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Sixth Semester

CORE COURSE - PH6CRT12 - SOLID STATE PHYSICS

Common for B.Sc Physics Model I, B.Sc Physics Model II Applied Electronics, B.Sc Physics Model II Computer Applications & B.Sc Physics Model III Electronic Equipment Maintenance

2017 Admission Onwards

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Time: 3 Hours

Part A

Answer any ten questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. Draw a neat figure illustrating the lattice parameters of a unit cell.
- 2. Which are the closest packed crystal structures?
- 3. Why zeroth order diffraction is not considered in X-ray diffraction?
- Explain the nature of metallic bonding. 4.
- 5. What do you mean by a free electron Fermi gas?
- 6. Draw the dispersion relation in the extended zone scheme.
- 7. What is the working principle of a photodiode.
- 8. What are piezoelectric materials?
- 9. What is exchange field?
- 10. Give the relation representing the effect of magnetic field in superconductors. Discuss the terms involved.
- 11. What is Meissner effect?
- 12. What are SQUIDs?

 $(10 \times 1 = 10)$

Answer any six questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

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Part B

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Max. Marks: 60

- 13. Calculate the d-spacing for (110) plane in a rock salt crystal of a = 2.814 Å.
- 14. Explain the crystal structure of NaCl with a neat diagram.
- Obtain the lowest energy of an electron confined to a three-dimensional box of side 0.5 Angstroms.
- 16. The electron and hole mobilities in a pure Germanium samples are 0.135 and 0.048 m²/V.s. Determine the conductivity of the material at 300K if the intrinsic carrier concentration is 1.5 × 10¹⁶ atoms/m³. The sample is then doped with 10²³ Arsenic atoms/m³. Determine the equilibrium hole concentration and the conductivity.
- 17. What is the number density of impurity atoms that is to be added to a pure Germanium crystal to make it 10^{-1} ohm m n-type germanium? Given that the electron mobility is 0.15 m²/Vs.
- ^{18.} Calculate the Polarisation density of helium gas when it is placed in a field of 5×10^5 V/m. The atomic polarisability of helium is 0.18×10^{-40} F m² and the concentration of helium atom is 4×10^{25} /m³. Also calculate the separation between positive and negative charges in each atom.
- An iron rod of 0.7 m in length has a coil of 300 turns wound over uniformly. If a current of 4 A is passed through it, Calculate the magnetising field (H), intensity of magnetisation (M), magnetic flux density (B) and dielectric constant.
- 20. Write a note on Type II superconductors. Give two examples of Type II superconductors.
- 21. Explain the concept of BCS ground state.

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Part C

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries **10** marks.

- 22. With diagram describe two dimensional and three dimensional lattice types.
- 23. Derive an expression for the binding energy of an ionic crystal and obtain an expression for the Madelung constant. Evaluate the Madelung constant for a linear ionic crystal.
- 24. Obtain an expression for the effective mass of an electron in a crystal. Explain the reason for the negative effective mass.
- 25. Explain the origin of diamagnetism in materials. Obtain an expression for diamagnetic susceptibility using Langevin's theory.

(2×10=20)

