L} is the angular momentum operator for a quantum particle, then $\hat{L} \times \hat{L}$ is

1. \hbar^2
2. $-i\hbar\hat{L}$
3. 0
4. $i\hbar\hat{L}$

Q26. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Statistical Mechanics > Quantum Statistical Mechanics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	Stat. Mech.
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B , C and F are three systems which have particles of same mass and same number density kept at the same low temperature T . Here C is a classical ideal gas, F is a free Fermi gas and B is a free Bose gas, with pressures P_C , P_F and P_B respectively. Then

1. $P_B > P_C > P_F$.
2. $P_F > P_C > P_B$.
3. $P_C > P_F > P_B$.
4. $P_C > P_B > P_F$.

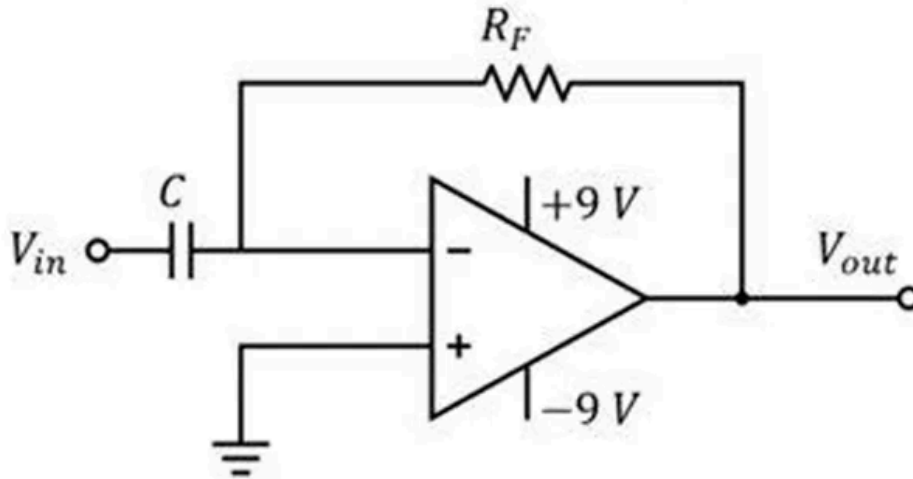
Q27. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Electronics > OPAMP

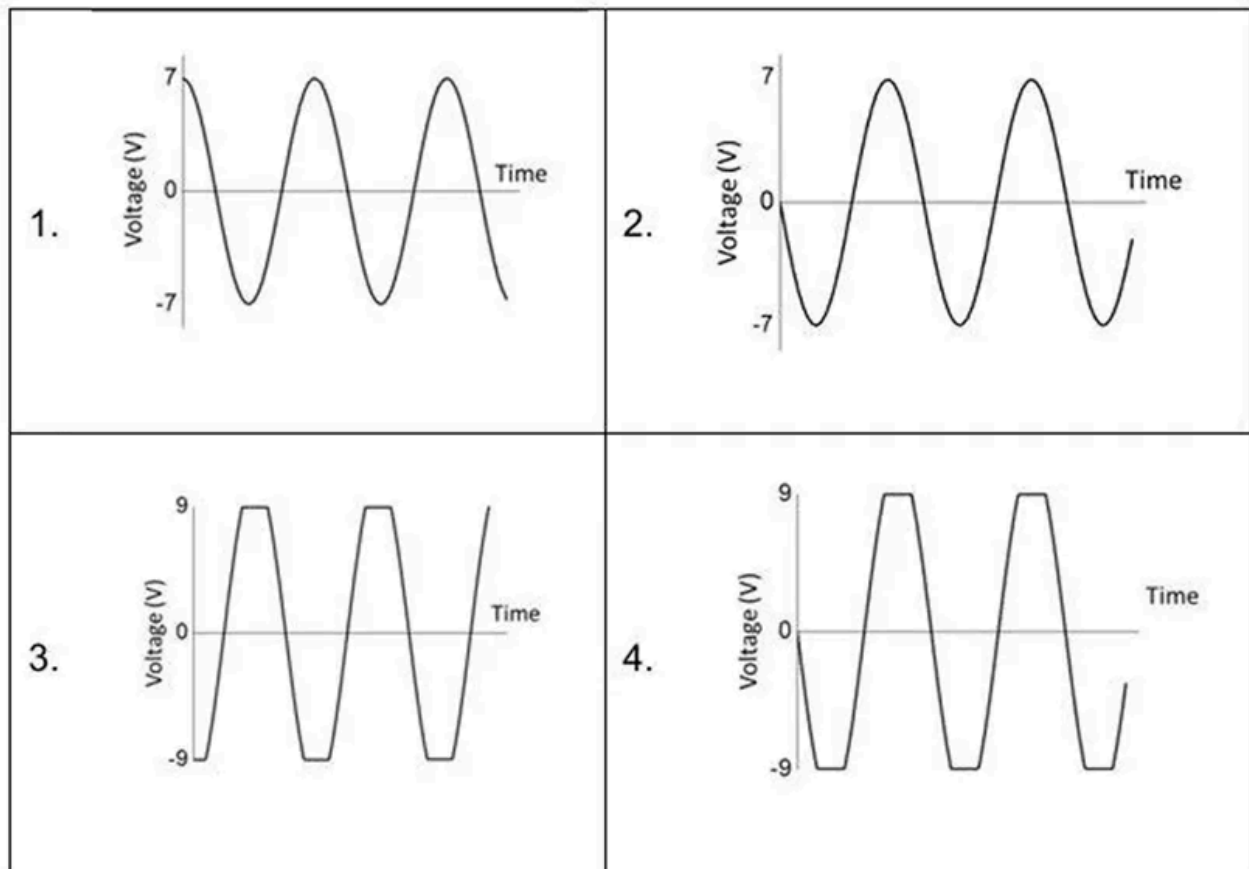
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In the circuit shown below, the input voltage is

$$V_{in}(t) = 0.3\sin 50t \text{ (Volts) and } C = 100\mu F, R_F = 10k\Omega.$$



Considering the opamp to be ideal and neglecting the transients, the best representation of the output voltage $V_{out}(t)$ is



Q28. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

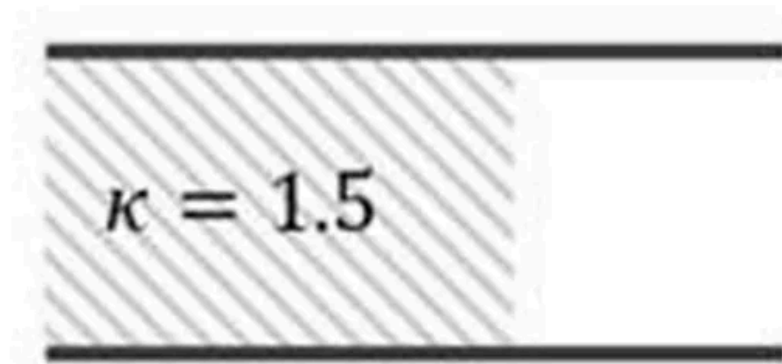
Electromagnetism > Capacitors

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A fraction $\frac{2}{3}$ of the volume of a parallel plate capacitor is filled with dielectric of relative permittivity $\kappa = 1.5$ (as shown in the figure).

