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**Second Semester M.Sc. Degree (Supplementary) Examination, March 2017**  
**PHYSICS**  
**(2013 and Earlier Admn.)**  
**PH 203 : Solid State Physics**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 50

**PART -- A**

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **10** marks.

1. Derive the dispersion relation for a one dimensional atomic crystal. Discuss the nature of acoustic and optical modes. Show that the group velocity vanishes at zone boundary.
2. Derive the expression for density of states of free electron gas in three dimensions.
3. What is single particle tunneling ? Discuss d.c. and a.c. Josephson's effects and explain their importance.
4. Give an account for the quantum theory of paramagnetism. Discuss the magnetic behaviour of rare earth ions. **(2×10=20)**

**PART -- B**

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks.

1. State why we cannot use visible light for Bragg reflection.
2. Obtain the expression for density of states in one dimension.
3. Briefly explain the origin of energy gaps on the basis of nearly free electron model.
4. Explain donors and acceptors with examples.
5. Briefly explain London penetration depth.
6. Briefly explain the process of cooling by isentropic demagnetization.
7. Briefly explain top-down approach with an example. What is its disadvantage ?
8. Explain how particle size is determined using XRD. **(5×3=15)**

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## PART – C

Answer any three questions. Each question carries 5 marks.

1. Determine the reciprocal lattice vectors which define the Brillouin zones of bcc lattice.
  2. Gold has the same structure as copper. The velocity of sound in gold is  $2100 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  and that in copper is  $3800 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . If the Debye temperature of copper is 348 K, determine the Debye temperature of gold. The densities of gold and copper are  $1.93 \times 10^4 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$  and  $8960 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$  their atomic weights are 197.0 and 63.54 amu respectively.
  3. If a dust particle of one microgram requires to cross a distance of which is the separation between two rigid walls of the potential, determine the quantum number described by this motion.
  4. Estimate the intrinsic coherence length of aluminium if the size of the energy gap is  $3.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$ ,  $v_F = 2.02 \times 10^6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .
  5. Consider an atom with  $L = 2$  and 0 spin angular momentum placed in a uniform magnetic induction of  $2 \text{ Wbm}^{-2}$ . Calculate the rate of precession of the resultant magnetic moment. (3×5=15)
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