

Semester-V
Open Course: Credits-3 (72 Hrs)
PH5OPT02: Physics in Daily Life

Module I

Unit 1 (8 hours)

Fundamental and derived quantities. Units and dimensions, dimensional analysis, order of magnitude, significant figures, errors.

Unit 2 Light (12 Hours)

Reflection, refraction, diffraction, interference, scattering (elementary ideas only) – examples from daily life – apparent depth, blue color of sky, twinkling of stars. Total internal reflection, mirage, sparkling of diamond, primary and secondary rainbow – optical fibers. Concave and convex mirrors, lenses – focal length, power of a lens, refractive index, prism, dispersion. Human eye, defects of the eye – myopia, hypermetropia, presbyopia and astigmatism and their correction by lens.

Module II

Unit 3 Motion (12 Hours)

Velocity, acceleration, momentum, Idea of inertia, force - laws of motion. Newton's law of gravitation, acceleration due to gravity, mass and weight, apparent weight, weightlessness. Rotational motion, Moment of inertia, torque, centripetal and centrifugal acceleration examples- banking of curves, centrifugal pump, roller coasters.

Unit 4 Electricity 10 Hours)

Voltage and current, ohms law. Electric energy, electric power, calculation of energy requirement of electric appliances – transformer, generator, hydroelectric power generation – wind power – solar power – nuclear power

Module III

Unit 5 Matter and energy (18 Hours)

Different phases of matter, fluids - surface tension, viscosity- capillary rise, Bernoulli's theorem and applications. Heat energy, temperature, different temperature scales – degree Celsius, Fahrenheit and Kelvin. Waves – transverse and longitudinal waves, sound waves, Doppler Effect. Lasers, fluorescence, phosphorescence, electromagnetic waves – applications – microwave oven, radar, super conductivity.

Unit 6 Universe (12 hours)

Planets, – solar system, moon- faces of moon, lunar and solar eclipses, constellations, Different types of stars, Galaxies, black hole. Satellites, Artificial satellites, Global positioning system. Geo stationary satellite.

Reference Texts

1. Fundamentals of Physics with Applications by Arthur Beiser
2. Conceptual Physics by Paul G Hewitt