When the filled volume is reduced to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the total volume, the capacitance is smaller by a factor of

1. $\frac{7}{8}$
2. $\frac{5}{6}$
3. $\frac{3}{4}$
4. $\frac{2}{3}$



Q29. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Statistical Mechanics > Canonical Ensemble

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	Stat. Mech.
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Five indistinguishable atoms are sitting on the distinguishable vertices of a pentagon. The atoms can be in one of the two states: g with energy 0 , and e with energy E . However neighboring atoms cannot both be in the e state. The partition function of this system at temperature T , is

1. $1 + 5e^{-\frac{E}{k_B T}} + 2e^{-\frac{2E}{k_B T}}$

2. $1 + 5e^{-\frac{E}{k_B T}} + 3e^{-\frac{2E}{k_B T}}$

3. $1 + 5e^{-\frac{E}{k_B T}} + 10e^{-\frac{2E}{k_B T}}$

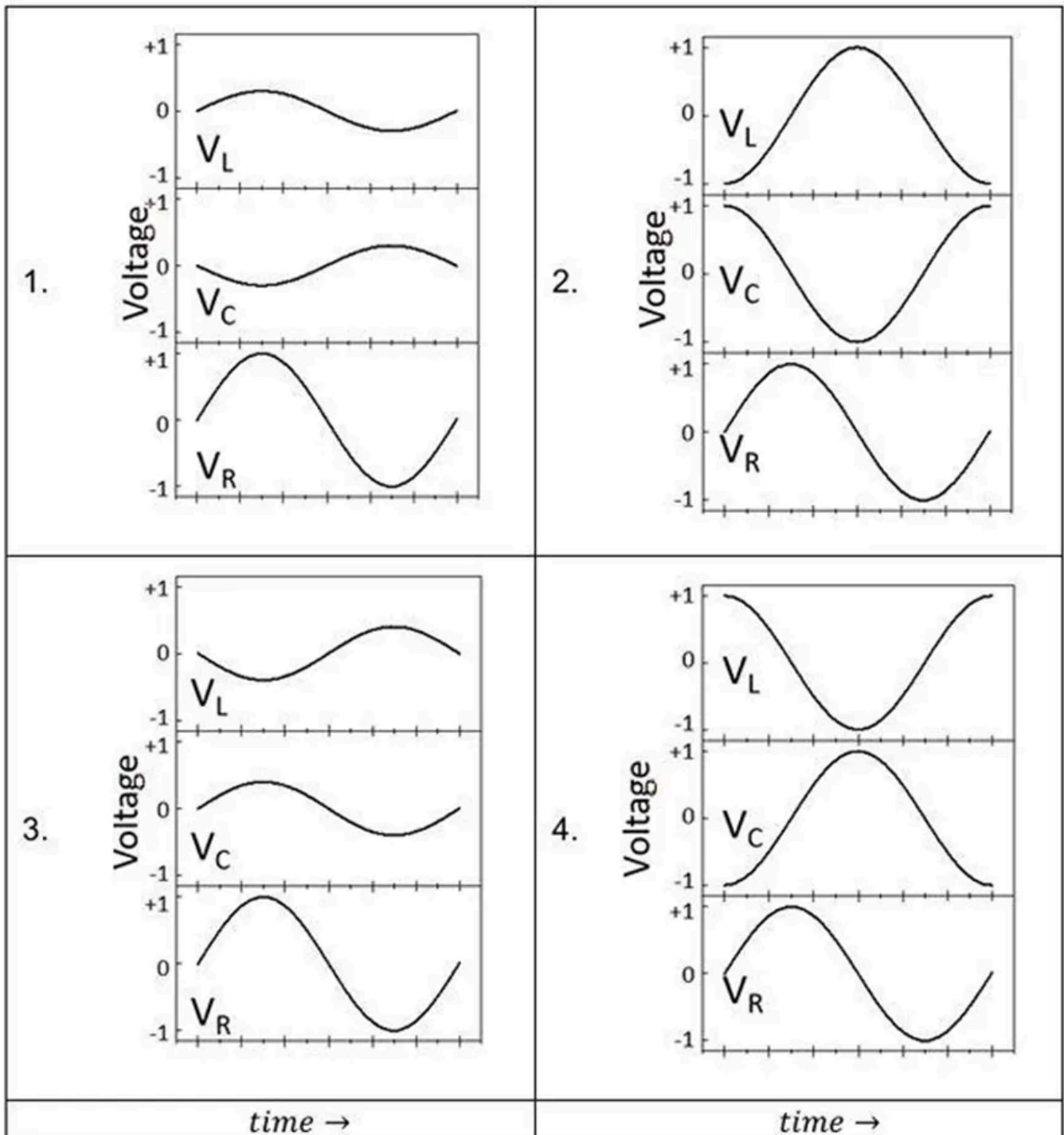
4. $1 + 5e^{-\frac{E}{k_B T}} + 5e^{-\frac{2E}{k_B T}}$

Q30. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Electronics > RLC Circuits

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	Electronics
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In an ideal series LCR circuit, which one of the following best represents the steady-state voltage waveforms V_L, V_C, V_R (only one cycle is shown) across L, C and R as a function of time at resonance frequency



Q31. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Electromagnetism > Electrostatics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	EMT
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Two well separated conducting spheres (A and B) of radii 10 cm and 20 cm carry charges +30 C and -20 C respectively. When they are connected by a thin conducting wire, the final charge on A is Q_A and that on B is Q_B . The values of Q_A and Q_B respectively, are closest to

1. 6.7 C and 3.3 C
2. 2.0 C and 8.0 C
3. 3.3C and 6.7 C
4. 8.0 C and 2.0 C

Q32. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Electromagnetism > Multipoles

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	EMT
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A circular disc of radius R is made of 2 halves (as shown in the figure), separated by a dielectric of negligible thickness (along the y axis.)

