



**FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION FOR  
RECRUITMENT TO POSTS IN BPS-17 UNDER  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, 2009  
PHYSICS, PAPER-I**

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<b>TIME ALLOWED:</b>	<b>(PART-I) 30 MINUTES</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS:20</b>
	<b>(PART-II) 2 HOURS &amp; 30 MINUTES</b>	<b>MAXIMUM MARKS:80</b>

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**PART – I (MCQ)**  
**(COMPULSORY)**

- Q.1. Select the best option/answer and fill in the appropriate box on the Answer Sheet. (20)**
- (i) A body is moving northward and the force applied is eastward, the acceleration produced is:  
(a) Northward (b) At 45° East of North (c) Eastward (d) None of these
  - (ii) The correct form for the dimension of Power is:  
(a)  $[ML^2T^{-3}]$  (b)  $[ML^3T^{-2}]$  (c)  $ML^2T^{-4}$  (d) None of these
  - (iii) The work done by the force  $\vec{F} = 4\hat{a}_x - 3\hat{a}_y - 2\hat{a}_z$  N in giving a 1nC charge a displacement of  $10\hat{a}_x + 2\hat{a}_y - 7\hat{a}_z$  m is:  
(a) 10 nJ (b) 15 nJ (c) 20 nJ (d) None of these
  - (iv) Three masses are placed on the x-axis; 200g at x = 0, 500g at x = 30cm, and 400g at x = 70cm. The center of mass will be at:  
(a) 0.89 m (b) 0.69 m (c) 0.39 m (d) None of these
  - (v) A 60 kg woman stands on a light, cubical box that is 5.0cm on each edge. The box sits on the floor. What pressure does the box exerts on the floor?  
(a)  $2.4 \times 10^5$  N/m<sup>2</sup> (b)  $5 \times 10^5$  N/m<sup>2</sup> (c)  $3 \times 10^5$  N/m<sup>2</sup> (d) None of these
  - (vi) SI unit of stress is same as that of:  
(a) Force (b) Momentum (c) Pressure (d) None of these
  - (vii) What is the maximum speed at which a car can round a curve of 25m radius on a level road if the coefficient of static friction between the tires and the road is 0.80?  
(a) 25 m/s (b) 14 m/s (c) 10 m/s (d) None of these
  - (viii) The equation of a simple harmonic motion with amplitude 5m and time period 0.5s is:  
(a)  $y = 5 \sin(4\pi t)$  (b)  $y = 0.5 \sin(2\pi t/5)$  (c)  $y = 5 \sin(2\pi t)$  (d) None of these
  - (ix) Two particles each of mass 5.0kg are mounted 4.0m apart on a mass-less light rod which is capable of rotation about its center? The moment of inertia is:  
(a) 1.25 kgm<sup>2</sup> (b) 20 kgm<sup>2</sup> (c) 40 kgm<sup>2</sup> (d) None of these
  - (x) The time period of mass of 1kg attached to a spring of spring constant of 100N/m is:  
(a)  $0.2\pi$  (b)  $\pi$  (c)  $2\pi$  (d) None of these
  - (xi) A 14cm inner diameter water main furnishes water (through intermediate pipes) to a 1.00cm inner diameter faucet pipe. If the average speed in the faucet pipe is 3.0 cm/s, what will be the average speed it causes in the water main?  
(a) 0.015 cm/s (b) 0.15 m/s (c) 0.5 m/s (d) None of these
  - (xii) What is the tension T in the rope if a 10N weight is being pulled upward by it with a constant velocity of 2m/s?  
(a) 12N (b) 8N (c) 5N (d) None of these
  - (xiii) The ratio of linear Stress/Linear Strain is called:  
(a) Young's Modulus (b) Bulk Modulus (c) Deformation (d) None of these
  - (xiv) A body is moving with constant speed in a circle, its velocity vector:  
(a) Remains constant (b) Changes its magnitude (c) Changes its direction (d) None of these
  - (xv) When a constant torque is acting on a rotating system, which of the following is constant?  
(a) Angular velocity (b) Angular acceleration (c) Angular momentum (d) None of these
  - (xvi) A planet has a mass four times and diameter twice that of the earth. What is the value of g on the planet?  
(a) 19.6 m/s<sup>2</sup> (b) 9.8 m/s<sup>2</sup> (c) 4.9 m/s<sup>2</sup> (d) None of these

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- (xvii) A geo-stationary satellite revolves around the earth from:  
(a) East to west (b) West to east (c) North to south (d) None of these
- (xviii) According to Einstein, with the great increase in the speed of a body, the relativistic is:  
(a) Length remains constant (b) Time decreases  
(c) Mass increases (d) None of these
- (xix) If graph between  $1/m$  and  $a$  is a straight line, then:  
(a)  $m \propto a$  (b)  $m \propto 1/a$  (c)  $m \propto 1/a^2$  (d) None of these
- (xx) The frequency of rotation  $\omega$  of a spaceship about its own axis to create gravity like earth is the square root of:  
(a)  $g/r$  (b)  $r^2/g$  (c)  $g/r^2$  (d) None of these

