

# Question Paper

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FIRST SEMESTER B.TECH. EXAMINATIONS - JANUARY 2023

SUBJECT: PHY 1071 / PHY-1071 - ENGINEERING PHYSICS

Marks: 50

Duration: 180 mins.

Answer all the questions.

- 1A) i) Explain the term Poynting vector. (5)  
ii) Obtain an expression for radii of the  $n$ th order dark fringes in Newton's rings.
- 1B) Light of wavelength 500 nm is incident normally on a diffraction grating. If the third-order maximum of the diffraction pattern is observed at  $32.0^\circ$ , (a) what is the number of rulings per centimeter for the grating? (b) Determine the total number of primary maxima that can be observed in this situation. (3)
- 1C) "A superconductor is not only a perfect conductor; it is also a perfect diamagnet" - Justify the statement. (2)
- 2A) i) Write the conditions for constructive and destructive interference of reflected light from a thin soap film in air, assuming normal incidence. (5)  
ii) With the help of a neat diagram state the Rayleigh's criterion for resolution.
- 2B) A material having an index of refraction of 1.30 is used as an antireflective coating on a piece of glass ( $n = 1.50$ ). What should the minimum thickness of this film be to minimize reflection of 500-nm light? (3)
- 2C) An electron has a kinetic energy of 12 eV. The electron is incident upon a rectangular barrier of height 20 eV and thickness 1 nm. By what factor would the electron's probability of tunnelling through the barrier increase assuming that the electron absorbs all the energy of a photon with wavelength 546 nm? (2)
- 3A) Using the energy and momentum conservation, derive an expression for the wavelength of the scattered photon in a Compton effect experiment. (5)
- 3B) Incident photons strike a photocathode having a work function of 2.26 eV, causing photoelectric emission. When a stopping potential of 2.69 V is imposed, there is no photocurrent. Find the wavelength of the incident photons and the speed of the most energetic photoelectrons. (3)
- 3C) The nucleus of an atom is of the order of  $2.0 \times 10^{-14}$  m in diameter. For an electron to be confined to a nucleus its de Broglie wavelength would have to be on this order of magnitude or smaller. What would be the total relativistic energy of the electron? (2)
- 4A) Sketch schematically the plots of Fermi-Dirac distribution function for zero kelvin and for temperature above zero kelvin. Derive an expression for density-of-states. (5)
- 4B) Explain briefly the BCS theory of superconductivity in metals. Why all conductors are not superconductors? (3)
- 4C) For copper at 300 K, calculate the probability that a state with an energy equal to 99.0% of the Fermi energy is occupied. Fermi energy of copper is 7.05 eV. Mass of an electron is  $9.1 \times 10^{-31}$  Kg ; speed of light in vacuum =  $3 \times 10^8$  m/s; Planck's constant =  $6.63 \times 10^{-34}$  Js; Avagadro number =  $6.023 \times 10^{23}$  / mol; Boltzmann constant =  $1.38 \times 10^{-23}$  J/K. (2)

- 5A) Based on the allowed states of a particle in a three-dimensional infinite potential well, 'box', derive the density-of-states function (5)
- 5B) Consider a cube of gold ( $d = 1.00 \text{ mm}$ ) on an edge. Calculate the approximate number ( $N$ ) of conduction electrons in this cube whose energies lie in the range  $E = 4.000 \text{ eV}$  to  $E + \Delta E = 4.025 \text{ eV}$ . Fermi energy for gold =  $5.53 \text{ eV}$  (3)
- 5C) What is top-down and bottom-up approach of nano material synthesis? (2)

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