

**I B.Tech Regular Examinations, Apr/May 2007**

**APPLIED PHYSICS**

( Common to Electrical & Electronic Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering, Bio-Medical Engineering, Information Technology, Electronics & Control Engineering, Computer Science & Systems Engineering, Electronics & Telematics, Electronics & Computer Engineering and Instrumentation & Control Engineering)

**Time: 3 hours**

**Max Marks: 80**

**Answer any FIVE Questions**

**All Questions carry equal marks**

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1. (a) Show that FCC is the most closely packed of the three cubic structures by working out the packing factors. [10]  
(b) Describe the structure of NaCl. [6]
2. (a) Draw the (112) and (120) planes, and the [112] and [120] directions of a simple cubic crystal. [4]  
(b) Derive an expression for the inter-planar spacing in the case of a cubic structure. [8]  
(c) Calculate the glancing angle at (110) plane of a cubic crystal having axial length 0.26 nm corresponding to the second order diffraction maximum for the X-rays of wavelength 0.065 nm. [4]
3. (a) What is Frenkel defect? Explain. [6]  
(b) Derive an expression for the concentration of Frenkel defects present in a crystal at any temperature. [10]
4. (a) Explain the origin of energy bands in solids. [6]  
(b) Assuming the electron - lattice interaction to be responsible for scattering of conduction electrons in a metal, obtain an expression for conductivity in terms of relaxation time and explain any three draw backs of classical theory of free electrons. [6]  
(c) Find the temperature at which there is 1% probability of a state with an energy 0.5 eV above Fermi energy. [4]
5. (a) Explain the polarization mechanism in dielectric materials. [8]  
(b) What are the important requirements of good insulating materials? [4]  
(c) A parallel plate capacitor of area  $650 \text{ mm}^2$  and a plate separation of 4 mm has a charge of  $2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ C}$  on it. When a material of dielectric constant 3.5 is introduced between the plates, what is the resultant voltage across the capacitor? [4]

6. (a) Distinguish between metals, semiconductors and insulators. [6]
- (b) Explain the effect of temperature on resistivity of a semiconductor. [4]
- (c) Derive an expression for the number of electrons per unit volume in the conduction band of an intrinsic semiconductor. [6]
7. (a) What do you understand by population inversion? How it is achieved? [6]
- (b) Derive the relation between the probabilities of spontaneous emission and stimulated emission in terms of Einstein's coefficients. [10]
8. (a) Define the relative refractive index difference of an optical fibre. Show how it is related to numerical aperture. [6]
- (b) Draw the block diagram of an optical fibre communication system and explain the function of each block. [10]

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1. (a) Define crystal lattice, unit cell, lattice parameter and coordination number. [8]  
(b) Consider a body centered cubic lattice of identical atoms having radius R. Compute
  - i. the number of atoms per unit cell
  - ii. the coordination number and
  - iii. the packing fraction. [8]
2. (a) What are Miller indices? Draw (111) and (110) planes in a cubic lattice. [6]  
(b) Explain Bragg's law of X-ray diffraction. [6]  
(c) The Bragg's angle for reflection from the (111) plane in a FCC crystal is  $19.2^\circ$  for an X-ray wavelength of 1.54 A.U. Compute the cube edge of the unit cell. [4]
3. (a) Explain Schottky and Frenkel defects with the help of suitable figures. [10]  
(b) Explain the significance of Burgers vector. [6]
4. (a) How does the electrical resistance of a metal change with temperature? [4]  
(b) Discuss the motion of an electron in a periodic lattice. [8]  
(c) Find the relaxation time of conduction electrons in a metal having resistivity  $1.54 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{-m}$ , if the metal has  $5.8 \times 10^{28}$  conduction electrons per cubic meter. [4]
5. (a) Obtain a relation between electronic polarization and electric susceptibility of the dielectric medium. [6]  
(b) What is dielectric breakdown? Explain briefly the various factors contributing to breakdown in dielectrics. [6]  
(c) A parallel plate capacitor having a plate separation of  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  m across which a potential of 10 V is applied. Calculate the dielectric displacement, when a material of dielectric constant 6.0 is introduced between the plates. [4]
6. (a) Explain Meissner effect. [6]