## PART – II

<b>NOTE:</b>	<p>(i) <b>PART-II</b> is to be attempted on the separate <b>Answer Book</b>.</p> <p>(ii) Attempt <b>ONLY FOUR</b> questions from <b>PART-II</b>. All questions carry <b>EQUAL</b> marks.</p> <p>(iii) Extra attempt of any question or any part of the attempted question will not be considered.</p> <p>(iv) Use of Scientific calculator is allowed.</p>
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- Q.2.** (a) Define gradient. Find the gradient of the magnitude of a position vector  $\mathbf{r}$ . What conclusion do you derive from your result? **(4,4,2)**  
(b) Sketch a function  $\mathbf{V} = -y\mathbf{x}^{\wedge} + x\mathbf{y}^{\wedge}$ . Find curl  $\mathbf{V}$ . What would be its divergence? **(4,4,2)**
- Q.3.** (a) What is theory of relativity? Consider two inertial frames, A and B, with axes parallel and origins  $O, O'$  coinciding at  $t = t' = 0$  and B moving with uniform velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  along x-axis of A. Letting  $\gamma = 1/\sqrt{1-(v^2/c^2)}$ , the Lorentz transformation  $A \rightarrow B$  is  $x' = \gamma(x - vt)$ ,  $y' = y$ ,  $z' = z$ ,  $t' = \gamma(t - vx/c^2)$ . From the principle of equivalence of inertial frames infer the inverse Lorentz transformation  $B \rightarrow A$ . **(8,4)**  
(b) We can write one of Maxwell's equation of  $\mathbf{B}$  in inertial frame 1 as  
$$\mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l}_1 = \mu_0 (\epsilon_0 \partial\phi_{E1}/\partial t_1 = i_1).$$
Write it in inertial frame 2 according to Einstein's principle of relativity. Does  $\mathbf{B}_1 = \mathbf{B}_2$ ? **(4,4)**
- Q.4.** (a) State and prove Bernoulli's Theorem. **(12)**  
(b) If the speed of flow past the lower surface of an airplane wing is 110 m/s. What speed of flow over the upper surface will give a pressure difference of 900 Pa between upper and lower surface? Take the density of air to be  $1.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g/cm}^3$ . **(8)**
- Q.5.** (a) Describe waves and its types. Derive an expression for speed of wave on a stretched string by Newton's second law. **(4,8)**  
(b) The equation of a transverse wave on a string is  
$$\mathbf{Y} = (2\text{mm}) \sin [(20\text{m}^{-1})\mathbf{x} - (600\text{s}^{-1})\mathbf{t}].$$
The tension in the string is 15N.  
(i) What is the wave speed?  
(ii) Find the linear density of this string in grams/meter. **(4,4)**
- Q.6.** (a) What is interference of waves? Describe all the necessary conditions for constructive and destructive interference. Explain one interferometer. **(2,6,4)**  
(b) Two sound waves from two coherent sources with same frequency 450 Hz are traveling in the same direction at 330 m/s. What is the phase difference of the waves at a point that is 4.4m from one source and 4m from the other source. **(8)**
- Q.7.** (a) State and explain Second Law of Thermodynamics. Prove that Clausius and Kelvin-Planck statements of it are equivalent. **(6,6)**  
(b) A Carnot engine operates between the temperatures 850 K and 300 K. The engine performs 1200 J of work each cycle, which takes 0.25 s. Calculate its efficiency and its average power. What are the rates of heat input and heat exhaust per cycle? **(8)**
- Q.8.** Write short notes on **ANY TWO** of the followings: **(10,10)**  
(i) Laser and its applications (ii) Classical Maxwell-Boltzmann Statistics  
(iii) Dynamics of rigid bodies

