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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES**

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**APRIL/MAY, 2019 EXAMINATIONS**

**COURSE CODE: PHY 311**

**COURSE TITLE: KINETIC THEORY AND STATISTICAL MECHANICS**

**CREDIT UNIT 2**

**TIME ALLOWED (2 HRS)**

**INSTRUCTION: *Answer question 1 and any other three questions***

**QUESTION 1**

1. Define the following terms:

(i) Statistical Mechanics **(3 marks)**

(ii) Events **(3 marks)**

(iii) Sample space **(3 marks)**

b) State the single particle partition function for an ideal monoatomic gas consisting of particles, each of mass and occupying a volume. **(4 marks)**

c) Give the mathematical equation generated by the following laws for energy density

i) Rayleigh Jean law **(2 marks)**

ii) Bose derivation of Planck’s law **(2 marks)**

iii) Wien’s law **(2 marks)**

d) Define the distribution function for Bose-Einstein and Fermi-Dirac. Also in each case define the function for the continuous distribution. **(6 marks)**

**QUESTION 2**

1. Given a universal set , draw the Venn diagram with a shaded portion indicating i) **(3 marks)**

ii) **(4 marks)**

1. An unbiased die is rolled write down the sample space for the experiment.

If two coins are tossed, what is the probability that:

1. two tail appears (4 marks)
2. ii) at least one head appears. (4 marks)

**QUESTION 3**

1. Define the terms: i) Permutation **(3 marks)**

ii) Combination **(3 marks)**

b) Give the mathematical expression for Permutation and Combination. **(4 marks)**

c) Nine Physicists assembled for a meeting shake hands with one another. How many

handshakes take place? **(5 marks)**

**QUESTION 4**

1. State the function of the following terms under Statistical Ensembles
2. Micro Canonica Ensemble **(3 marks)**
3. Canonical Community **(3 marks)**
4. Grand Canonical **(3 marks)**
5. Derive the qualitative theoretical explanation provided by Einstein to

determine the heat capacity of a solid. **(6 marks)**

**QUESTION 5**

a) State the equation that defined the partition function for all systems in

thermal equilibrium with a heat bath.. **(3 marks)**

1. Derive the probability to show that when a system is placed in a heat

bath it will be in a particular state. **(12 marks)**