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(CBCSS)

Physics

PHY 3C 11—SOLID STATE PHYSICS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours Maximum: 30 Weightage

Section A

8 Short questions, answerable within 7.5 minutes Answer all questions, Each question carries weightage 1.

- 1. What is the difference between a metallic bond and a covalent bond?
- 2. Explain the concept of Phonons.
- 3. What is Dulong and Petti's law? Why does Dulong and Petti's law fails at low temperature?
- 4. What are Brillouin Zones? Construct first Brillouin Zone for a two-dimensional square lattice.
- 5. What is effective mass of a charge carrier? What is its importance?
- 6. Explain Neel's theory of anti-ferromagnetism
- 7. Distinguish between hard and soft magnetic materials.
- 8. What is Meisner effect?

 $(8 \times 1 = 8 \text{ weightage})$

Section B

4 Essay questions, answerable within 30 minutes Answer any **two** questions, Each question carries weightage 5.

- 9. Describe macroscopically the origin of static dielectric constant of a substance and discuss the classical theory of electronic polarization.
- 10. Obtain the expressions for the carrier concentrations in intrinsic semiconductor.

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- 11. What are reciprocal lattices? Show the reciprocal lattice to BCC lattice is an FCC lattice and reciprocal lattice FCC lattice is BCC lattice.
- 12. Discuss BCS theory of superconductivity and briefly explain BCS ground state.

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$

Section C

7 Problem answerable within 15 minutes
Answer any four questions, Each question carries weightage 3.

- 13. The distance d_{100} between (100) plane s in BCC structure is 0.32 nm. What is the size of the unit cell? What is the radius of the atom?
- 14. Find the cut off frequency for a one-dimensional monoatomic chain given that the interatomic spacing is 3Å and velocity of sound 3000 m/s.
- 15. Find the Fermi velocity of the electrons if the number density of electrons in sodium is 2.52×10^{28} m⁻³ at room temperature.
- 16. An electric field of 100 V/m is applied to a n-type semiconductor having hall co-efficient $0.0125~\rm m^3/C$. Determine the current density in the sample if the electron mobility is $0.36~\rm m^2~\rm v^{-1}~\rm s^{-1}$.
- 17. If the magnetization and flux density of a magnetic material be 3200 A/m and 0.005 Wb/m². Calculate the relative permeability of the material.
- 18. The critical temperature for H_g with isotopic mass 199.5 is 4.18 K. Calculate the critical temperature for an isotopic mass 203.4
- 19. Copper has an FCC structure and the atomic radius is 0.1278 nm. Calculate the inter planar spacing for (110) and (212) -planes.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ weightage})$