

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

CLASS: IMSc/MSc  
BRANCH: PHYSICS

SEMESTER : IX/III  
SESSION : MO/2024

SUBJECT: PH505 THEORY OF SOLIDS

TIME: 3 Hours

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. Before attempting the question paper, be sure that you have got the correct question paper.
  5. Tables/Data hand book/Graph paper etc. to be supplied to the candidates in the examination hall.
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Q.1(a)	Obtain the tight-binding Hamiltonian for a 2D square lattice with nearest neighbor hopping and the corresponding energy dispersion $E(k)$ . [5]	1	3
Q.1(b)	Show that the low energy dispersion around $\Gamma = (0,0)$ and $M = (\pi,\pi)$ is quadratic, $E(q) \sim q^2$ . [5]	1	2
Q.2(a)	What is Fermi energy? Does it depend on temperature? [2]	2	2
Q.2(b)	What is Fermi-Dirac distribution? Discuss its temperature dependence with a plot. [3]	2	2
Q.2(c)	What is density of states? Classify materials based on density of states and electronic bandgaps. [5]	2	3
Q.3(a)	Outline the characteristics of ferroelectric materials? Draw the corresponding hysteresis curve, label all the points and discuss key aspects. [5]	3	2
Q.3(b)	What is polarization? Discuss different types of polarization? [5]	3	2
Q.4(a)	What is magnetic frustration? Discuss its origin with suitable examples. [4]	4	3
Q.4(b)	Set up the Hubbard Hamiltonian for the hydrogen molecule in a triplet state after defining a suitable basis. [6]	4	3
Q.5(a)	Write the prescription to include the light-matter interaction in a model Hamiltonian. Discuss the importance of various terms. [3]	5	2
Q.5(b)	What is the dipole approximation? [2]	5	2
Q.5(c)	Discuss the direct (inter-band) optical transitions using the Fermi-Golden rule. [5]	5	3

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