

GOVERNMENT DEGREE COLLEGE GANDERBAL

Department of Physics

Question Paper/Assignment for B.Sc. 3rd Semester

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Course: Thermal Physics & Statistical Mechanics

Course Code: PHY3U16

Marks: 60

Subject: Physics

Attempt any six questions. Each question carries equal weightage.

Q1. State first law of thermodynamic and discuss its physical significance.

Q2. Show that for an adiabatic change in a perfect gas $PV^\gamma = \text{constant}$, where γ is the ratio of specific heats at constant pressure and constant volume, respectively.

Q3. Define and explain four fundamental thermodynamic potentials, U (internal energy), F (Helmholtz free energy), H (enthalpy) and G (Gibbs free energy).

Q4. Starting from four thermodynamic potentials derive Maxwell's thermodynamic relations.

Q5. A Carnot engine has the same efficiency between 1000 K and 500 K and between x K and 1000 K (this being the temperature of the sink in this case); calculate x .

Q6. Prove that $S = k \ln \Omega$. What can be inferred from this result?

Q7. What are the basic postulates of statistical mechanics? What are the difficulties with classical statistics?

Q8. What do you mean by mean free path of a gas molecule? Show that the mean free path of a gas molecule is inversely proportional to the density of the gas.

Q9. Assuming M.B. distribution of molecular speeds, show that for the molecules of an ideal

gas, average speed = $\sqrt{8kT/\pi m}$

Q10. Calculate the number of macrostates and microstates for three particles distributed in two compartments, treating particles as (a) distinguishable (b) indistinguishable.

Q11. Derive Wien's displacement law as applied to black body radiation from Planck's law.

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Instructions:

1. The assignment is to be submitted through google class room having code [2iycqxq](#)
2. The students who have not joined the G-classroom can mail assignment on shifs237@gmail.com.
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6. A4 size ruled paper with not more than [10](#) pages converted into a single PDF file using. [camscanner](#) will be only accepted.
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