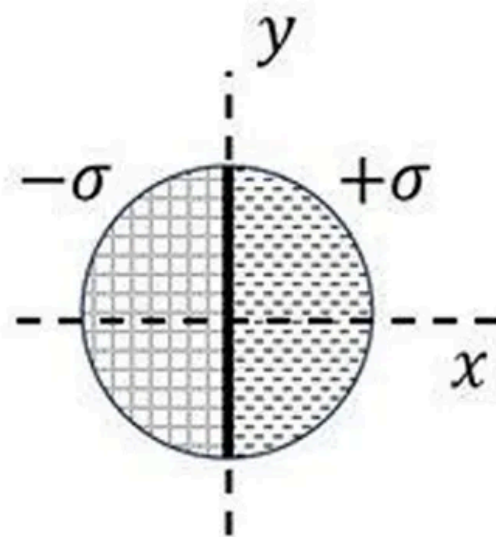
If the surface charge density on the right half is $+\sigma$ and that on the left half is $-\sigma$, the dipole moment of the disc is

1. $P_x = 0, P_y = \frac{1}{3} \sigma R^3$

2. $P_x = 0, P_y = \frac{4}{3} \sigma R^3$

3. $P_x = \frac{1}{3} \sigma R^3, P_y = 0$

4. $P_x = \frac{4}{3} \sigma R^3, P_y = 0$



Q33. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Mathematical Physics > Complex analysis

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	MMP
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If C be the unit circle traversed clockwise, then the integral $\oint_C dz |1 + 2z|^2$ equals

1. $-4\pi i$

2. $-\pi i$

3. 0

4. $-2\pi i$

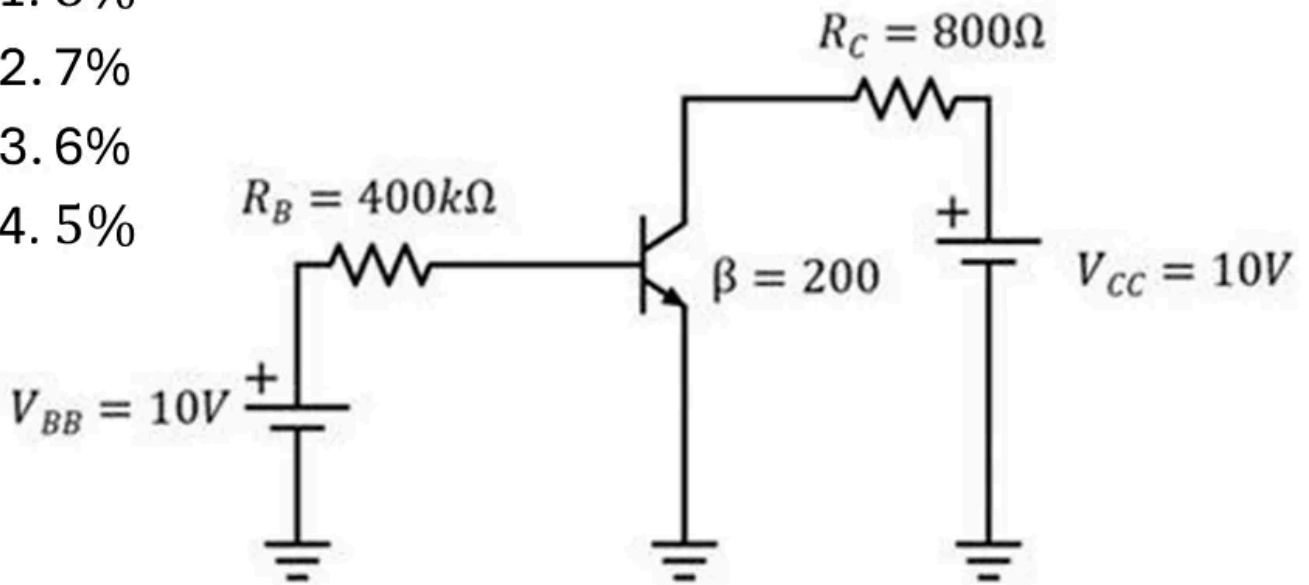
Q34. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Electronics > Transistors

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In the transistor circuit given below the voltage V_{CC} fluctuates by 5%. Then the fluctuation in V_{CE} would be closest to (take $V_{BE} = 0.7 \text{ V}$)

- 1. 8%
- 2. 7%
- 3. 6%
- 4. 5%



Q35. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Thermodynamics > Kinetic theory of Gases

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	Thermal
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A classical mono-atomic ideal gas is in thermal equilibrium at temperature T . The velocity of a molecule of this gas, of mass m , is $\vec{v} = v_x \hat{x} + v_y \hat{y} + v_z \hat{z}$. The value of the ensemble average $\langle v_x^2 v_y^2 \rangle$ is

1. $\left(\frac{k_B T}{2m}\right)^2$

2. $\left(\frac{k_B T}{m}\right)^2$

3. $\left(\frac{3k_B T}{2m}\right)^2$

4. $\left(\frac{2k_B T}{m}\right)^2$

Q36. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Mathematical Physics > Complex analysis

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	MMP
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The residue of $f(z) = \frac{\cos(\pi z)}{(1-z^2)^3}$ at $z = 1$ is

1. $\frac{\pi^2}{16}$
2. $\frac{3}{16}$
3. $\frac{3+\pi^2}{16}$
4. $\frac{3-\pi^2}{16}$

Q37. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Two particle System

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	QM
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An isolated two-electron quantum state is described by the orbital angular momentum quantum number l and the total spin S . An allowed value of l and S is

1. $S = 1, l = 0$
2. $S = 0, l = 1$
3. $S = 1, l = 1$
4. $S = 1, l = 2$

Q38. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Classical Mechanics > Rotation Motion

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	CM
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The position and velocity vector of a particle changes from \vec{R}_1 to \vec{R}_2 and \vec{V}_1 to \vec{V}_2 as time changes from t_1 to t_2 . If $\vec{r}(t), \vec{a}(t)$ are instantaneous position and acceleration vectors of the particle then the integral

$$I = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} dt(\vec{r}(t) \times \vec{a}(t)) \text{ is}$$

