



## DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCES, II SEMESTER M.Sc (PHYSICS) END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, JUNE 2022

## BASIC CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS [PHY 5251]

## (CHOICE BASED CREDIT SYSTEM)

	Time:	3	Hours
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Date: 23-06-2022

MAX. MARKS: 50

Note: (i) Answer ALL questions

(ii) Draw diagrams wherever necessary.

## CONSTANTS

Elementary charge =  $1.60 \times 10^{-19}$  C; Electric constant [permittivity],  $\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$  F/m Electron mass =  $9.11 \times 10^{-31}$  kg; Avogadro constant =  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  mol<sup>-1</sup> Planck's constant =  $6.63 \times 10^{-34}$  J.s; Boltzmann constant =  $1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  J/K

- 1A. Define atomic scattering factor. Derive the general expression for the atomic scattering factor using spherical polar coordinates.
- **1B.** In a powder diffraction experiment using Cu- $K_{\alpha}$ . radiation of wavelength 0.154 nm, the first five lines are observed from a monoatomic cubic crystal when the angle 20 is 38.0, 44.2, 64.4, 77.2 and 81.4 degrees. Determine the crystal structure and the lattice parameter. **3**
- **1C.** Explain with examples the origin of Van der Waals forces in crystals.
- 2A. Describe the Einstein model of lattice heat capacity. Discuss the success and failures of this model.5
- 2B. Write the dispersion relation for the vibrations of one-dimensional diatomic lattice of mass m and M, m < M. Show the graph of dispersion relation. Explain the significance of forbidden frequency band. 3
- **2C.** NaCl has same structure as KCl. The Debye temperature of NaCl and KCl are 282 K and 230 K respectively. If the lattice heat capacity of NaCl at 5 K is  $1.6 \times 10^{-2}$  J mol<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>, estimate the heat capacity of KCl at 5 K.
- 3A. Discuss the formation of allowed and forbidden bands in solids on the basis of Kronig-Penney model.
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- **3B.** Assuming one free electron per copper atom, calculate density of free electrons, Fermi energy at 0 K. A copper wire of cross-sectional area  $5 \times 10^{-2}$  cm<sup>2</sup> carries a steady current of 50 ampere. Calculate the average drift velocity. The resistivity of copper is  $\rho = 1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega$  m. Density of copper  $\rho = 8920 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , molar mass of copper = 63.546 u. **3**

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- 3C. With relevant equation, distinguish between metals, semiconductors and insulators based on band theory.
- **4A.** Explain DC Josephson effect relevant to superconducting junctions. **5**
- **4B.** Show that five fold rotational axis is not permissible in case of lattices. **3**
- 4C. Calculate the critical current for a wire of lead having a diameter of 1 mm at 4.2 K. The critical temperature for lead is 7.18 K and  $H_C(0) = 6.5 \times 10^4$  A/m. 2
- 5A. Derive an expression for density of electrons in the conduction band of an intrinsic semiconductor. Given: the expression for density of energy states for electrons in a metal is  $Z(E) = \left(\frac{4\pi V}{h^3}\right)(2m)^{3/2}E^{1/2}.$ 5
- **5B.** The conductivity of intrinsic silicon is  $4.17 \times 10^{-5}/\Omega m$  and  $4.00 \times 10^{-4}/\Omega m$ , at 0 °C and 27 °C respectively. Determine the band gap energy of silicon. **3**
- **5C.** What are phonons? Explain briefly Normal and Umklapp processes.

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