

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

CLASS: IMSC  
BRANCH: PHYSICS

SEMESTER : V  
SESSION : MO/2025

SUBJECT: PH302R1: SOLID STATE PHYSICS

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)	Determine the ratios of the interplanar spacings $d_{100}:d_{110}:d_{111}$ for both simple cubic (SC) and body-centered cubic (BCC) crystal lattices.	[5] 01	03
Q.1(b)	Derive Bragg's law. The Bragg angle for the (220) reflection from nickel (FCC) is $38.2^\circ$ when X-rays of wavelength $1.54 \text{ \AA}$ are used in a diffraction experiment. Calculate the lattice parameter of nickel	[5] 01	04
Q.2(a)	Derive the dispersion relation for lattice vibrations in a one-dimensional monoatomic linear chain.	[5] 02	04
Q.2(b)	State Bloch's theorem and derive the form of the electron wavefunction in a periodic potential. What is its significance in solid-state physics?	[5] 02	02
Q.3(a)	Describe Weiss's molecular field theory of ferromagnetism. How does it explain spontaneous magnetization?	[5] 03	02
Q.3(b)	Discuss the B-H curve for a ferromagnetic material. Explain the meaning of key points such as saturation, retentivity, and coercivity.	[5] 03	02
Q.4(a)	Define electric susceptibility and polarizability. Derive the relation between them.	[5] 04	04
Q.4(b)	Explain the piezoelectric effect. Distinguish between the direct and inverse piezoelectric effects and discuss their applications.	[5] 04	02
Q.5(a)	Describe the Meissner effect. How does it distinguish a perfect conductor from a superconductor?	[5] 05	02
Q.5(b)	State London's equations. Explain how they lead to the phenomenon of magnetic field penetration depth in superconductors.	[5] 05	04

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