

Latest Revised Syllabus Issued by CBSE for Academic Year (2020-2021)

PHYSICS (CODE NO. 042)

Time: 3 Hours

THEORY

Max. Marks: 70

Unit	Title	No. of Periods	Marks
I	Electrostatics Chapter–1: Electric Charges and Fields Chapter–2: Electrostatic Potential and Capacitance	23	16
II	Current Electricity Chapter–3: Current Electricity	15	
III	Magnetic Effects of Current and Magnetism Chapter–4: Moving Charges and Magnetism Chapter–5: Magnetism and Matter	16	17
IV	Electromagnetic Induction and Alternating Currents Chapter–6: Electromagnetic Induction Chapter–7: Alternating Current	19	
V	Electromagnetic Waves Chapter–8: Electromagnetic Waves	2	18
VI	Optics Chapter–9: Ray Optics and Optical Instruments Chapter–10: Wave Optics	18	
VII	Dual Nature of Radiation and Matter Chapter–11: Dual Nature of Radiation and Matter	7	12
VIII	Atoms and Nuclei Chapter–12: Atoms Chapter–13: Nuclei	11	
IX	Electronic Devices Chapter–14: Semiconductor Electronics: Materials, Devices and Simple Circuits	7	7
	Total	118	70

Unit I: Electrostatics

23 Periods

Chapter-1: Electric Charges and Fields

Electric Charges; Conservation of charge, Coulomb's law-force between two point charges, forces between multiple charges; superposition principle and continuous charge distribution.

Electric field, electric field due to a point charge, electric field lines, electric dipole, electric field due to a dipole, torque on a dipole in uniform electric field.

Electric flux, statement of Gauss's theorem and its applications to find field due to infinitely long straight wire, uniformly charged infinite plane sheet.

✘	Uniformly charged thin spherical shell (field inside and outside).
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Chapter-2: Electrostatic Potential and Capacitance

Electric potential, potential difference, electric potential due to a point charge, a dipole and system of charges; equipotential surfaces, electrical potential energy of a system of two point charges and of electric dipole in an electrostatic field.

Conductors and insulators, free charges and bound charges inside a conductor. Dielectrics and electric polarisation, capacitors and capacitance, combination of capacitors in series and in parallel, capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor with and without dielectric medium between the plates, energy stored in a capacitor.

Unit II: Current Electricity

15 Periods

Chapter-3: Current Electricity

Electric current, flow of electric charges in a metallic conductor, drift velocity, mobility and their relation with electric current; Ohm's law, electrical resistance, V-I characteristics (linear and non-linear), electrical energy and power, electrical resistivity and conductivity temperature dependence of resistance.

Internal resistance of a cell, potential difference and emf of a cell, combination of cells in series and in parallel, Kirchhoff's laws and simple applications, Wheatstone bridge, metre bridge (Qualitative ideas only).

Potentiometer - principle and its applications to measure potential difference and for comparing EMF of two cells; measurement of internal resistance of a cell (Qualitative ideas only).

✘	Carbon resistors, colour code for carbon resistors; Series and parallel combinations of resistors.
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Unit III: Magnetic Effects of Current and Magnetism

16 Periods

Chapter-4: Moving Charges and Magnetism

Concept of magnetic field, Oersted's experiment.

Biot - Savart law and its application to current carrying circular loop.

Ampere's law and its applications to infinitely long straight wire. Straight and toroidal solenoids (only qualitative treatment), force on a moving charge in uniform magnetic and electric fields.

Force on a current-carrying conductor in a uniform magnetic field, force between two parallel current-carrying conductors-definition of ampere, torque experienced by a current loop in uniform magnetic field; moving coil galvanometer-its current sensitivity and conversion to ammeter and voltmeter.

✘	Cyclotron.
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Chapter-5: Magnetism and Matter

Current loop as a magnetic dipole and its magnetic dipole moment, magnetic dipole moment of a revolving electron, bar magnet as an equivalent solenoid, magnetic field lines; earth's magnetic field and magnetic elements.

