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THIRD SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2014

(CUCSS)

Physics

PHY 3C 11—SOLID STATE PHYSICS

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 1 weightage.

1. Define : (a) Primitive (b) Unit cell.
2. What is Cohesive energy and electron affinity ?
3. Why does density of iron increase when metallic iron changes from bcc structure to fcc structure ?
4. What are the salient features of quantum theory of specific heat of solids ?
5. What are the drawback of classical free electron theory ?
6. What is meant by imperfections in a crystal ?
7. What is Fermi energy and Fermi momentum ?
8. Give the nature of motion of an electron in a periodic potential.
9. Explain hysteresis in magnetic materials.
10. What is magnetostrictive energy ?
11. What is Superconductivity ? Give one use.
12. Explain the principle of SQVID. Give its engineering applications.

(12 × 1 = 12 weightage)

Part B

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 6 weightage.

1. Explain symmetry elements in crystals. Describe the various types of symmetry elements and symmetry operations of a cubic crystal.
2. Discuss the Kronig-Penney model for the motion of an electron in a periodic potential.
3. Derive an expression for the specific heat capacity of solid using Deby's theory. How does the result agree with experimental data ?

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4. Discuss Weiss theory of ferromagnetism. How is hysteresis and Curie point explained based on this theory ?

(2 × 6 = 12 weightage)

Part C

*Answer any four questions.
Each question carries 3 weightage.*

1. Calculate the compressibility of sodium chloride assuming a repulsive potential of the form B/r^{12} and attractive potential of the form $-A/r^6$ act between nearest neighbours, of distance 0.281nm. Madelung constant = 1.7476.
2. In a one dimensional crystal with atomic spacing 2.5\AA , calculate the free electron energy at which the first Bragg reflection occurs.
3. Evaluate the carrier concentration and conductivity of the intrinsic Ge at $T = 300\text{K}$. $m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31}\text{kg}$, $E_g = 0.68\text{eV}$, $\mu_e = 0.38\text{m}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$, $\mu_h = 0.18\text{m}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{sec}$, $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23}\text{J/K}$ and $h = 1.055 \times 10^{-34}\text{J}\cdot\text{sec}$.
4. A paramagnetic salt contains 10^{28} ions/ m^3 with magnetic moment of one Bohr magneton. Calculate the paramagnetic susceptibility and the magnetization produced in a uniform magnetic field of 10^6 amp/meter at 300K.
5. Calculate the change in magnetic moment of an electron in a hydrogen atom orbiting in an orbit of radius 0.5\AA if a magnetic field of induction 2 weber/ m^2 acts at right angles to the plane of the orbit.
6. Define London Penetration depth. Calculate the value of the London Penetration depth λ_0 at 0 K for lead whose density is $11.3 \times 10^3\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ and the atomic weight is 207.19 ($T_c = 7.22\text{K}$). Calculate the increase in λ at 3.61K from 0 K.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)