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JUNE/JULY EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: PHY407

COURSE TITLE: Solid State Physics II

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer any five questions.

PHYSICAL CONSTANTS:

Speed of light $c = 2.9979 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$; mass of electron $m_e = 0.9110 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$;

Electronic charge $e = 1.6022 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$; Avogadro's number

$N_A = 6.0221 \times 10^{26} \text{ kmol}^{-1}$;

Boltzmann constant $k = 1.3806 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J K}^{-1}$;

Planck's constant $h = 6.6257 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$; $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Henry/m}$.

1. (a) (i) Write down the equation for the field of an electric dipole **4 marks**

(b) Two water molecules each having dipole moment $6.2 \times 10^{-30} \text{ Cm}$ point in the same direction along the line joining the centres. Calculate the electric field due to dipole-dipole interaction when the centres are $3.1 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$ apart.

10 marks

2. (a) what do you understand by polarization in dielectrics

6 marks

(b) Obtain the Clausius-Mossotti formula relating microscopic dielectric constant with macroscopic polarization.

8 marks

3. (a) What do you understand by depolarization field? **4 marks**

(b) Obtain the relation among polarization \vec{P} in solid dielectric the electric field \vec{E} and electric flux density or the electric displacement vector \vec{D} .

10 marks

4. (a) What do you understand by dipole *relaxation time*? **4 marks**

(b) Find the frequency dependence of the electronic polarizability of an electron having the resonance frequency ω_0 , treating the system as a simple harmonic oscillator. **10 marks**

5. (a) Briefly explain what is meant by *paramagnetism*. Give two examples of paramagnetic material. **4 marks**

(b) Obtain the Langevin function and define all the symbols used in it. **10 marks**

6. (a) What are *ferromagnetic materials*? Give two examples of

Ferromagnetic materials.**4 marks**

(b) Derive the relation of Curie-Weiss law.**10 marks**

7. (a) Mention four of the major defects in crystals.**4 marks**

(b) Write short notes on

(i) Twin boundaries**5 marks**

(ii) Interstitialcy.**5 marks**