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- (i) The impedance of RLC series resonance circuit at resonant frequency is:  
(a) Greater than R (b) Equal to R (c) Zero (d) None of these
- (ii) An electron has a velocity of 10km/s normal to a magnetic field of 0.1 T flux density. If the radius of the path is 569nm then the frequency is:  
(a) 2.79 GHz (b) 3.1 MHz (c) 2.8 KHz (d) None of these
- (iii) If a current of 10 A flows through an electric heater for an hour and converts 8.64 MJ of electrical energy into heat energy. Then the potential difference across the heater is:  
(a) 864 V (b) 240 V (c) 100 V (d) None of these
- (iv) An alpha particle is accelerated to a velocity  $v$  in a particle accelerator by a potential difference of 1200 V. Which of the following potential differences would be needed to double the velocity of the alpha particle?  
(a) 2400 V (b) 3600 V (c) 4800 V (d) None of these
- (v) Two thin parallel wires carry currents along the same direction. The force experienced by one due to the other is:  
(a) Parallel to the lines (b) perpendicular to the lines and attractive  
(c) perpendicular to the lines and repulsive (d) None of these
- (vi) If 300 mA current is passing through an electric bulb, then the number of electrons passing through in one minute will be:  
(a)  $1.12 \times 10^{20}$  (b)  $1.6 \times 10^{19}$  (c)  $6.02 \times 10^{18}$  (d) None of these
- (vii) An electric iron of resistance 20  $\Omega$  takes a current of 5.0 A. The thermal energy developed in 30s is:  
(a) 15 kJ (b) 100 J (c) 10 J (d) None of these
- (viii) An ideal gas has a volume of exactly 1 liter at 1.00 atm and  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . To how many atmospheres pressure must it be subjected to be compressed to 0.500 liter at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ ?  
(a) 5.2 atm (b) 2.47 atm (c) 1.5 atm (d) None of these
- (ix) In Bohr's model the lowest orbit corresponds to:  
(a) Maximum energy (b) Minimum energy (c) Zero energy (d) None of these
- (x) The diffusion of the free electrons across the unbiased p-n junction produces:  
(a) Forward bias (b) Reverse bias (c) Depletion region (d) None of these
- (xi) The P-N junction, on forward biasing acts like a:  
(a) Capacitor (b) Inductor (c) Insulator (d) None of these
- (xii) The impedance at the resonant frequency of a series RLC circuits with  $L = 15 \text{ mH}$ ,  $C=0.015 \text{ F}$ , and  $R = 80 \Omega$ :  
(a) 0 K $\Omega$  (b) 30  $\Omega$  (c) 80  $\Omega$  (d) None of these
- (xiii) Weber is a unit of:  
(a) Magnetic field intensity (b) Magnetic Flux  
(c) Magnetic Flux Density (d) None of these
- (xiv) The magnetic flux through an element of area  $A$  in a uniform magnetic field  $B$  is expressed as:  
(a)  $AB$  (b)  $B \cdot A$  (c)  $A \times B$  (d) None of these
- (xv) In an electric circuit, currents flowing towards a node having four branches are 2A, -3A and 4A, then the current in the fourth branch is:  
(a) 2A (b) -3 A (c) 4 A (d) None of these

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- (xvi) With the passage of time, the rate of decay of a radioactive element will:  
(a) Increase exponentially (b) Decrease linearly  
(c) Becomes zero in two half-life time (d) None of these
- (xvii) The place where controlled fission chain reaction is carried is?  
(a) A black hole (b) A star (c) A reactor (d) None of these
- (xviii) In 19<sup>th</sup> century, Faraday and Maxwell worked on the unification of two forces named as:  
(a) Gravitational and Weak forces (b) Electric and magnetic forces  
(c) Weak and Strong forces (d) None of these
- (xix) Electromagnetic wave theory of light was proposed by:  
(a) Newton (b) Michelson (c) Maxwell (d) None of these
- (xx) The concept of field theory was put forward by:  
(a) Franklin (b) Kepler (c) Orsted (d) None of these

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- Q.2.** (a) State and prove Gauss law. Compare it with Coulomb's law for calculating electric field. (4+4+2)  
(b) Determine the **E** field caused by a spherical cloud of electrons with a volume charge density  $\rho = \rho_0$  for  $0 \leq R \leq b$  (both  $\rho_0$  and  $b$  are positive) and  $\rho = 0$  for  $R > b$ . Sketch the charge distribution and electric field for this charge. (6+4)
- Q.3.** (a) Explain Maxwell's equations. Write the fundamental relations for electrostatic and magnetostatic models. How these were modified to Maxwell's equations? What is the main contribution of Maxwell in this regard? (4+2+4+2)  
(b) Derive Maxwell's two divergence equations from its two curl equations and the equation of continuity. (4+4)
- Q.4.** (a) What are P-type and N-type semiconductors? Draw ampere-volt characteristic of a PN junction. Why there is sudden increase in the small reverse saturation current at the breakdown voltage? Write the uses of zener diode. (4+2+4+2)  
(b) What are transistors? Draw the three common transistor circuits. Explain the function of transistor in the saturation mode. (2+2+4)
- Q.5.** What is Compton Effect? Derive an expression for Compton shift. How it depends upon the scattering angle? What do you mean by Red Shift? (2+8+6+4)
- Q.6.** (a) Describe Schrodinger's wave equation. Normalize  $\Psi = Ae^{-\alpha x}$ , where  $A$  and  $\alpha$  are real constants,  $A$  has units of  $(\text{length})^{-1/2}$  and  $\alpha$  with units of  $(\text{length})^{-2}$ . (6+4)  
(b) What is the probability of finding the particle described by this wave function between  $x = 0.99$  and  $x = 1.01$  units? Also find the possible solution for  $E$  and  $V$ .  
[Given the integration from  $-\infty$  to  $+\infty \int_e^{-2x} dx = \sqrt{(\pi/2)}$ ] (4+6)
- Q.7.** (a) Explain Radioactive decay. Find an expression for decay rate. Relate half life to the disintegration constant. What are the units for the measurement of radioactivity? (4+6+2+2)  
(b) A 2.71g sample of radioactive KCl is decaying at a constant rate of 440 Bq into the isotope  $^{40}\text{K}$ , which constitutes 1.17% of the normal potassium. Calculate the half-life of this nuclide. (6)
- Q.8.** Write short notes on **ANY TWO** of the followings: (10,10)  
(i) Poynting theorem and Poynting vectors  
(ii) Elementary particles and their properties  
(iii) Unification of forces.

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