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B. Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION - APRIL 2021

SEMESTER -6: PHYSICS (CORE COURSE - ELECTIVE)

COURSE: 15U6CRPHY13EL: OPTOELECTRONICS

(Common for Regular 2018 admission & Improvement 2017/Supplementary 2017/2016 /2015 admissions)

Time: Three Hours Max Marks: 75

PART A (Very short answer questions)

Answer all questions, each question carries 1 Mark

- 1. Write a mathematical expression for a Gaussian.
- 2. What is photonics?
- 3. What are excitons?
- 4. Define luminescence.
- 5. Describe how light is generated in an LED.
- 6. What is a PIN photodiode?
- 7. What is a phototransistor?
- 8. A photodiode is usually connected in reverse biased configuration in a circuit for light detection. True or False?
- 9. What is the principle behind the zig-zag optical paths in an optical fibre?
- 10. The core of a single mode fibre is usually narrower compared to the core of a multimode fibre.

 True or False $(1 \times 10 = 10)$

PART B (Short answer)

Answer any Eight questions, each question carries 2 Marks

- 11. Describe a heterojunction solar cell.
- 12. Briefly outline Stark effect.
- 13. Explain electron-hole pair formation in semiconductors.
- 14. Describe Franz Keldysh effect.
- 15. Define Pockels effect.
- 16. Describe carrier injection, recombination and excitation processes in a junction LED.
- 17. State any two drawbacks of a homojunction laser diode?
- 18. Define internal quantum efficiency of a Light emitting diode.
- 19. Define Birefringence.
- 20. With suitable sketches, show the differences between a step-index and a graded-index fibre.

 $(2 \times 8 = 16)$

PART C (Problem/Derivations)

Answer any Five question, each question carries 5 Marks

- 21. Illustrate radiative and non-radiative recombination.
- 22. Explain Light (Power)-Current and Diode current -Voltage characteristics of a Light emitting diode.

- 23. State the principle and operation of a junction photodiode.
- 24. What are quantum well lasers?
- 25. Describe a basic optical communication system.
- 26. Describe the three direct modulation methods in optical communication systems.
- 27. Write a short note acousto-optic modulators.

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

PART D (Long answer questions)

Answer any Two question, each question carries 12 Marks

- 28. Explain the following:
 - (a) Structure of a optical fibre
 - (b) Signal loss and attenuation mechanisms in a fibre
 - (c) Optical Fibre bundles
 - (d) Advantages of optical fibres in communication.
- 29. Describe the following processes with diagrams:
 - (a) Auger recombination
 - (b) Band-to-Band recombination
 - (c) Stokes Shift
 - (d) Relation between absorption and emission spectra for semiconductors
- 30. Draw the schematic of an edge-emitting LED and explain its structure.
- 31. What are optical fibres? Describe the types and classification of Optical Fibres.

 $(12 \times 2 = 24)$