- (b) What is meant by isotopic effect? Explain with suitable example. [6]
- (c) A superconducting material has a critical temperature of 3.7 K, and a magnetic field of 0.0306 tesla at 0 K. Find the critical field at 2 K. [4]
7. (a) Explain the terms:
- i. Absorption.
  - ii. Spontaneous emission.
  - iii. Stimulated emission.
  - iv. Pumping mechanism.
  - v. Population inversion.
  - vi. Optical cavity. [12]
- (b) Mention the medical applications of lasers. [4]
8. (a) Explain the principle behind the functioning of an optical fibre. [4]
- (b) Derive an expression for acceptance angle for an optical fibre. How it is related to numerical aperture? [8]
- (c) An optical fibre has a numerical aperture of 0.20 and a cladding refractive index of 1.59. Find the acceptance angle for the fibre in water which has a refractive index of 1.33. [4]

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(b) Describe Laue's method for determination of crystal structure. [6]  
(c) A beam of X-rays is incident on a NaCl crystal with lattice spacing 0.282 nm. Calculate the wavelength of X-rays if the first order Bragg reflection takes place at a glancing angle of  $8^{\circ}35'$ . Also calculate the maximum order of diffraction possible. [4]
3. (a) What is Frenkel defect? Explain. [6]  
(b) Derive an expression for the concentration of Frenkel defects present in a crystal at any temperature. [10]
4. (a) Explain the origin of energy bands in solids. [6]  
(b) Assuming the electron - lattice interaction to be responsible for scattering of conduction electrons in a metal, obtain an expression for conductivity in terms of relaxation time and explain any three draw backs of classical theory of free electrons. [6]  
(c) Find the temperature at which there is 1% probability of a state with an energy 0.5 eV above Fermi energy. [4]
5. (a) What is ferromagnetism? What are the distinguishing features of ferromagnetism? [8]  
(b) What are ferrites? Explain the magnetic properties of ferrites and mention their industrial applications. [8]
6. (a) Derive the continuity equation for electrons. [8]  
(b) What physical law is manifested in the continuity equation. [4]

- (c) Find the diffusion coefficient of electrons in silicon at 300 K if  $\mu$  is  $0.19 \text{ m}^2/\text{V-S}$ .  
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1. (a) Explain the “Unit Cell” and “Lattice Parameters”. What is a primitive cell and how does it differ from unit cell? [6]  
(b) Describe the crystal structure of CsCl. [4]  
(c) Chromium has BCC structure. Its atomic radius is 0.1249 nm. Calculate the free volume/unit cell. [6]
2. (a) What are Miller indices? Draw (111) and (110) planes in a cubic lattice. [6]  
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(c) The Bragg’s angle for reflection from the (111) plane in a FCC crystal is  $19.2^\circ$  for an X-ray wavelength of 1.54 A.U. Compute the cube edge of the unit cell. [4]
3. (a) Show that the wavelength of an electron accelerated by a potential difference ‘V’ volts, is  $\lambda = 1.227 \times 10^{-10} / \sqrt{V}$  m for non-relativistic case. [6]  
(b) Describe an experiment to establish the wave nature of electrons. [6]  
(c) Explain the difference between a matter wave and an electromagnetic wave. [4]
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(c) Find the temperature at which there is 1% probability of a state with an energy 0.5 eV above Fermi energy. [4]
5. (a) What is intrinsic break down in dielectric materials? [4]  
(b) Explain electronic polarization in atoms and obtain an expression for electronic polarisability in terms of the radius of the atom. [8]

- (c) A parallel plate capacitor has an area of  $100 \text{ cm}^2$ , with a separation of 1 cm and is charged to a potential of 100 V. Calculate the capacitance of the capacitor and the charge on the plates. [4]
6. Explain the following: [6+5+5]
- (a) Critical magnetic field of a superconductor as a function of temperature.
  - (b) Meissner effect.
  - (c) Cryotrons.
7. (a) Explain with a neat diagram
- i. absorption
  - ii. spontaneous emission and
  - iii. stimulated emission of radiation. [8]
- (b) What is population inversion? How it is achieved by optical pumping? [8]
8. (a) Describe the construction of a typical optical fibre and give the dimensions of the various parts. [4]
- (b) Define the acceptance angle and numerical aperture. Obtain an expression for the numerical aperture of an optical fibre. [8]
- (c) Calculate the numerical aperture and acceptance angle for an optical fibre with core and cladding refractive indices being 1.48 and 1.45 respectively. [4]

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