

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI
(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MO2022)

CLASS: IMSC
BRANCH: PHYSICS

SEMESTER : V
SESSION : MO /2022

TIME: 03 Hours
SUBJECT: PH302 SOLID STATE PHYSICS

FULL MARKS: 50

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 10 marks and total 50 marks.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
4. Tables/Data handbook/Graph paper etc., if applicable, will be supplied to the candidates

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| Q.1(a) | Define primitive and nonprimitive translational vectors. | [2] | (C01, BL1) |
| Q.1(b) | State the scheme to determine the Miller indices of a plane. Find the Miller indices of the plane having the intercepts $5a$, $-6b$ and c along the three crystallographic directions. | [3] | (C01, BL3) |
| Q.1(c) | What are Brillouin zones? Determine the reciprocal lattice vectors which define the Brillouin zone of a fcc lattice. | [5] | (C01, BL5) |
| Q.2(a) | What is Debye T^3 law? | [2] | (C02, BL1) |
| Q.2(b) | Draw the phonon dispersion curve for a diatomic lattice. Differentiate between optical and acoustical modes of wave propagation for a linear diatomic crystal. | [3] | (C02, BL2) |
| Q.2(c) | How does the Debye model differ from the Einstein model of lattice heat capacity? Evaluate the specific heat of silver at 20 K taking the characteristic temperature to be 210 K according to (i) Einstein's theory (ii) Debye's theory. | [5] | (C02, BL5) |
| Q.3(a) | Define the Curie law of paramagnetism. | [2] | (C03, BL1) |
| Q.3(b) | What is diamagnetism? Why diamagnetic materials have negative susceptibility? | [3] | (C03, BL1) |
| Q.3(c) | Describe the Langevin's theory of paramagnetism and obtain an expression for paramagnetic susceptibility. | [5] | (C03, BL5) |
| Q.4(a) | What is Bloch Theorem? | [2] | (C04, BL1) |
| Q.4(b) | Distinguish between a metal, a semiconductor and an insulator on the basis of their energy band structure. | [3] | (C04, BL4) |
| Q.4(c) | Prove that the motion of electrons through the periodic potential in solids gives rise to the band structure. | [5] | (C04, BL5) |
| Q.5(a) | What is a Cooper pair? | [2] | (C05, BL1) |
| Q.5(b) | What is Meissner effect? Differentiate between type I and type II superconductors using the Meissner effect. | [3] | (C05, BL4) |
| Q.5(c) | Develop London's 1 st and 2 nd equation for a superconducting sample in a magnetic flux B . Explain how it leads to the concept of penetration depth in a superconductor. | [5] | (C05, BL6) |

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