- (a) What is the 'proper time' in special theory of relativity? (10%) (b) The muon lifetime at rest is about 2.22 μs. What is the lifetime of a cosmic ray produced muon traveling at 98% of the speed of light? (10%)
- 2. Show that a free electron cannot absorb a photon and conserve both energy and momentum in the process. Hence, the photoelectric process requires a bound electron. (20%)
- 3. Consider a body rotating freely about a fixed axis. Apply Wilson-Sommerfeld quantization rules to find out the possible values of the total energy. (Express it with moment of inertia) (20%)
- 4. The time-independent wavefunction Ψ(x) for the second excited energy state of a simple harmonic oscillator, consisting of a particle of mass m acted on by a linear restoring force of force constant C, can be expressed as ψ₂(x) = A₂(1-2u²)e^{-u²/2}, where u is related to the Coordinate x by the equation u = [(Cm)^{1/4}η^{1/2}]x. (a) Find out the corresponding Eigen-energy of this state. (10%) (b) Evaluate the expectation value of the momentum p. (10%)
- 5. Consider a particle moving in the potential V(x) illustrated in the figure, that has a rectangular region of depth V₀, and width a. (a) Make a quantitative calculation of the transmission coefficient for an unbound particle moving over such a potential. (10%) (b) Find the condition on the total energy of the particle which makes the transmission coefficient equal to one. (10%)