1. $\vec{R}_2 \times \vec{V}_1 - \vec{R}_1 \times \vec{V}_2$
2. $\vec{R}_2 \times \vec{V}_2 - \vec{R}_1 \times \vec{V}_1$
3. $\vec{R}_1 \times \vec{V}_1 - \vec{R}_2 \times \vec{V}_2$
4. $\vec{R}_1 \times \vec{V}_2 - \vec{R}_2 \times \vec{V}_1$

Q39. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Quantum Harmonic Oscillator

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A quantum particle of mass m is moving in a potential

$$V(x, y) = \frac{m\omega^2}{8} [5(x^2 + y^2) + 8xy].$$

The lowest energy eigenstate with degeneracy has an energy

1. $\frac{7}{2} \hbar\omega$
2. $\frac{3}{2} \hbar\omega$
3. $4\hbar\omega$
4. $\frac{5}{2} \hbar\omega$

Q40. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Spin Angular momentum

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	QM
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A spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ particle is in a magnetic field $\vec{B} = B_x \hat{x} + B_y \hat{y}$ for which the spin dependent Hamiltonian is $\hat{H} = -A \hat{S} \cdot \vec{B}$ (A is a positive constant and \hat{S} is the spin-operator). The eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian are

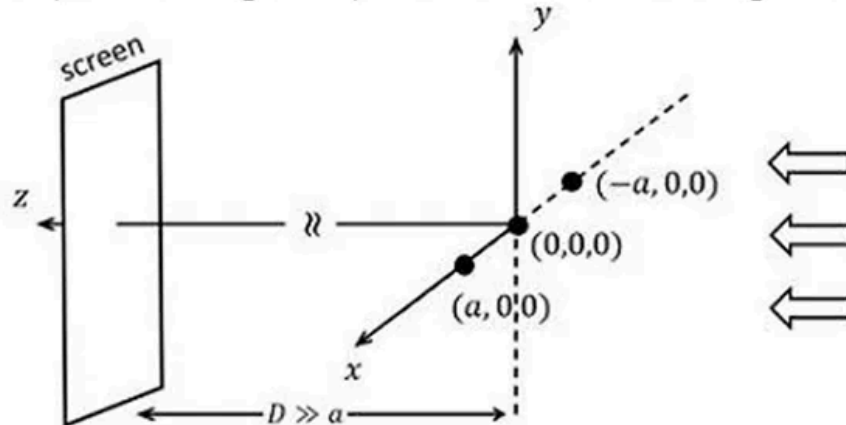
1. $\pm A \frac{\hbar}{2} (B_x + B_y)$
2. $\pm A \frac{\hbar}{2} \sqrt{B_x B_y}$
3. $\pm A \frac{\hbar}{2} (B_x^2 + B_y^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
4. 0

Q41. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

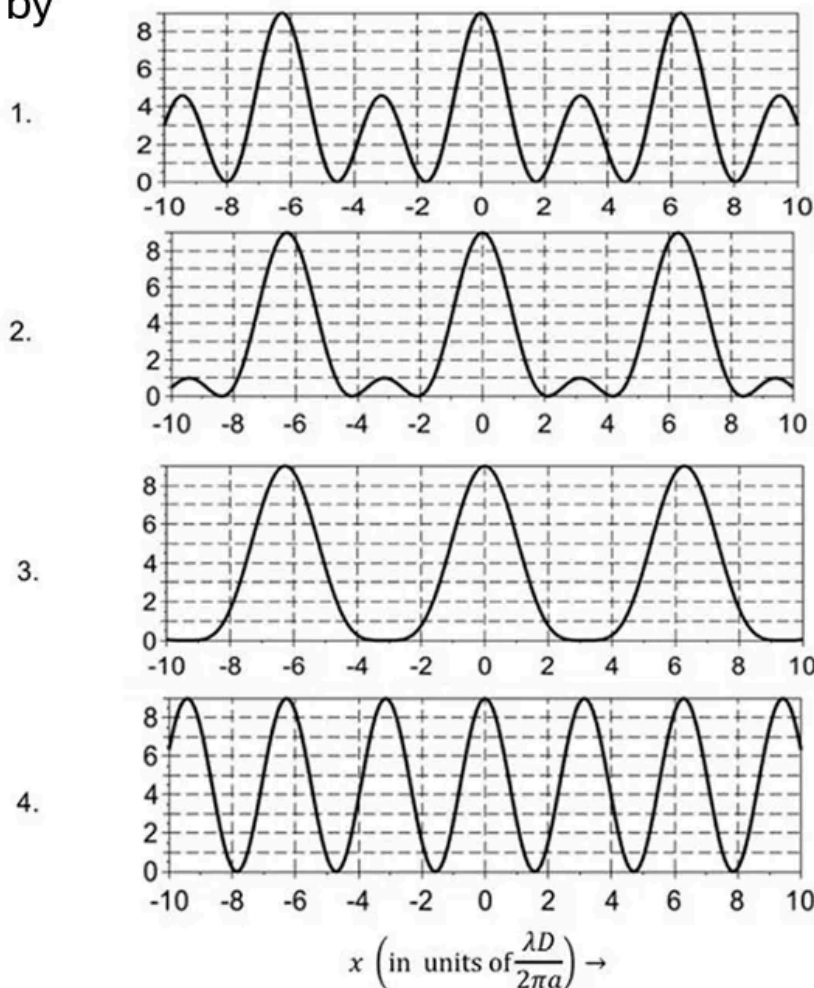
Optics > Interference and diffraction

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Three identical pinholes separated by distance a along the x -axis are illuminated by a collimated monochromatic coherent beam of light (wavelength λ) as shown in the figure below.



