



UE21PH141B

UE21PH141B: ENGINEERING PHYSICS

Max Marks:100

3.		On the basis of classical free electron model, obtain an expression for electrical conductivity in metals. Calculate the drift velocity and thermal velocity of conduction electrons in copper at a temperature of 300 K, when a copper wire of length 2 m and resistance 0.04Ω carries a current of 16 A. Given the mobility of free electrons in copper is $4.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{Vs}$.	(3+3)
	b)	Using the expression of density of states show that at 0K, the average energy of the valence electrons is $(3/5)^{\text{th}}$ of the Fermi energy.	4
	c)	Describe the nature of potential experienced by valence electrons according to Kronig-Penney model. Elaborate with suitable schematic the dependence of effective mass of electrons on the curvature of the E-k plot.	6 (3+3)
	d)	Briefly highlight the conceptual features of the BCS theory of superconductivity.	4
4.	a)	Explain how population inversion is achieved in a He-Ne laser.	4
	b)	What are the essential requisites of a laser system? Calculate the threshold gain factor of a laser system, which has loss factor of 0.05 m^{-1} , with tube length of 50 cm having one mirror 99% reflecting and the output coupler 90% reflecting.	6 (3+3)
	c)	Explain briefly the following: (i) Stimulated emission (ii) Temporal coherence (iii) Possible laser transitions in CO_2 laser	6 (2+2+2)
	d)	Explain the factors 'carrier confinement' and 'photon confinement' with reference to double heterojunction devices.	4
5.	a)	What is Larmor precession? Obtain an expression for induced magnetic moment of a precessing charge in terms of Larmor frequency.	5
	b)	Briefly describe the functionality of a GMR device and mention its important applications.	5
	c)	What are the components of the electric fields that prevail in a dielectric? An elemental dielectric has 7×10^{28} atoms per unit volume and a dielectric constant of 9. Calculate the atomic polarizability of the material.	5 (2+3)
	d)	Compare the phenomenon of ferroelectricity and piezoelectricity.	5
