

**H 1473**

B.E./B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY/JUNE 2006.

Second Semester

Bio-medical Engineering

PH 135 — MATERIALS SCIENCE

(Common to Electronics and Communication Engineering and  
Metallurgical Engineering)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. Calculate the interplanar spacing for (321) plane in simple cubic lattice with interatomic spacing of 4.12 Å.
2. What is meant by point defect in a crystal lattice what are the different types?
3. Write down the expression for Fermi-Dirac distribution function and plot it as a function of energy.
4. The superconducting transition temperature ( $T_c$ ) for mercury with isotopic mass 199.5 is 4.185 K. Calculate the value of  $T_c$  when its mass changes to 203.4
5. The Hall coefficient of a certain specimen is found to be  $-7.35 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{c}^{-1}$  from 100 to 400 K. Determine the nature of the material. If the electrical conductivity is found to be  $200 \text{ ohm}^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}$ , calculate the mobility.
6. The intrinsic carrier density at room temperature of a semiconductor is  $2.37 \times 10^{19} / \text{m}^3$ . The mobilities of electron and holes are 0.38 and  $0.18 \text{ m}^2 \text{v}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ . Calculate the resistivity.
7. What is hysteresis? Draw a hysteresis curve for a soft magnetic material.
8. Distinguish between polar and non-polar substances.
9. What is photo electric effect?
10. What are the different phosphors used in CRO screens?

PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)

11. (i) Show that a five-fold rotation axis does not exist in a crystal lattice.  
(ii) Derive Bragg's law of X-ray diffraction in crystals.  
(iii) Give an account of powder method of crystal structure analysis. (4 + 3 + 9)
12. (a) (i) What are density of states in metals? Derive an expression for the density of states.  
(ii) Draw the density of states of a metal and insulator.  
(iii) Find the lowest energy of an electron confined to move in a one dimensional box of length  $0.5 \text{ \AA}$ . (10 + 2 + 4)

Or

- (b) (i) How a superconducting state is distinguished from a normal state?  
(ii) When a metal goes from a normal state to a superconducting state which properties get changed and which does not?  
(iii) Explain Meissner effect.  
(iv) Discuss two applications of superconductors one in medicine and another one in electrical engineering. (2 + 6 + 4 + 4)
13. (a) (i) What is an intrinsic semiconductor?  
(ii) Give two examples.  
(iii) Assuming Fermi-Dirac distribution, derive an expression for the concentration of electrons per unit volume in the conduction band of an intrinsic semiconductor. (2 + 2 + 12)

Or

- (b) (i) What is Hall effect?  
(ii) Describe an experimental set up to measure the Hall coefficient.  
(iii) Explain how it can measure the mobility, conductivity, Hall co-efficient and Hall angle. (2 + 2 + 12)

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14. (a) (i) Differentiate between diamagnetic, paramagnetic and ferro magnetic substances on the basis of susceptibility.
- (ii) What is a magnetic domain?
- (iii) What are its characteristics?
- (iv) On the basis of domain theory explain ferro magnetism. (2 + 2 + 2 + 10)

Or

- (b) (i) What is meant by internal field in a solid dielectric?
- (ii) Deduce an expression for the local field for structures with cubic symmetry.
- (iii) Obtain Clausius-Mosotti equation. (2 + 6 + 8)
15. (a) (i) What is a LCD?
- (ii) What are the different types?
- (iii) Explain briefly the construction and working of a field effect type of LCD.
- (iv) What are the advantages? (2 + 2 + 8 + 4)

Or

- (b) (i) What is luminescence?
- (ii) What are the different types?
- (iii) What is an exciton?
- (iv) What are the different types?
- (v) What is a trap and what are different kinds of traps? (2 + 3 + 2 + 3 + 6)

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