

18PYB103J Semiconductor Physics CT 1 Question Paper

* Required

Answer ALL the questions 25 x 1 = 25 Marks

1. The average distance travelled by an electron between two successive collisions in the presence of applied field is called ----- *

- ☐ (A) Collision time
- ☒ (B) Mean free path
- ☐ (C) Wavenumber
- ☐ (D) Drift velocity

2. When an electron in a periodic potential is accelerated relative to the lattice in an electric field or magnetic field, then the mass of the electron is called the ----
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- ☐ (A) Rest mass
- ☒ (B) Effective mass
- ☐ (C) Zero mass
- ☐ (D) Accelerated mass



3. The motion of electron in an periodic potential is explained by *

- ☐ (A) Drude model
- ☐ (B) Lorentz model
- ☐ (C) Drude – Lorentz model
- ☒ (D) Kronig Penny Model

4. Most Commonly used semiconductor material is ----- *

- ☒ (A) Silicon
- ☐ (B) Copper
- ☐ (C) Mixture of silicon and copper
- ☐ (D) Aresenic

5. To calculate the probability that an energy state above E_F is occupied by an electron ($T = 300\text{ K}$, $E - E_F = 3kT$) *

- ☐ (A) 5.2 %
- ☐ (B) 7.6 %
- ☒ (C) 4.74 %
- ☐ (D) 6.4 %



6. At low temperatures, the semiconductors will behave as *

- ☐ (A) Conductors
- ☒ (B) Insulators
- ☐ (C) Ferroelectrics
- ☐ (D) Superconductors

7. The quantum of energy in elastic wave is known as *

- ☐ (A) Photon
- ☒ (B) Phonon
- ☐ (C) Electron
- ☐ (D) Magnon

8. In real crystal at positive ion site, the potential of electrons will become *

- ☒ (A) Zero
- ☐ (B) 1
- ☐ (C) 2
- ☐ (D) 3

9. What happens to the free electrons when electric field is applied? *

- ☐ (A) They move randomly and collide with each other
- ☐ (B) They move in the direction of the field
- ☐ (C) They remain stable
- ☒ (D) They move in the direction opposite to that of the field



10. Outer most shell of atom with highest energy level is known as *

- ☐ (A) 1st shell
- ☐ (B) 2nd shell
- ☒ (C) Valence shell
- ☐ (D) hole shell

11. Which of the following theories can be adopted to rectify the drawbacks of classical theory? *

- ☐ (A) Compton theory
- ☒ (B) Quantum theory
- ☐ (C) Band theory
- ☐ (D) Electron theory

12. How are charge carriers produced in intrinsic semiconductors? *

- ☒ (A) By pure atoms
- ☐ (B) By electrons
- ☐ (C) By impure atoms
- ☐ (D) By holes



13. When temperature increases in the intrinsic semiconductor, which results in increase of----- *

- ☐ (A) Resistivity
- ☒ (B) Conductivity
- ☐ (C) Capacitivity
- ☐ (D) Non conductivity

14. An electron moving in periodic potential, allowed energy levels -----
- with increase of wavevector (k) *

- ☐ (A) Decreases
- ☒ (B) Increases
- ☐ (C) Remain constant
- ☐ (D) Contineous

15. The first Brillouin zone is defined between the region *

- ☐ (A) $k = 0$ to π/a
- ☐ (B) $k = -2\pi/a$ to π/a
- ☐ (C) $k = -\pi/a$ to $2\pi/a$
- ☒ (D) $k = -\pi/a$ to π/a



16. In semiconductors at low temperatures, the valence band will be *

- ☒ (A) Completely filled by an electron
- ☐ (B) Empty
- ☐ (C) Partially filled by an electron
- ☐ (D) Partially empty

17. The conduction electrons always contribute to ----- *

- ☐ (A) Resistivity
- ☒ (B) Conductivity
- ☐ (C) Thermal effect
- ☐ (D) Magnetic effect

18. According to Kronig-Penney model, the shape of inner potential of crystal is *

- ☒ (A) Rectangular
- ☐ (B) Triangular
- ☐ (C) Spherical
- ☐ (D) Sinusoidal



19. The indirect band gap semiconductors require a change in energy along with change in *

- ☒ (A) Momentum
- ☐ (B) Velocity
- ☐ (C) Mass
- ☐ (D) Potential

20. The complex physical quantity, which describes about the particle wave and helps deriving the probability density function is called as *

- ☐ (A) Wave equation
- ☒ (B) Wave function
- ☐ (C) Schrodinger equation
- ☐ (D) Probability density function

21. The difference between metals, semiconductors and insulators is based on *

- ☒ (A) Value of bandgap
- ☐ (B) No of electrons in valence band
- ☐ (C) No of electrons in conduction band
- ☐ (D) Magnitude of electric field applied



22. At any temperature T and for $E=E_F$ in metals, the Fermi-distribution function becomes *

- ☐ (A) 0
- ☐ (B) Infinity
- ☐ (C) 1
- ☒ (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

23. The principle stating that no two electrons can occupy the same quantum state is known as *

- ☐ (A) Heisenberg Uncertainty principle
- ☒ (B) Pauli Exclusion principle
- ☐ (C) De Broglie principle
- ☐ (D) Quantum mechanical principle

24. The direct bandgap semiconductors have the requirement of *

- ☐ (A) Change in energy & change in momentum
- ☐ (B) No change in energy & change in momentum
- ☐ (C) No change in energy & no change in momentum
- ☒ (D) Change in energy & No change in momentum



25. The carrier generation is the process by which *

- ☐ (A) Electrons are created
- ☐ (B) Holes are created
- ☒ (C) Electrons and holes are created
- ☐ (D) Electrons and holes are annihilated

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