

**Final exam program**  
on discipline “**Introduction to the nucleus theory**” for 4<sup>th</sup> course students  
for specialty “5B060400 –Physics”

The proposed program for the discipline “**Introduction to the nucleus theory**” is made according to the discipline's syllabus. The program determines the requirements for the levels of mastering the academic discipline, to which the student should be capable of learning: demonstrate acquired knowledge (specifically) and it's understanding; demonstrate an understanding of the overall structure of the study field and the relations between its elements (specifically); include new knowledge in the context of basic knowledge, interpret its contents; constructive educational and social interaction and cooperation in the group; propose to consider a problem, to reason its importance; accept criticism and to criticize; work in a team; recognize the role of taken course in the implementation of individual learning paths. The system of descriptor verbs must be used during the formation of competences; active and interactive methods is recommended to ensure deeper understanding and learning of educational material and to achieve learning outcomes of the course.

**The aim of the course:** learning the modern physics of atom nucleus and quantum mechanics of many-particle systems..

At the exam, students will be asked two theoretical questions (33 points each) and one practical question 34 point).

**Exam questions:**

1.	Give definition and describe the interactions relate to fundamental.	Lecture № 1
2.	List the fundamental interactions in ascending order of the relative intensity.	Lecture № 1
3.	Describe the gravitational waves and the possible sources of their nature.	Lecture № 2
4.	Explain in which physical phenomena is weak interactions occur.	Lecture № 2
5.	Describe weak interactions and explain why they are considered as short-action.	Lecture № 2
6.	Describe the values of the interaction energy which can be talked about merger of weak and electromagnetic interactions.	Lecture № 3
7.	Describe pions and gluons are two kinds of quanta in the strong interaction.	Lecture № 4
8.	Describe an importance of neutrinos on thermonuclear processes inside the Sun and stars.	Lecture № 4
9.	Describe the registration of neutrinos.	Lecture № 5
10.	Give definition and describe neutrino oscillations.	Lecture № 5
11.	Describe what changes have been the concept of "rest mass" and "relativistic mass" in recent developments in particle physics.	Lecture № 5
12.	Explain the meant of the terms "technology" and "quantum" sensitivity limits in the physical experiment.	Lecture № 5
13.	Explain "Colored" and "colorless" particles.	Lecture № 5
14.	Give definition and describe the cumulative particle.	Lecture № 5
15.	Explain the concept of "mass defect" and how they define the "valley of stability".	Lecture № 6
16.	Explain four groups which are divided presently known radioactive processes.	Lecture № 6
17.	Characterize the model of "liquid drop" which explains nuclear fission.	Lecture № 6
18.	Give definition and describe which nuclei characterized proton and double-proton radioactivity.	Lecture № 7
19.	Explain a cluster radioactivity.	Lecture № 7
20.	Explain beams of accelerated radioactive nuclei which are used to obtain and study of exotic isotopes.	Lecture № 7
21.	Specify the main features and characteristics of the interactions of charged particles.	Lecture № 7
22.	Specify the main features of the strong interaction.	Lecture № 4
23.	Describe the basic characteristics of the weak interaction.	Lecture № 2
24.	Describe the particles or field which creates interaction.	Lecture № 1

25.	Describe the particles that are elementary components of matter.	Lecture № 8
26.	Explain the meaning of quantum number "color" for quark.	Lecture № 5
27.	Describe the difference of "gluons" and quarks.	Lecture № 8
28.	Explain the meaning and describe Feynman diagrams.	Lecture № 15
29.	Give definition and describe Planck's constant.	Lecture № 8
30.	Explain the physical meaning of indeterminacy.	Lecture № 9
31.	Explain what an important role plays weak interaction in the formation of our Universe.	Lecture № 10
32.	Explain why do we need high-energy particle accelerators and why they can be used to understand the physics of the early Universe.	Lecture № 9
33.	Describe the Large Hadron Collider.	Lecture № 9
34.	Describe a cyclotron and the basic principles of its operation.	Lecture № 9
35.	Give definition and describe Yukawa potential and the Coulomb potential - describe their main characteristics and differences.	Lecture № 10
36.	Give definition and describe leptons. Give the types of leptons and their characteristics.	Lecture № 10
37.	Give definition and describe spins of elementary particles.	Lecture № 10
38.	Give definition and describe Pauli principle and structure of nuclei. Describe the construction of the electron orbits in atoms.	Lecture № 10
39.	Describe Fermi and Bose particles.	Lecture № 11
40.	Give examples of the properties of particles associated with quantum number "strangeness".	Lecture № 11
41.	Describe the binding energy of the nuclei.	Lecture № 10
42.	Explain how to determine the binding energy of the nucleus, knowing the mass of the nucleus, the mass of the proton and neutron.	Lecture № 10
43.	Find a specific energy of a nucleus of a helium atom.	Lecture № 11
44.	Determine the total binding energy of a nucleus of uranium-238.	Lecture № 12
45.	Determine the total specific binding energy of a nucleus of molybdenum-96.	Lecture № 12
46.	Determine the total binding energy of a nucleus of osmium -191.	Lecture № 12
47.	Describe the types of radioactivity of different nuclei.	Lecture № 12
48.	Describe the reaction of the alpha decay of nuclei.	Lecture № 13
49.	Describe the reaction of the beta decay of nuclei.	Lecture № 13
50.	Describe reaction of electron capture.	Lecture № 13
51.	Give definition and describe gamma and beta radiation of nuclei.	Lecture № 13
52.	Analyze the reaction of spontaneous fission of heavy nuclei. Describe the fission products.	Lecture № 13
53.	Explain principle of operation of nuclear reactors based on uranium fission.	Lecture № 13
54.	Describe fission chain reaction.	Lecture № 13
55.	Analyze the reaction of light nuclei. Write the fusion reaction of protons with form of deuterium nuclei.	Lecture № 14
56.	Give definition and describe burning the nuclei of hydrogen atoms on the Sun.	Lecture № 14
57.	Give definition and describe cycles of thermonuclear burning of hydrogen with form of helium nuclei.	Lecture № 14
58.	Explain what means "island of stability" for the nuclei of chemical elements.	Lecture № 11
59.	Characterize properties of nuclei far from island of stability. Give examples.	Lecture № 15
60.	Explain abundances of chemical elements in nature.	Lecture № 15

### ***Evaluation and attestation policy***

#### **Criteria-based evaluation:**

Assessment of learning outcomes in correlation with descriptors (verification of competence formation during midterm control and examinations).

#### **Summative evaluation:**

evaluation of the presence and activity of the work in the classroom; assessment of the assignment, independent work of students, (project/casestudy/ program/...)

The formula for calculating the final grade.

$$\text{Final grade for the discipline} = \frac{IC1 + IC2}{2} \cdot 0,6 + 0,1MT + 0,3FC$$

Below are the minimum estimates in percentage terms:

95% - 100%: A

90% - 94%: A-

85 % - 89%: B

80% - 84%: B

75% - 79%: B-

70% - 74%: C+

65% - 69%: C

60% - 64%: C-

55% - 59%: D+

50% - 54%: D-

0% -49%: F

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