The intensity (in arbitrary units) pattern of fringes obtained on a screen kept at distance $D (D \gg a)$ along the z -axis is best represented by

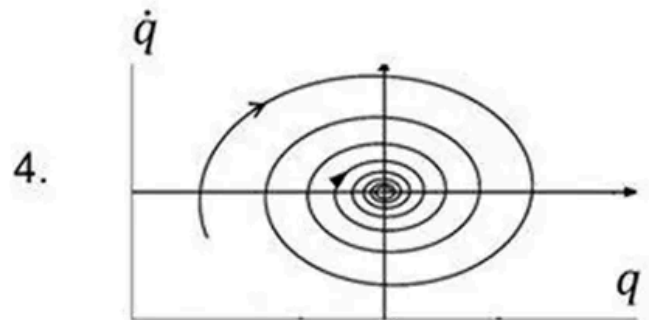
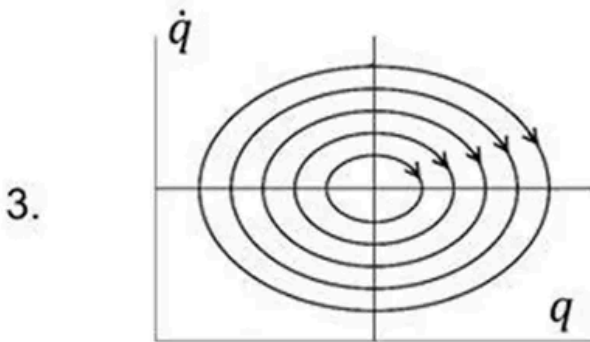
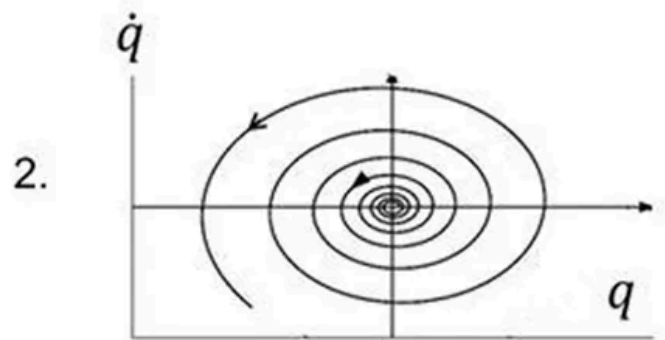
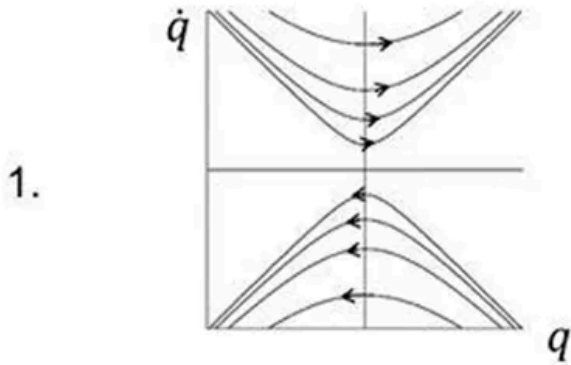


Q42. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Classical Mechanics > Phase space diagrams

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Which of the following figures best represents the motion of an oscillator described by the differential equation $\ddot{q} + \dot{q} + q = 0$ in $q - \dot{q}$ plane?



Q43. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Mathematical Physics > Matrices and Linear Algebra

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Commutator of two matrices A and B is defined as $[A, B] = AB - BA$ and the anti-commutator as $\{A, B\} = AB + BA$. If $\{A, B\} = 0$. Then we can express $[A, BC]$ as

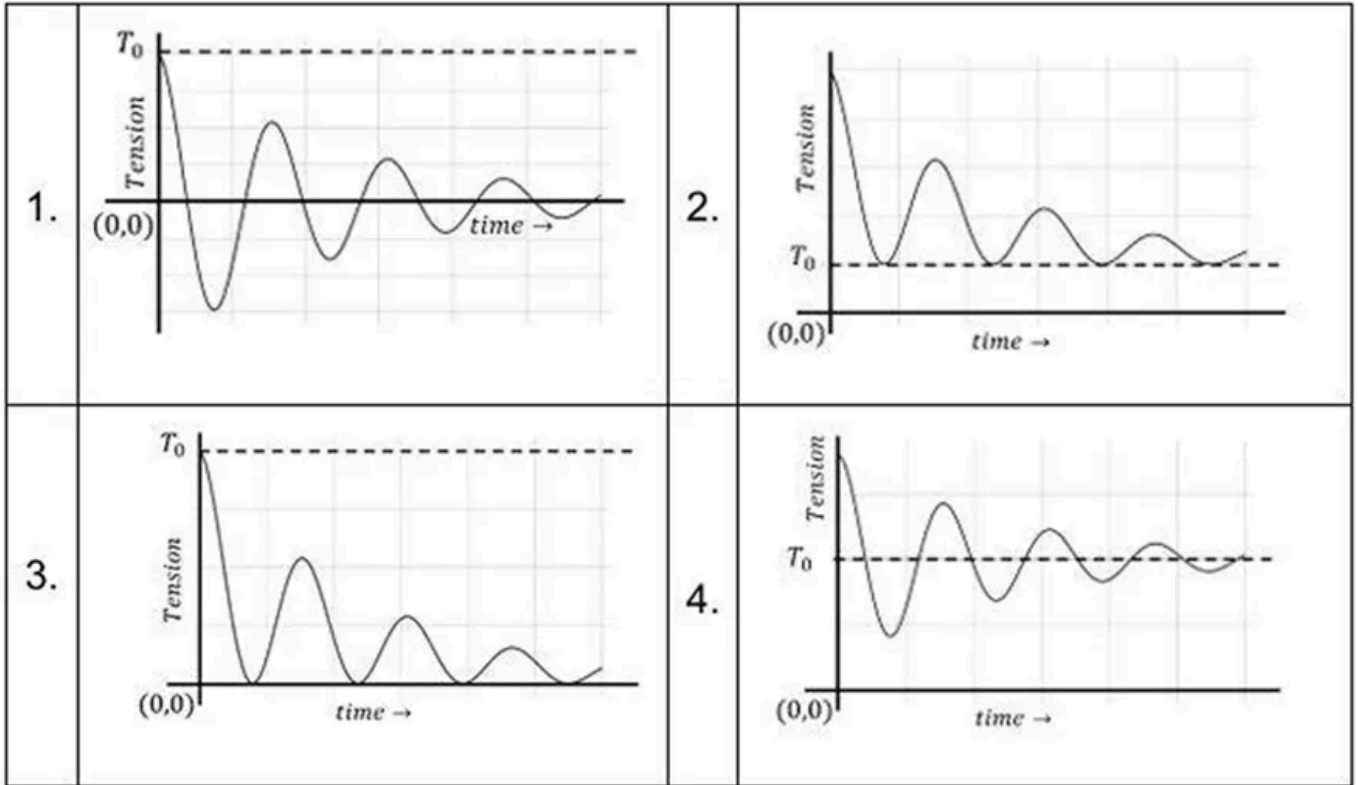
1. $B\{A, C\}$
2. $-B[A, C]$
3. $-B\{A, C\}$
4. $[A, B]C$

Q44. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Classical Mechanics > Basic Mechanics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	Wave/Optic
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A bow has a taut string of tension T_0 (when it is at rest). The string is pulled and released at time $t = 0$. Which plot best represents the tension in the bow string as a function of time?



