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Module 5: Multiple choice questions:

- 1. In a coherent state the probability of detecting 2 photons is 1% of the probability of detecting one photon. The probability of detecting no photons is
 - a) 99%
 - b) 98%
 - c) 1%
 - d) Zero
- 2. The total number of photons in the following state is

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[|1_1, 0_2, 0_3\rangle + |0_1, 1_2, 0_3\rangle + |0_1, 0_2, 1_3\rangle]$$

- a) Three
- b) Two
- c) One
- d) Cannot be specified
- 3. A two mode state defined by

$$|\psi\rangle = |1_1, 1_2\rangle$$

State which of the following statements are true:

- a) This is an eigen state of the total photon number operator
- b) This is not an eigenstate of the total photon number operator
- c) This is an eigen state of the electric field operator.
- d) The number of photons in each state is undefined.
- 4. A two mode state is given by

$$|\psi\rangle = A(|0\rangle_1 + |1\rangle_1)|1\rangle_2$$

Subscripts 1 and 2 refer to the mode numbers. State which of the following statements are true:

- a) This is an eigenstate of the total photon number opearator
- b) This is not an eigenstate of the total photon number operator
- c) This is an eigenstate of the photon number operator corresponding to mode 1
- d) This is an eigenstate of the photon number operator corresponding to mode 2

5. Consider the following two two mode states:

$$|\psi\rangle_1=|2_1,2_2\rangle$$

And

$$|\psi\rangle_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}|2_1\rangle + \frac{1}{2}|2_2\rangle$$

- a) Both the states contain two photons each
- b) Both states contain four photons
- c) State $|\psi
 angle_1$ contains 2 photons while state $|\psi
 angle_2$ contains 4 photons
- d) State $|\psi\rangle_1$ contains 4 photons while state $|\psi\rangle_2$ contains 2 photons

Answers of module 5 MCQs:

A1: [Ans: only (b)]

A2: [Ans: only (c)]

A3: [Ans: only (a)]

A4: [Ans: only (b)&(d)]

A5: [Ans: only (d)]