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I Semester M.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular) Examination, October 2023 (2023 Admission) PHYSICS MSPHY01C03 : Electrodynamics

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 60

PART - A

(Answer any five questions. Each question carries 3 marks.)

- 1. Derive Coulomb's law from Gauss's theorem.
- 2. What is cyclotron motion? Derive an expression for the radius of motion.
- 3. Consider a current I flowing along a uniform long and straight cylindrical wire of resistance R. What are the directions of electric and magnetic fields E and H associated with this current? What does the Poynting vector of these fields indicate?
- 4. Derive the equation of continuity from Maxwell's equations.
- 5. Express the Lorentz transformations in matrix form.
- 6. Write down the expression for retarded potentials.

PART - B

(Answer any three questions. Each question carries 6 marks.)

- 7. Derive Poynting theorem for plane electromagnetic wave in free space.
- 8. Discuss the image method for finding potential due to a charge placed in the vicinity of a grounded conducting plane. Derive expressions for the force, energy and induced charge on the conducting plane.



- 9. Derive the wave equation for a conducting medium and discuss its dispersive behaviour.
- 10. Briefly discuss how do the electromagnetic potentials transform under Lorentz transformations.
- 11. Explain what are retarded potentials.

PART - C

(Answer **any three** questions. **Each** question carries **9** marks.)

- 12. Discuss how Laplace's equation is solved in spherical coordinates for problems with azimuthal symmetry.
- 13. Discuss the problem of reflection and refraction of electromagnetic waves at a plane interface between dielectrics.
- 14. Derive Larmour formula for power radiated by accelerated charge and discuss its relativistic generalisation.
- 15. Rewrite electromagnetic equations in covariant form.
- 16. What is a wave guide? Show that TEM wave cannot be propagated in a closed wave guide. Explain the concept of TE and TM modes.