Q45. [Dec 2025] . 3.5 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Basic Quantum Mechanics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	3.5M	QM
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A quantum mechanical particle in a harmonic potential has the wave function $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [\psi_0(x) + \psi_1(x)]$ at $t = 0$, where $\psi_0(x)$ and $\psi_1(x)$ are the wave functions of the ground state and the first excited state respectively. If the frequency of the oscillator is ω , the probability density of finding the particle at x after time $t = \frac{\pi}{\omega}$ is

1. $\frac{1}{2} |\psi_1(x) - \psi_0(x)|^2$
2. $\frac{1}{2} |\psi_1(x) + \psi_0(x)|^2$
3. $\frac{1}{2} |\psi_1(x) - i\psi_0(x)|^2$
4. $\frac{1}{2} |\psi_1(x)|^2 + \frac{1}{2} |\psi_0(x)|^2$

Q46. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Mathematical Physics > Probability

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	MMP
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In a heap of 20 biased coins, 17 have a 60% probability of showing heads while the other three special coins have a 90% probability of doing so. A coin is selected at random and tossed. If the result is a head, the probability that it was one of the three special coins is best approximated by

1. 0.18
2. 0.14
3. 0.21
4. 0.26

Q47. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Electronics > "Errors , curve fitting and data analysis"

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	MMP
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A thermistor measures an object's temperature T , by measuring its resistance R according to $R = AT^{-n}$, where A and n are positive constants. The observed resistances for different values of temperature (including environmental and instrumental sources of error) are given in table. The estimated value of the exponent n , from the above data, is closest to

1. 2.0
2. 0.8
3. 1.3
4. 2.7

$T(K)$	$R(\Omega)$
250	140
300	110
350	90

Q48. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Classical Mechanics > Canonical transformations

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	MMP
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The Lagrangian $L = L(x, y, \dot{x}, \dot{y})$ is invariant under the transformation $x \rightarrow x + \epsilon y$ and $y \rightarrow y + \epsilon x$, for any infinitesimal real parameter ϵ .

If P_x, P_y denote canonically conjugate momenta corresponding to x, y respectively, then the corresponding conserved quantity is

1. $yP_x - xP_y$
2. $yP_x + xP_y$
3. $xP_x + yP_y$
4. $xP_x - yP_y$

Q49. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Classical Mechanics > Special theory of relativity

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	CM
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In a high energy scattering experiment involving two identical particles, each of rest mass m_0 , one particle is initially at rest, while the other one is incident upon it with energy E and momentum p . The total energy of the two-particle system in the centre-of-mass frame, in the limit $E \gg m_0c^2$, is approximately given by

1. E

2. $2E$

3. $\sqrt{\frac{Em_0c^2}{2}}$

4. $\sqrt{2Em_0c^2}$

Q50. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Solid State Physics > Tight binding model

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	SSP
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In a one-dimensional chain of atoms, the phonon energy dispersion is given by $E = A|\sin(ka)|$. Here, A is a constant, k is a vector in the reciprocal space and a is lattice spacing. The density of states is proportional to

1. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{A^2 - E^2}}$
2. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{A^2 + E^2}}$
3. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{A - E}}$
4. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{A + E}}$

Q51. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Solid State Physics > Tight binding model

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	SSP
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Consider a one-dimensional chain of atoms with lattice constant a . The energy of an electron with wave-vector k is $\epsilon(k) = \mu - 2\gamma\cos(ka)$, where μ and γ are constants. If an electric field \vec{E} is applied along the chain, the time dependent velocity of the electron is proportional to (assume initial wave vector $k = k_0$ at $t = 0$)

1. $\sin^2\left(k_0a - \frac{eEa}{\hbar}t\right)$.
2. $\cos\left(k_0a - \frac{eEa}{\hbar}t\right)$.
3. $\sin\left(k_0a - \frac{eEa}{\hbar}t\right)$.
4. $\cos^2\left(k_0a - \frac{eEa}{\hbar}t\right)$.

Q52. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Thermodynamics > Laws of thermodynamics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	Thermal
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A spherical gaseous ball of radius 15 m was formed with a temperature $T = 3 \times 10^5$ K. The gas expands adiabatically and its temperature drops to 5×10^3 K.

Given $\gamma = \frac{5}{3}$ for this gas, the radius of the ball becomes approximately

1. 212 m
2. 86 m
3. 137 m
4. 116 m

Q53. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Atomic and Molecular Physics > Lasers

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	AMP
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An optical cavity of a laser, formed by two plane mirrors, is filled up with an active medium. The medium emits radiation at wavelengths 450 nm , 600 nm , and 750 nm . If the medium is continuously pumped, at which cavity length among the following, will all three wavelengths be amplified?

1. 750μ m
2. 1500μ m
3. 600μ m
4. 450μ m

Q54. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Basic Quantum Mechanics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	QM
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A one-dimensional quantum harmonic oscillator with frequency ω is in its ground state. Its normalized wave function is given by

$$\psi(x) = \left(\frac{m\omega}{\pi\hbar}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \exp\left[-\frac{m\omega}{2\hbar}x^2\right].$$

The frequency is suddenly increased to 2ω . The probability of finding the particle in its new ground state is

1. $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$
2. $\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$
3. $\frac{2}{3}$
4. $\left(\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Q55. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Mathematical Physics > Special Functions

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	MMP
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A sequence of polynomial $Q_n(x)$ [$n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$] satisfies the recursion relation

$$Q_{n+1}(x) - 2xQ_n(x) + 2nQ_{n-1}(x) = 0, \text{ for all } n \geq 0$$

[here $Q_{-1}(x) = 0$]

The generating function for the polynomials,

$$g(x, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{t^n}{n!} Q_n(x), \text{ satisfies}$$

1. $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 2(t + x)g$
2. $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 2(x - t)g$
3. $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = \frac{2(x-t)}{t}g$
4. $\frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 2 + (x + t)g$

Q56. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Nuclear and Particle Physics > Particle physics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	NPP
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Consider the cross-sections

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &= \sigma(p + n \rightarrow \Delta^+ + n) \text{ and } \sigma_2 \\ &= \sigma(p + n \rightarrow \Delta^0 + p)\end{aligned}$$

where the (Δ^+, Δ^0) are part of the baryon decuplet.

