

Answer ALL Questions  
(10 X 10 = 100 Marks)

1. Explain the materials based on the energy band and their properties with suitable diagrams and examples. How does temperature affect the probability functions in energy bands? [10]
2. Consider the BCC unit cell of an iron (Fe) crystal.
  - a) How many atoms are there per unit cell? [2]
  - b) If  $R$  is the radius of the Fe atom, with lattice parameter ' $a$ ' is given by  $a = 4R/\sqrt{3}$ ; Calculate the Atomic Packing Factor (APF) for the BCC structure. [3]
  - c) Calculate the atomic concentration (number of atoms per unit volume) in Fe, given that the atomic mass of Fe is 55.85 g/mol, its density is 7.87 g/cm<sup>3</sup>, and the atomic radius of Fe is 0.124 nm. [5]
3. Explain temperature dependence of conductivity for n-type semiconductors with relevant characteristics. [10]
4. For a given silicon crystal, the atomic concentration is  $5 \times 10^{22}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $n_i = 1.0 \times 10^{10}$  cm<sup>-3</sup>,  $\mu_e = 1400$  cm<sup>2</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>, and  $\mu_h = 450$  cm<sup>2</sup> V<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>.
  - I) Find the resistance of a 1 cm<sup>3</sup> pure silicon crystal. [2.5]
  - II) What is the resistance when the silicon crystal is doped with arsenic if the doping is 1 in 10<sup>9</sup>, i.e one part per billion (ppb)? [2.5]
  - III) What is the resistance when silicon crystal is doped with boron instead of arsenic? [2.5]
  - IV) Analyse how conductivity and resistivity vary with the doping. [2.5]
- 5.a) Explain the diamagnetic and paramagnetic materials based on their properties and discuss their key characteristics with suitable examples. [10]

OR

5.b) Describe hard and soft magnetic materials and compare their hysteresis loop with saturation magnetism, retentivity and coercivity. Also, discuss their key applications. [10]

6. Explain superconducting materials with the Meissner effect and discuss their properties with suitable examples. Also, describe the characteristics of type-1 and type-2 of superconductors. [10]

7. Calculate the dielectric loss per unit volume ( $W/cm^3$ ) of material A and B at 60 Hz frequency from the given Table. Assume that the applied electric field is 50 kV/cm. Suggest which materials are good and poor for the manufacturing of cables. [10]

Material	$\epsilon_r'$	$\tan\delta$
A	2.5	$4 \times 10^{-4}$
B	8.5	$1 \times 10^{-3}$

8. Consider a KCl crystal, which has one  $K^+ - Cl^-$  pair per unit cell and a lattice parameter  $a = 0.314$  nm. The electronic polarizability of  $K^+$  and  $Cl^-$  ions is  $2.5 \times 10^{-40}$  F·m<sup>2</sup> and  $3.8 \times 10^{-40}$  F·m<sup>2</sup>, respectively. The mean ionic polarizability per ion pair is  $5.5 \times 10^{-40}$  F·m<sup>2</sup>. Calculate the dielectric constant of KCl at low frequencies and optical frequencies. [10]

9. a) The cauchy dispersion relation for Si with coefficients [5]  
 $n_{-2} = -2.04 \times 10^{-8}, n_0 = 3.4186, n_2 = 8.15 \times 10^{-2}, n_4 = 1.25 \times 10^{-2}$   
 Calculate the photon energy (in eV) and refractive index of Si at 1450 nm, one of the main communication wavelengths.

b) For GaAs, from  $\lambda = 0.89$  to  $4.1 \mu m$ , the refractive index is given by the following dispersion relation. [5]

$$n^2 = 7.10 + \frac{3.78 \lambda^2}{\lambda^2 - 0.2767}$$

Where  $\lambda$  is in microns ( $\mu m$ ). What is the refractive index of GaAs for light with a photon energy of 1eV?

10.a) Explain the construction and working of flexible solar cells in detail. [10]

OR

10.b) Classify various types of energy storage for engineering applications. Also, explain the construction and workings of flexible energy storage in detail. [10]

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