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**PHYSICS**

(Major)

Paper : PHY0500204

**(Condensed Matter Physics)**

Full Marks : 45

Time : 2 hours

**The figures in the margin indicate  
full marks for the questions.**

1. Answer the following questions : 1×5=5

(a) Number of atoms per unit cell in an f.c.c. lattice is

(i) 1

(ii) 2

(iii) 3

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(b) If temperature increases, the electrical conductivity of semiconductor

- (i) increases
- (ii) decreases
- (iii) remains constant
- (iv) reduces to zero

(c) Above Curie temperature a ferromagnetic material becomes

- (i) antiferromagnetic
- (ii) diamagnetic
- (iii) paramagnetic
- (iv) ferrimagnetic

(d) What is a phonon?

(e) The magnetic susceptibility of superconductor is

- (i) zero
- (ii) positive
- (iii) negative
- (iv) infinite

2. Give very short answers of the following questions : **(any five)**  $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) Draw unit cells of simple cubic lattice showing (111) and (210) planes.

(b) State Curie-Weiss law and Curie law.

(c) A crystalline solid diffracts X-ray. Can the solid also diffract  $\gamma$ -rays and visible light? Justify.

(d) Write the names of bondings which are available in  $\text{NaCl}$ , diamond, ice and  $\text{Cu}$  molecules.

(e) Define polarisation.

(f) What are primitive and non-primitive unit cells?

(g) Define Fermi energy and density of states.

(h) An insulator has an optical absorption which occurs for all wavelengths lesser than  $1400\text{\AA}$ . Find the width of the forbidden energy band for insulator.



- (i) Write *two* differences between nano-materials and bulk materials.
- (j) Find out the relation  $\mu_r = 1 + \chi_m$  for magnetic substance, where  $\mu_r$  and  $\chi_m$  are the relative permeability and magnetic susceptibility of the substance respectively.

3. Give answers of the following questions :

**(any four)**

5×4=20

- (a) What do you mean by Miller indices? How are Miller indices determined? Write its *four* important features.

1+2+2=5

- (b) Write Wiedmann-Franz law and its limitations.

- (c) Discuss the properties of nano-materials.

- (d) (i) Calculate the cohesive energy of ionic crystal. 3

- (ii) Define electron affinity and ionisation energy. 2

- (e) Write the assumptions of linear monoatomic vibration and find out its dispersion relation. 2+3=5

- (f) (i) Find out relation between electric field, displacement vector and polarisation vector of dielectric. 3

- (ii) The electric susceptibility of a material is

$25.4 \times 10^{-12} \frac{c^2}{nt \cdot m^2}$ . What are the

values of dielectric constant and permittivity of the material? 2

- (g) (i) What is Meissner effect? Write the difference between type-I and type-II superconductors using Meissner effect. 1+2=3

- (ii) A superconductor has a critical temperature of 2.5K at zero magnetic field and a critical field of 0.04T at 0K. Determine the critical field at 3K. 2

- (h) (i) Write the differences between diamagnetic and paramagnetic substances. 3



- (ii) Calculate the glancing angle on the plane (110) of a crystal ( $a = 2.5\text{\AA}$ ) corresponding to second order diffraction maxima of wavelength  $0.7\text{\AA}$ . 2

4. Answer **any one** of the following questions :  $10 \times 1 = 10$

(a) Write short notes on **any two** of the following :

- (i) Free electron theory  
 (ii) Covalent bond  
 (iii) Bravais lattice  
 (iv) B-H curve and Hysteresis loss

(b) (i) Derive classical Langevin theory of diamagnetism.

(ii) How magnetic behaviour of magnetic substance changes with temperature? 2

(c) (i) Discuss Kronig-Penny model. 7

- (ii) Calculate the conductivity of germanium. Given mobilities of electron and holes in a sample of germanium at room temperature are  $0.54\text{m}^2\text{v}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  and  $0.18\text{m}^2\text{v}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  respectively. Assuming that electron and hole densities are each equal to  $3.6 \times 10^{19}$  per  $\text{m}^3$ . If a potential difference of 2 volts is applied across the germanium plate of thickness  $0.2\text{mm}$  and area  $1\text{cm}^2$ , calculate the current produced in the plate. 3

(d) (i) Derive Einstein's theory of specific heat. 7

(ii) What are the limitations of Dulong and Petit's law? 3

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