Then

1. one of the $\sigma_{1,2}$ vanishes identically.
2. $\sigma_1 \gg \sigma_2$, with both being non-zero.
3. $\sigma_1 \ll \sigma_2$, with both being non-zero.
4. $\sigma_1 \approx \sigma_2$.

Q57. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Perturbation theory

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	QM
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Consider the one-dimensional motion of a particle of positive charge q confined to an infinite potential well

$$V(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \pi \\ \infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

which is subjected to a perturbing electric field $\vec{E} = E_0 \hat{x}$. The shift in the ground state energy, to the first order in q , is

1. $\frac{q\pi E_0}{2}$
2. $-\frac{q\pi E_0}{2}$
3. $q\pi E_0$
4. $-q\pi E_0$

Q58. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Atomic and Molecular Physics > Molecular physics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	AMP
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The bond dissociation energy of OH molecule is 4.18 eV with rotational constant 18.8 cm^{-1} . For rotational induced dissociation, the minimum value of rotational quantum number is closest to

1. 114
2. 454
3. 45
4. 90

Q59. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Electromagnetism > Plasma

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	EMT
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Electromagnetic waves of frequency ω are incident on an electron gas, whose relaxation time is τ . Let σ_{low} and σ_{high} represent the respective electrical conductivities of the gas in low frequency ($\omega\tau \ll 1$) and high frequency ($\omega\tau \gg 1$) limits. The ratio

$(\sigma_{\text{low}} / \sigma_{\text{high}})$ is

1. inversely proportional to ω^2 .
2. directly proportional to ω^2 .
3. independent of ω .
4. directly proportional to ω .

Q60. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Nuclear and Particle Physics > Nuclear properties

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	NPP
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For a spherical nucleus, consider the interior charge distribution to be

$$\rho(r) = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \exp[(r - R)/a]}$$

where ρ_0 , R and a are constants of appropriate dimensions. In the limit $a \rightarrow 0^+$, the number of protons (charge e) inside a sphere of radius $2R$ is given by

1. $\frac{2\rho_0}{e} \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \right)$
2. $\frac{\rho_0}{e} \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \right)$
3. $\frac{8\rho_0}{e} \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \right)$
4. $\frac{4\rho_0}{e} \left(\frac{4}{3} \pi R^3 \right)$

Q61. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Classical Mechanics > Oscillations

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	CM
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The Lagrangian of a two-particle system is given by

$$L = \frac{1}{2}m(\dot{q}_1^2 + \dot{q}_2^2 + \dot{q}_1\dot{q}_2) - \frac{1}{2}m\omega^2\left(q_1^2 + q_2^2 + \frac{1}{2}q_1q_2\right).$$

The normal mode frequencies (in units of ω) are

1. $\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, \frac{1}{2}$

2. $\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$

3. $\sqrt{\frac{6}{5}}, \sqrt{2}$

4. $\sqrt{\frac{5}{6}}, \sqrt{2}$

Q62. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Statistical Mechanics > Ising model

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	Stat. Mech.
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A binary alloy consists of N_A number of A -type and N_B number of B -type atoms. The atoms sit on the sites of a simple cubic lattice and the nearest neighbours interact with each other. Assume an attractive interaction energy $-J$ ($J > 0$) between two like neighbours (AA or BB pair) and a repulsive interaction energy $+J$ between two unlike neighbours (AB pair). If N is the total number of sites, then the average energy of the system at a very high temperature ($k_B T \gg J$) is

1. $-3J \frac{(N_A - N_B)^2}{N}$
2. $3JN$
3. $3j \frac{(N_A + N_B)^2}{N}$
4. $-3J(N_A - N_B)$

Q63. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Electronics > Digital Electronics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	Electronics
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The digital logic circuit that would give the following truth table

A	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
B	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
C	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Y	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1

1.		2.	
3.		4.	

Q64. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Atomic and Molecular Physics > Doppler broadening

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	AMP
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Consider an emission line of wave length $\lambda = 550$ nm of Argon ($A = 40, Z = 18$) at a temperature 400 K . The full Doppler width of the emission line will be closest to

1. 10^{-2} nm
2. 10^{-1} nm
3. 10^{-3} nm
4. 10^{-5} nm

Q65. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Solid State Physics > Lattice vibrations

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	SSP
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A cubic sample of edge length L is maintained at a temperature of 4 K . The speed of sound in the material of the sample is 5×10^3 m/s. The minimum value of L required to excite the lowest frequency phonon mode is closest to

1. 10 nm
2. 30 nm
3. 20 nm
4. 5 nm

Q66. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Electromagnetism > Electrodynamics

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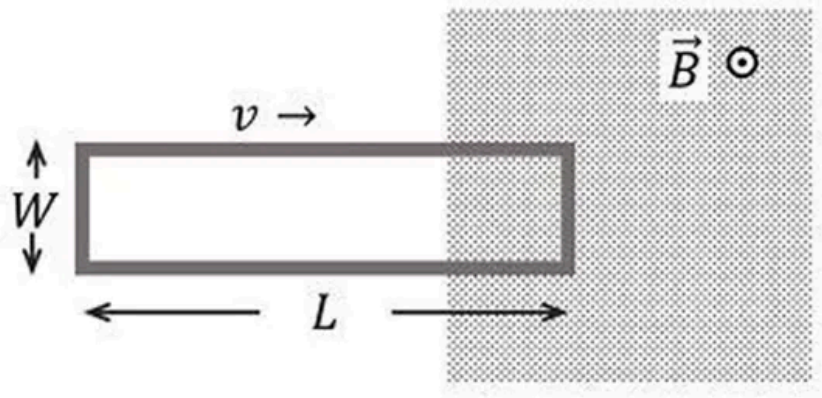
A long rectangular metallic loop of width W and length $L (\gg W)$ starts entering a region, where there is a uniform magnetic field B perpendicular to the plane of the loop. The resistance of the loop is R and its mass is M . If v_0 is the velocity of the loop just before entering the region, then neglecting the self-inductance effect, the velocity at a later time t is

$$1. v(t) = \frac{v_0}{1 + \frac{B^2 W^2}{MR} t}$$

$$2. v(t) = \frac{v_0}{1 + \left(\frac{B^2 W^2}{MR} t\right)^2}$$

$$3. v(t) = v_0 e^{-\frac{B^2 W^2}{MR} t}$$

$$4. v(t) = \frac{v_0}{1 + \ln\left(1 + \frac{B^2 W^2}{MR} t\right)}$$



Q67. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Electromagnetism > EM Waves