✘	Magnetic field intensity due to a magnetic dipole (bar magnet) along its axis and perpendicular to its axis, torque on a magnetic dipole (bar magnet) in a uniform magnetic field; Para-, dia- and ferro - magnetic substances, with examples. Electromagnets and factors affecting their strengths, permanent magnets.
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Unit IV: Electromagnetic Induction and Alternating Currents

19 Periods

Chapter-6: Electromagnetic Induction

Electromagnetic induction; Faraday's laws, induced EMF and current; Lenz's Law, Eddy currents. Self and mutual induction.

Chapter-7: Alternating Current

Alternating currents, peak and RMS value of alternating current/voltage; reactance and impedance; LC oscillations (qualitative treatment only), LCR series circuit, resonance; power in AC circuits.

AC generator and transformer.

✘	Wattless current.
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Unit V: Electromagnetic waves

02 Periods

Chapter-8: Electromagnetic Waves

Electromagnetic waves, their characteristics, their Transverse nature (qualitative ideas only).

Electromagnetic spectrum (radio waves, microwaves, infrared, visible, ultraviolet, X-rays, gamma rays) including elementary facts about their uses.

✘	Basic idea of displacement current.
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Unit VI: Optics

18 Periods

Chapter-9: Ray Optics and Optical Instruments

Ray Optics: Refraction of light, total internal reflection and its applications, optical fibres, refraction at spherical surfaces, lenses, thin lens formula, lensmaker's formula, magnification, power of a lens, combination of thin lenses in contact, refraction of light through a prism.

Optical instruments: Microscopes and astronomical telescopes (reflecting and refracting) and their magnifying powers.

✘	Reflection of light, spherical mirrors, mirror formula; Dispersion; Scattering of light - blue colour of sky and reddish appearance of the sun at sunrise and sunset.
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Chapter-10: Wave Optics

Wave optics: Wave front and Huygen's principle, reflection and refraction of plane wave at a plane surface using wave fronts. Proof of laws of reflection and refraction using Huygen's principle. Interference, Young's double slit experiment and expression for fringe width, coherent sources and sustained interference of light, diffraction due to a single slit, width of central maximum.

✘	Resolving power of microscope and astronomical telescope, polarisation, plane polarised light, Brewster's law, uses of plane polarised light and Polaroids.
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Unit VII: Dual Nature of Radiation and Matter

07 Periods

Chapter-11: Dual Nature of Radiation and Matter

Dual nature of radiation, Photoelectric effect, Hertz and Lenard's observations; Einstein's photoelectric equation-particle nature of light.

Matter waves-wave nature of particles, de-Broglie relation.

✘	Davisson-Germer experiment (experimental details should be omitted; Only conclusion should be explained).
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Unit VIII: Atoms and Nuclei

11 Periods

Chapter-12: Atoms

Alpha-particle scattering experiment; Rutherford's model of atom; Bohr model, energy levels, hydrogen spectrum.

Chapter-13: Nuclei

Composition and size of nucleus.

Mass-energy relation, mass defect; nuclear fission, nuclear fusion.

✘	Radioactivity, alpha, beta and gamma particles/rays and their properties; radioactive decay law. Binding energy per nucleon and its variation with mass number.
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Unit IX: Electronic Devices

07 Periods

Chapter-14: Semiconductor Electronics: Materials, Devices and Simple Circuits

Energy bands in conductors, semiconductors and insulators (qualitative ideas only)

Semiconductor diode - I-V characteristics in forward and reverse bias, diode as a rectifier; Special purpose p-n junction diodes: LED, photodiode, solar cell.

✘	Zener diode and their characteristics, zener diode as a voltage regulator.
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Note: Topics/Chapters/Units in the boxes are not in the syllabus for the academic year 2020-21.