

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI**  
**FIRST SEMESTER: 2023-2024**

**Midsem Test (Closed Book)**

**Course No: PHY F421**  
**Date: 10.10.2023**

**Course Title: Advanced Quantum Mechanics**  
**Max. Time: 90 Mins.**

**Total Marks: 30**

**Q1** (a) The radial equation for the scattering of a spinless particle of mass  $m$  from the reduced potential,  $U(r) = \frac{2m}{\hbar} V(r)$ , is given as  $\left[ \frac{d^2}{dr^2} - \frac{l(l+1)}{r^2} - U(r) + k^2 \right] u_l(k, r) = 0$  (symbols have their usual meanings). Find out the solution  $u_l(k, r)$  for  $r \rightarrow 0$ . (5)

(b) Starting from the above radial equation, find out the expression for the phase shift in the integral form in terms of the radial functions and the potential  $U(r)$ . (4)

(c) The Lippmann-Schwinger equation for the scattering theory is given as:

$\psi_{k_i}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}) = \exp(i\mathbf{k}_i \cdot \mathbf{r}) - \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \frac{\exp(ik|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|)}{|\mathbf{r}-\mathbf{r}'|} U(\mathbf{r}') \psi_{k_i}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r}') d\mathbf{r}'$ , here symbols have their usual meanings.

- (i) Find out the asymptotic behavior of  $\psi_{k_i}^{(+)}(\mathbf{r})$ , given that the potential decays much faster than  $1/r$  at the asymptotic distance. (5)
- (ii) From the asymptotic behavior, find out the scattering amplitude. (2)

**Q2** Consider a problem of coupled oscillations, discussed in MeOW, in which 2 identical masses  $m$  are loaded on a massless string at equidistance  $l$  with their ends are fixed ( $x=0$  and  $3l$ ). The tension in the string is  $T$ . The eigen value problem is given as:  $\ddot{x}_i + \omega_i^2 x_i = 0$ ,  $i=I, II$  and  $\omega_1 = \sqrt{\frac{T}{ml}}$  and  $\omega_2 = \sqrt{\frac{3T}{ml}}$  and eigen basis are,  $|I\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $|II\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The initial values of the two masses are:  $x_1(0) = 3 \text{ cm}$ ,  $x_2(0) = 5 \text{ cm}$ .

- (a) Find out the position  $x_1(t)$  and  $x_2(t)$  from  $|x(t)\rangle$ , expanded in the basis  $|I\rangle$  and  $|II\rangle$ . (4)
- (b) Find out the propagator  $U$ . (2)

(c) Find out the matrix elements  $U_{21}$  &  $U_{22}$  in the old basis vectors ( $|1\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $|2\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ ). (3)

**Q3** : (a) Find out the orthonormal basis from the basis:

$$|I\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad |II\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad |III\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

- (b) Find,  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dx} \delta(x) \sin x dx'$  (2)