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	EMT
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A monochromatic plane wave is incident normally from a dielectric medium A onto another dielectric medium B . The indices of refraction satisfy $n_A < n_B$. One-fourth of the incident energy is reflected back into medium A . Let \vec{E} be the resultant electric field due to the superposition of the incident wave and the reflected wave. Then, the ratio of the two time-averages $\langle \vec{E}^2 \rangle_{\min} / \langle \vec{E}^2 \rangle_{\max}$ is

1. $\frac{1}{8}$
2. $\frac{1}{9}$
3. $\frac{4}{9}$
4. $\frac{1}{4}$

Q68. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Mathematical Physics > Basic Mathematics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	MMP
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Find the curve that extremizes the functional

$$I(y) = \int_0^1 \left[\left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 + 12xy \right] dx$$

for the given boundary conditions $y(0) = 0$ and

$$y(1) = 1$$

1. $y = x^3$

2. $y = x^2$

3. $y = 2x^2 - x$

4. $y = 3x^3 - 2x^2$

Q69. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Quantum Mechanics > Orbital angular Momentum and Hydrogen atom

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	QM
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For a particle in the angular momentum state

$|l = 4, m_l = 2\rangle$, the expectation value of the

operator $L_x L_y$ is

1. $-\hbar^2$

2. \hbar^2

3. $-i\hbar^2$

4. $i\hbar^2$

Q70. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Statistical Mechanics > Canonical Ensemble

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	Stat. Mech.
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Consider a one-dimensional lattice (with lattice spacing a) along X-axis with sites labelled by $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, L$. A particle carrying a charge $-q$ can occupy any one of these sites. An electric field of strength E is applied in the positive x-direction. The average energy of the particle at a temperature T (in the limit $L \rightarrow \infty$) is $\left(\beta = \frac{1}{k_B T}\right)$

1. $\frac{Eq a}{e^{\beta Eq a} - 1}$

2. $\frac{Eq a}{1 + e^{\beta Eq a}}$

3. $\frac{Eq a}{2}$

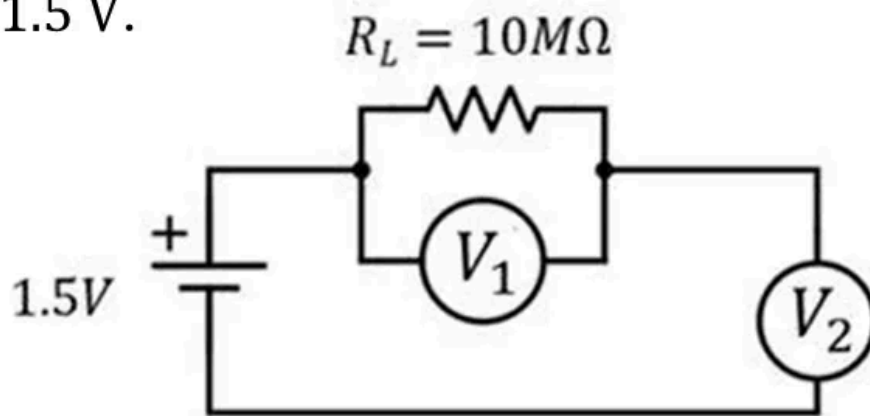
4. $-Eq a$

Q71. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Electronics > Instruments

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In the circuit shown below, the input impedance of voltmeters V_1 and V_2 are $10M\Omega$. If $R_L = 10M\Omega$ and $V_{in} = 1.5 V$.



The measured voltages by V_1 and V_2 are closest to

1. 0.5 V and 1.0 V , respectively
2. 0 V and 1.5 V , respectively
3. 1.5 V and 0 V , respectively
4. 1.0 V and 0.5 V , respectively

Q72. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Statistical Mechanics > Quantum Statistical Mechanics

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	Stat. Mech.
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The excitations of a three-dimensional solid are bosonic in nature and their energy dispersion is given by $\epsilon_k \propto k^2$, in the long wavelength limit. If the chemical potential of the system is zero, the temperature dependence of specific heat of the system at low temperature is proportional to

1. T^3
2. $T^{\frac{3}{2}}$
3. $T^{\frac{5}{2}}$
4. $T^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Q73. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Classical Mechanics > Lagrangian and Hamiltonian

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	CM
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The Hamiltonian of a simple pendulum consisting of mass m attached to a massless string of length l

is $H = \frac{P_\theta^2}{2ml^2} + mgl(1 - \cos\theta)$. If L denotes the

Lagrangian, then $\frac{dL}{dt}$ is

1. $\frac{g}{l} P_\theta \cos\theta$
2. $\frac{-g}{l} P_\theta \sin\theta$
3. $\frac{-2g}{l} P_\theta \sin\theta$
4. $\frac{g}{l} P_\theta \cos(2\theta)$

Q74. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Nuclear and Particle Physics > Liquid drop Model

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	NPP
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Suppose that the volume and the surface terms are the most dominant ones in the semi-empirical formula for the binding energy of a nucleus. Let C_s and C_v be the coefficients of the surface and volume terms. Which of the following is a criterion for stability of the nucleus?

1. $A > \left(\frac{C_s}{C_v}\right)^3$

2. $A < \left(\frac{C_s}{C_v}\right)^3$

3. $A > \left(\frac{2C_s}{3C_v}\right)^3$

4. $A < \left(\frac{2C_s}{3C_v}\right)^3$

Q75. [Dec 2025] . 5.0 marks

Atomic and Molecular Physics > Zeeman effect

CSIR NET	2025 Dec	5M	AMP
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A hydrogen atom is in a weak external magnetic field \vec{B} . Consider an electron of this atom with $(l = 1, s = \frac{1}{2})$ and total $j = \frac{3}{2}$. There are multiple energy levels for this electron due to the magnetic field. The energy spacing between any two adjacent levels (in units of $\mu_B B$) is

1. $\frac{1}{2}$
2. $\frac{1}{3}$
3. $\frac{3}{4}$
4. $\frac{4}{3}$

Answer Key

75 questions . Subject and topic for quick revision

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