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$$2. a) \psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_1$$

$$\hat{a}_\pm = \frac{m\omega x \mp i\hat{p}}{\sqrt{2\hbar m\omega}} \Rightarrow \hat{x} = \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (\hat{a}_+ + \hat{a}_-)$$

$$\langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_0^* - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_1^* \right) \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} (\hat{a}_+ + \hat{a}_-)}_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\psi_1 - \sqrt{2} \psi_2 - \psi_0)} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (-1 - 1) \sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}} = -\sqrt{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}}$$

$$b) \langle V \rangle = \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \langle x^2 \rangle$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_0^* - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_1^* \right) \overbrace{\frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (\hat{a}_+^2 + \hat{a}_-^2 + \hat{a}_+ \hat{a}_- + \hat{a}_- \hat{a}_+)}^{x^2} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_0^* - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_1^* \right) \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{2} \psi_2 - \sqrt{2} \psi_3 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \psi_0 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{2} \sqrt{2} \psi_1 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \frac{1}{2} (1 + 1 + 2) = \frac{\hbar}{m\omega}$$

$$\langle V \rangle = \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \frac{\hbar}{m\omega} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2}$$

c) $\psi_{0,1}$ are stationary states and evolve in time as $\psi_{\alpha}(x) e^{-iE_{\alpha}t/\hbar}$.
 By the linearity of the Schrödinger eq. we have

$$\begin{aligned}\Psi(x,t) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-iEt/\hbar} \psi_0(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-iEt/\hbar} \psi_1(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\omega t/2} \psi_0(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i3\omega t/2} \psi_1(x)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}d) \langle \hat{H} \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\omega t/2} \psi_0^*(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i3\omega t/2} \psi_1^*(x) \right) \\ &\quad \hat{H} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\omega t/2} \psi_0(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i3\omega t/2} \psi_1(x) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} e^{-i\omega t/2} \psi_0(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{3\hbar\omega}{2} e^{-i3\omega t/2} \psi_1(x) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{3\hbar\omega}{2} = \hbar\omega \quad (\text{independent of time})\end{aligned}$$

e) Again, $\langle V \rangle = \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \langle x^2 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle x^2 \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \Psi^*(x,t) \hat{x}^2 \Psi(x,t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\omega t/2} \psi_0^*(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i3\omega t/2} \psi_1^*(x) \right) \\ &\quad \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} (\hat{a}_+^2 + \hat{a}_-^2 + \hat{a}_+ \hat{a}_- + \hat{a}_- \hat{a}_+) \\ &\quad \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i\omega t/2} \psi_0(x) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} e^{-i3\omega t/2} \psi_1(x) \right)\end{aligned}$$

from the $(1/\sqrt{2})^2$ in the wave function

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$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left(e^{i\omega t} \psi_0^* + e^{i3\omega t} \psi_1^* \right) \left(e^{-i\omega t} (\sqrt{2} \psi_2 + \psi_0) - e^{-3i\omega t} (\sqrt{6} \psi_3 + \psi_1 + \sqrt{2} \psi_1) \right)$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{4m\omega} [1 + 3] = \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega}$$

$$\langle V \rangle = \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{m\omega^2}{2} \frac{\hbar}{2m\omega} = \frac{\hbar\omega}{2} \quad (\text{independent of time})$$

$$1. a) \quad 1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx |\psi(x)|^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx A^2 e^{-2\alpha x^2} = A^2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} \Rightarrow \boxed{\psi(x) = \left(\frac{2\alpha}{\pi}\right)^{1/4} e^{-\alpha x^2 - i p x}}$$

$$b) \quad \langle x \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi(x)^* x \psi(x) = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + i p x} x e^{-\alpha x^2 - i p x}$$

$$= A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x^2} x = 0 \quad (\text{odd integrand})$$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi(x)^* x^2 \psi(x) = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x^2} x^2 = \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha}{\pi}} \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2^3 \alpha^3}} \frac{4\alpha}{4}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{16\alpha^2}} \alpha = \frac{1}{4\alpha}$$

$$\boxed{\sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\alpha}}}$$

$$c) \quad \text{probability} = \int_0^{\infty} dx |\psi(x)|^2 = \int_0^{\infty} dx A^2 e^{-2\alpha x^2}$$

$$= \frac{\int_0^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x^2}}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x^2}} = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{symmetric integrand})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d) \langle p \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi(x)^* \hat{p} \psi(x) = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + i\beta x} \left(-i\hbar \frac{d}{dx} \right) e^{-\alpha x^2 - i\beta x} \\
 &= -i\hbar A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + i\beta x} (-2\alpha x - i\beta) e^{-\alpha x^2 - i\beta x} \\
 &= +i\hbar A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x^2} (2\alpha x + i\beta) \\
 &\quad \text{0 (odd integrand)} \\
 &= -\beta\hbar A^2 \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x^2}}_{1/A^2} = -\beta\hbar \\
 \boxed{\langle p \rangle = -\beta\hbar}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle p^2 \rangle &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \psi(x)^* \hat{p}^2 \psi(x) = A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + i\beta x} \left(-\hbar^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2} \right) e^{-\alpha x^2 - i\beta x} \\
 &= -\hbar^2 A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + i\beta x} \frac{d}{dx} \left((-2\alpha x - i\beta) e^{-\alpha x^2 - i\beta x} \right) \\
 &= -\hbar^2 A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-\alpha x^2 + i\beta x} \underbrace{\left(-2\alpha + (-2\alpha x - i\beta)^2 \right)}_{-2\alpha + 4\alpha^2 x^2 + 4i\alpha\beta x - \beta^2} e^{-\alpha x^2 - i\beta x} \\
 &= -\hbar^2 A^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\alpha x^2} \left(4\alpha^2 x^2 + (-2\alpha - \beta^2 + 4i\alpha\beta) \right) \\
 &\quad \text{odd integrand} \\
 &= -\hbar^2 \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha}{\pi}} \left[4\alpha^2 \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{32\alpha^5}}}_{\alpha \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}}} \alpha - (2\alpha + \beta^2) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}} \right] \\
 &= -\hbar^2 \sqrt{\frac{2\alpha}{\pi}} \left[-\alpha - \beta^2 \right] \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2\alpha}} = \hbar^2 (\alpha + \beta^2) \Rightarrow \boxed{\langle p^2 \rangle = \hbar^2 (\alpha + \beta^2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$c) \underbrace{\sqrt{\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2}}_{\sigma_x} \underbrace{\sqrt{\langle p^2 \rangle - \langle p \rangle^2}}_{\sigma_p} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} \sqrt{\hbar^2(a^2 p^2) - p^2 \hbar^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} \hbar \sqrt{a}$$

$$= \frac{\hbar}{2} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

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the uncertainty principle
is respected