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<p style="text-align: center;">UPES End Semester Examination May 2025</p>			
Course: SOLAR PHYSICS Program: B.Sc. Physics Hons. Course Code: PHYS 3025P		Semester: 6th Time : 03 hrs. Max. Marks: 100	
Instructions: Instructions: Explain all the answers with appropriate diagrams.			
SECTION A (5Qx4M=20Marks)			
S. No.		Marks	CO
Q 1	Explain the space-based observatories to study the properties of the Solar flare dynamics on the Sun?	4	CO2
Q 2	Explain the dark spot cycle in the Sun.	4	CO1
Q 3	Describe how solar flares affect Earth's atmosphere.	4	CO2
Q 4	Discuss the relation between luminosity and the brightness of a star? The photosphere of the Sun emits nearly at the wavelength of 510 nm. Determine the effective temperature of the photo sphere (proportionality constant is 2898 micrometer-K)?	4	CO1
Q 5	Explain the influence of magnetic fields in solar plasma dynamics and discuss the importance of self-induction?	4	CO4
SECTION B (4Qx10M= 40 Marks)			
Q 6	Derive the Zeeman splitting formula for the Sun's magnetic field? A solar flare occurs when the magnetic field in the Sun's atmosphere reconnects. If the magnetic fields before reconnection are $B_1 = 3$ Gauss and $B_2 = 4$ Gauss, and the area of reconnection is $A = 1 \times 10^{12} m^2$, calculate the change in magnetic flux?	10	CO4
Q 7	Briefly explain the structure of the Sun and in what manner energy transport phenomena take place in the convection zone of the Sun.	10	CO2
Q 8	What do you understand by the solar cycle? An astronomer records the following sunspot data over a	10	CO4

	<p>week:</p> <table><tr><td> Day</td><td> Groups (G)</td><td> Spots(S)</td></tr><tr><td> -----</td><td> -----</td><td> ----- </td></tr><tr><td> Monday</td><td> 6</td><td> 45</td></tr><tr><td> Tuesday</td><td> 7</td><td> 50</td></tr><tr><td> Wednesday</td><td> 5</td><td> 40</td></tr><tr><td> Thursday</td><td> 8</td><td> 55</td></tr><tr><td> Friday</td><td> 6</td><td> 42</td></tr></table> <p>Calculate the daily Wolf Number assuming k = 1 and find the average Wolf Number over the five days.</p>	Day	Groups (G)	Spots(S)	-----	-----	-----	Monday	6	45	Tuesday	7	50	Wednesday	5	40	Thursday	8	55	Friday	6	42		
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Q 9	Explain the CNO (Carbon – Nitrogen -Oxygen) cycle and derive the necessary equations.	10	CO4																					
SECTION-C (2Qx20M=40 Marks)																								
Q 10	<p>How does the study of solar flares take place in X-ray? Explain the thermal and non-thermal emission mechanism of electromagnetic radiation from the Sun? Solar flare occurs when the magnetic field in the Sun’s atmosphere reconnects if magnetic fields before reconnection are 3 G and 4G area of reconnection is 10¹² meter square. Calculate change in magnetic flux.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Briefly explain the solar flare and CME phenomenon on the SUN.</p> <p>The solar wind expands spherically from the surface of the sun with a velocity of 400 km/sec at distance of 1 solar radius. Assuming density of particle at this distance is 5 × 10⁶ particles per cm cube. Calculate particle density at distance of 2 solar radii.</p>	20	CO4																					
Q 11	Briefly explain the structure of the Sun and in what manner energy transport phenomena take place in the convection zone of the Sun.	20	CO2																					

	<p>For the Zeeman splitting to be observable, the splitting of the spectral line should be at least $\Delta\lambda = 0.1 \text{ pm}$. Calculate the minimum magnetic field required for this to happen for a spectral line of wavelength $\lambda = 500 \text{ nm}$?</p>		
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