



NAGARJUNA GOVERNMENT COLLEGE (A) -NALGONDA

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

B.Sc. (Physics) -I Year

Semester- II

Paper II: Thermal Physics (w.e.f 2025-26)

UNIT-I

Kinetic theory of gases: (3 Hours)

Introduction – Deduction of Maxwell’s law of distribution of molecular speeds, Transport Phenomena – Viscosity of gases – thermal conductivity – diffusion of gases.

Thermodynamics: (7 Hours)

Basics of thermodynamics-Carnot’s engine(qualitative)-Carnot’s theorem-Kelvin’s and Clausius statements – Thermodynamic scale of temperature – Entropy, physical significance – Change in entropy in reversible and irreversible processes – Entropy and disorder – Entropy of universe – Temperature- Entropy (T-S) diagram – Change of entropy of a perfect gas-change of entropy when ice changes into steam. Application of entropy in waste management.

UNIT-II

Thermodynamic potentials and Maxwell’s equations: (6 Hours)

Thermodynamic potentials – Derivation of Maxwell’s thermodynamic relations – Clausius-Clayperon’s equation – Derivation for ratio of specific heats – Derivation for difference of two specific heats for perfect gas.

Low temperature Physics: (8 Hours)

Joule Kelvin effect – Liquefaction of gas using porous plug experiment. Joule expansion – Distinction between adiabatic and Joule Thomson expansion – Expression for Joule Thomson cooling – Liquefaction of helium, Kapitza’s method – Adiabatic demagnetization – Production of low temperature- Principle of refrigeration, vapour compression type, Thermocouple- Seebeck effect, Peltier effect and Thomson’s effect.

UNIT-III

Quantum theory of radiation: (12 Hours)

Black body-Ferry’s black body – distribution of energy in the spectrum of Black body – Wein’s displacement law, Wein’s law, Rayleigh-Jean’s law – Quantum theory of radiation - Planck’s law – deduction of Wein’s law, Rayleigh-Jeans law, Stefan’s law from Planck’s law.

Measurement of radiation using pyrometers – Disappearing filament optical pyrometer – Angstrom pyro heliometer - determination of solar constant, effective temperature of sun.

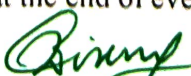
UNIT-IV

Statistical Mechanics: (12 Hours)

Introduction, postulates of statistical mechanics. Phase space, concept of ensembles and types of ensembles, classical and quantum statistics and their differences, concept of probability, Maxwell-Boltzmann’s distribution law -Molecular energies in an ideal gas- Maxwell-Boltzmann’s velocity distribution law, Bose-Einstein Distribution law- application to Photon energy, Fermi-Dirac Distribution law – free electron gas, comparison of three distribution laws.

NOTE: Problems should be solved at the end of every chapter of all units.


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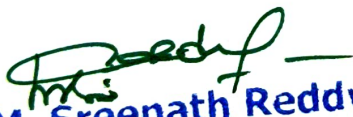

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Textbooks

1. **Fundamentals of Physics.** Halliday/Resnick/Walker.C. *Wiley India Edition 2007.*
2. **Second Year Physics – Telugu Academy.**
3. **Modern Physics** by R. Murugesan and Kiruthiga Siva Prasath (for statistical Mechanics) *S. Chand & Co.*

Reference Books

1. **Modern Physics** by G. Aruldhas and P. Rajagopal, *Eastern Economy Education.*
2. Berkeley Physics Course. Volume-5. **Statistical Physics** by F. Reif. *The McGraw-Hill Companies.*
3. **An Introduction to Thermal Physics** by Daniel V. Schroeder. *Pearson Education Low Price Edition.*
4. **Thermodynamics** by R.C. Srivastava, Subit K. Saha & Abhay K. Jain *Eastern Economy Edition.*
5. **Feynman's Lectures on Physics** Vol. 1,2,3 & 4. *Narosa Publications.*
6. B.B. Laud "Introduction to statistics Mechanics" (Macmillan 1981)
7. F.Reif: "Statistical Physics" (Mcgraw-Hill, 1998)
8. K.Haung: "Statistical Physics" (Wiley Eastern 198)
9. Modern Engineering Physics by A.S.Vasudeva. S.Chand & Co. Publications


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SEMESTER-II


PAPER- II : Thermal Physics Practicals


1. Co-efficient of thermal conductivity of a bad conductor by Lee's method.
2. Measurement of Stefan's constant.
3. Specific heat of a liquid by applying Newton's law of cooling correction.
4. Heating efficiency of electrical kettle with varying voltages.
5. Calibration of thermo couple
6. Cooling Curve of a metallic body
7. Resistance thermometer
8. Thermal expansion of solids
9. Study of conversion of mechanical energy to heat.
10. Determination of the Specific of a solid (graphite rod)
11. Simulation for T-S diagram

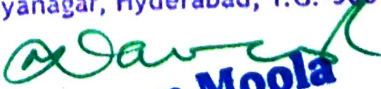
Note: Minimum of eight experiments should be performed. Maximum of 15 students per batch and maximum of three students per experiment should be allotted in the regular practical class of three hours per week.

Suggested Books

- 1.D.P. Khandelwal, "A laboratory manual for undergraduate classes"
(Vani Publishing House, New Delhi).
2. S.P. Singh, "Advanced Practical Physics" (Pragathi Prakashan, Meerut).
3. Worsnop and Flint- Advanced Practical physics for students.
4. "Practical Physics" R.K Shukla, Anchal Srivastava


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