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 accelerationexamples- 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