January 2018

M. Sc. IIIrd Semester Examination

PHYSICS

First Paper : Condensed Matter Physics - I

Time 3 Hours

[Max. Marks : Regular 85 / Private 100 [Min. Marks: Regular 28 / Private 33

Note: This question paper is meant for all Regular and Private students. Answer all five questions. All questions carry equal marks. The blind candidates will be given 60 minutes extra time.

- 1. (a) Explain crystal systems in three dimension.
 - (b) Show that five fold rotation axis is not compatible with a lattice.

Determine the interplanar spacing between two adjacent planes of Miller indices(h, k, l) in a cubic lattice.

- Explain reciprocal lattice. Describe its geometrical construction.
 - Describe Bragg's law of X-ray diffraction.

- Discuss Ewaldi construction for X-ray diffraction.
- (b) Describe Brillouin Zone.
- (a) Explain elastic constants of a cubic crystal.
 - (b) Derive an expression for elastic energy density.

OR

- Obtain an expression for elastic waves in [100] direction of a cubic crystal.
- (b) Write short note on experimental determination of elastic constants.
- Consider a monoatomic chain of atoms. Obtain the dispersion relation. Sketch and explain the dispersive behaviour.

OR

- (a) Obtain dispersion relation of a linear diatomic lattice.
- (b) Describe the inelastic scattering of neutrons to probe the phonon structure of solids.
- 5. Explain thermal expansion and thermal conductivity. Obtain an expression for them.

Write short notes on any two of the following:

- (a) de Hass Van Alfen effect
- (b) Cyclotron Resonance
- (c) Magnetoresistance
- (d) Gruneisen Constant.

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