

Semester Examination, 2021
M. Sc. Physics, III Semester,
MPH E-305, FUNDAMENTAL ATMOSPHERIC PHYSICS

Time: 3 hrs

M.M. 70, Pass percentage 40

Note: This paper consists of two sections, A and B. Attempt both the sections as per given instructions.

Section A

Instructions: Attempt FIVE questions (6 marks each) in about 150 words each.

- Q1. Explain the formation of weather fronts through horizontal wind shear.
- Q2. Obtain the value of vertical wind shear.
- Q3. What is Stefan-Boltzmann law? Calculate the equivalent black body temperature of solar photosphere if flux density of solar radiation reaching earth is 1368 Wm^{-2} , the sun earth distance is $1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$ and radius of photosphere, $7 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$.
- Q4. Assuming the earth to be in radiative balance with planetary albedo of 0.3, calculate its equivalent black body temperature.
- Q5. Explain the radiative balance of solar radiation and resulting temperature of the earth's surface.
- Q6. What is role of carbon di oxide in global warming?
- Q7. Explain the formation of Antarctic ozone hole and reason for absence of such Arctic hole.
- Q8. What is biological impact of Ultraviolet Radiation?
- Q9. What is air quality index and how is it measured? Describe different ranges of air quality index.
- Q10. What is the unit of noise pollution? What is the limiting value for noise?

Section B

Instructions: Attempt FOUR questions (10 marks each) in detail.

- Q11. Give the vertical thermal structure of Atmosphere. Also describe the reason for the variation of temperature with height in each region.
- Q12. Starting from equation of hydrostatic equilibrium find the variation of atmospheric pressure with height and dry adiabatic lapse rate of an air parcel rising in the atmosphere.
- Q13. What is Wein's displacement law? Compute temperature of the sun for which wavelength of maximum solar emission is observed to be about $0.475 \mu\text{m}$. Explain with appropriate emission spectra at respective temperatures, as to why cloudy nights are warmer than clear nights.
- Q14. Explain Physics of scattering, absorption and emission with particular reference to (i) Scattering By air molecules and particles. (ii) Absorption by particles. (iii) Absorption and emission by gas molecules.
- Q15. A parallel beam of radiation is passing through a 100 m thick layer of absorbing gas with average density of 0.1 kg m^{-3} at an angle of 60° relative to the normal. Calculate the optical thickness, transmissivity, and absorptivity of the layer at wavelengths for which the mass absorption coefficients are 10^{-3} , 10^{-1} and $1 \text{ m}^2 \text{ kg}^{-1}$.
- Q16. Describe solar spectrum, its variation at outer boundary of atmosphere and at sea level and its interaction with matter. Derive Beer's law for attenuation of radiation by the medium.
- Q17. Explain the global warming and radiative forcing. What are the feedback effects on them?
- Q18. What are different parameters of water pollution and how are they measured? What are the

limiting values of these parameters for safe drinking water?