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M.Sc. DEGREE (C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, JUNE 2019

Second Semester

Faculty of Science

Branch II: Physics-A-Pure Physics

PH 2C 08—CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS

(2012 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Weight: 30

Part A (Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any six questions.

Each question carries weight 1.

- 1. What is reciprocal lattice?
- 2. What is meant by density of states?
- 3. State and explain Widemann —Franz-Lorentz law.
- 4. What are Brillouin zones? Explain.
- 5. Give the properties of metal semiconductor junction.
- 6. State the features of phonons.
- 7. Briefly explain dipole theory of ferroelectric materials.
- 8. Explain piezoelectric effect.
- 9. State Hund's rule.
- 10. List the uses of grapheme.

 $(6 \times 1 = 6)$

Part B

Answer any **four** questions. Each question carries weight 2.

- 11. Show that $2d \sin \theta = n \lambda$. Give one application.
- 12. Discuss the facts and figures of electronic specific heat.
- 13. Bring out the construction of Brillouin zones in two dimensions.

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- 14. Establish the effect of temperature on the electrical conductivity of semiconductors.
- 15. Describe the quantisation of elastic waves in a diatomic lattice.
- 16. Give an account on superconducting fullerenes.

 $(4 \times 2 = 8)$

Part C

Answer all questions.

Each question carries weight 4.

17. (a) Describe electrical conductivity of metals with the support of FD statistics.

Or

- (b) Explain Ewald construction process. Describe SC, BCC and FCC lattices and properties.
- 18. (a) Describe the classification of materials according to Krong and Penny.

Or

- (b) Explain Hall Effect. Bring out the experimental set-up and theory for the determination of Hall co-efficient.
- 19. (a) Discuss the Einstein model for specific heat of solids. Also give experimental evidences.

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- (b) Bring out a comparative study of ferroelectric, antiferroelectric and ferrielectric properties of solids.
- 20. (a) Discuss the adiabatic demagnetisation of a paramagnetic material for extreme low temperatures.

Or

(b) Discuss the BCS theory for super conductivity.

 $(4 \times 4 = 16)$

