

(2 1/2 Hours )

Total Marks : 75

- N.B. :** (1) All questions are **compulsory**.  
 (2) **Figures** to the **right** indicate **full** marks.  
 (3) Draw **neat** diagrams wherever **necessary**.  
 (5) Symbols have usual meaning unless otherwise stated.  
 (5) Use of **non-programmable** calculator is allowed.

**List of Constants:**Charge of an electron:  $e = 1.6021 \times 10^{-19}$  CoulombMass of an electron:  $m = 9.109 \times 10^{-31}$  KgBoltzmann constant:  $K = 1.3805 \times 10^{-23}$  Joule/ KelvinPlank's constant:  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$  Joule-secPermeability of free space:  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  Henry/meterAvogadro's number:  $N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{26}$  /Kmole

1. (a) Attempt any **one**:---
  - (i) Derive the expression for interplaner distance between two consecutive planes in simple cubic crystal system. **10**
  - (ii) On the basis of classical electron theory explain the terms relaxation time and mean free path. Derive expressions for relaxation time in terms of drift velocity. **10**
- (b) Attempt any **one**:---
  - (i) Derive the expression for the atomic packing factor of body centered cubic crystal with help of neat diagram. **5**
  - (ii) Calculate the lattice constant for  $\alpha$  – iron with bcc structure. **5**  
 [Given: Density of  $\alpha$  – iron =  $7.86 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and atomic weight = 55.85]
2. (a) Attempt any **one**:---
  - (i) Explain the Brillouin zones in one dimension and two dimensions with neat diagram. How are they related to the energy levels of an electron in a solid? **10**
  - (ii) Discuss *Krönig – Penney* model for the motion of an electron in periodic potential. Thus explain the band theory for solids. **10**
- (b) Attempt any **one**:---
  - (i) Show how  $F(E)$  varies with energy for a metal at  $T = 0 \text{ K}, 300 \text{ K}$  and  $T \rightarrow \infty$ . **5**
  - (ii) Obtain the expression between mean energy of electron gas in terms of Fermi energy at absolute zero. **5**

3. (a) Attempt any **one**:---
- Derive the expression of concentration of electrons in conduction band for an intrinsic semiconductor. Hence state the expression for hole concentration in its valance band. **10**
  - Explain the concept of carrier lifetime. Set up the continuity equation for the charge carriers in a semiconductor. **10**
- (b) Attempt any **one**:---
- What is p-n junction diode? Draw the energy level diagram of p-n junction and explain why a contact potential difference is developed across an unbiased p-n junction. **5**
  - The energy gap of silicon is 1.1 eV. Its electron and hole mobilities at room temperature are 0.48 and  $0.013 \text{ m}^2\text{V}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$  respectively. Calculate its conductivity. For Si,  $n_i = 2.15 \times 10^{19} / \text{m}^3$ . **5**
4. (a) Attempt any **one**:---
- Derive the expression for volt-ampere characteristic of p-n junction diode. **10**
  - What is the Meissner effect? Explain the effect of magnetic field on superconductivity. What do you mean by the penetration depth in relation to superconductivity? **10**
- (b) Attempt any **one**:---
- What is paramagnetism? Explain the origin of permanent magnetic dipole due to orbital motion of an electron. **5**
  - Calculate the static and dynamic resistance of a germanium p-n junction diode, at room temperature of  $27^\circ\text{C}$  if its reverse saturation current is  $2 \mu\text{A}$  and a forward bias of 0.2 volts is applied to it. **5**
5. (a) Attempt any **one**:---
- Draw  $(1\ 1\ 1)$ ,  $(0\ 0\ 1)$ ,  $(1\ 2\ 3)$  and  $(2\ 0\ 0)$  planes for simple cubic crystal system. **4**
  - The resistivity of aluminium at room temperature is  $2.62 \times 10^{-8} \text{ ohm.m}$ . Calculate relaxation time on the basis classical free electron theory. Density of Al =  $2700 \text{ Kg/m}^3$ . **4**
- (b) Attempt any **one**:---
- Using the Fermi-Dirac distribution function obtain the value of  $F(E)$  for  $E - E_f = 0.01 \text{ eV}$  at  $200 \text{ K}$ . **4**
  - Calculate the total number of states below  $E = 5 \text{ eV}$  in a metal of volume  $10^{-5} \text{ m}^3$ . Assume the electrons to be free. **4**



(c) Attempt any **one**:---

- (i) Compare the densities of charge carriers in a pure germanium crystal at the temperatures 300 K and 320 K. The energy gap for germanium is 0.7 eV. 4
- (ii) For Ge p-n diode,  $N_D = 10^4 N_A$  and  $N_A$  is corresponding to 1 acceptor atom per  $10^8$  Ge atoms. Calculate the barrier height  $E_0$  in eV at room temperature. For Ge,  $n_i = 2.15 \times 10^{19} / \text{m}^3$  and atomic density is  $4.42 \times 10^{28} \text{ atoms/m}^3$ . 4

(d) Attempt any **one**:---

- (i) Calculate the value of applied forward voltage for a p-n junction diode if  $I_s = 50 \mu\text{A}$ , forward current  $I = 2 \text{ A}$  and  $e/KT = 40$  per volt. 3
- (ii) A paramagnetic substance has  $10^{28} \text{ atoms/m}^3$ . The magnetic moment of each atom is  $1.8 \times 10^{-23} \text{ A-m}^2$ . Calculate the paramagnetic susceptibility at 300 K. 3

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