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SEMESTER EXAMINATION: FEBRUARY 2022  
**PH 318 – ELECTROMAGNETISM, SOUND AND PHYSICAL OPTICS**

Time- 2 ½ hrs

Max Marks-70

This question paper contains **two** printed pages and **three** parts

**Part A**

Answer any FOUR questions:

(4 x 10 =40)

1. a) Obtain an expression for the mechanical force exerted on a unit area of a charged conductor.  
b) Derive  $\vec{E} = -\nabla V$ . (7+3)
2. a) State and explain Biot - Savart's law.  
b) Obtain an expression for the magnetic field due to a current carrying straight conductor of finite length. (4+6)
3. a) Give the conditions for sustained interference.  
b) Describe Kundt's tube experiment to find the velocity of sound in a rod. (3+7)
4. a) Explaining the theory of zone plate, derive a formula for its focal length.  
b) Give any three differences between Fresnel and Fraunhofer diffraction (7+3)
5. a) State Maxwell's Equations and give its physical significance.  
b) Explain Poynting theorem. (8+2)
6. a) What are quarter wave plate and half wave plate? Obtain an expression for thickness of wave plate in each case.  
b) Give the differences between positive and negative crystals with examples. (6+4)

**PART – B**

Solve any FOUR of the following:

(4 x 5 =20)

7. A narrow slit is illuminated by monochromatic light of wavelength  $6 \times 10^{-7} \text{m}$ , which is placed at a distance of 0.1m from a straight edge. If measurements are carried out at a distance equal to 1m from the edge, what is the distance between the first and second dark bands.
8. A parallel beam of light of wavelength  $6 \times 10^{-7} \text{m}$  is incident on a thin transparent film of refractive index 1.5 such that angle of refraction is  $45^\circ$  in the film. Calculate the smallest thickness of the film which will appear dark by reflection.

9. Sugar solution of concentration  $100 \text{ kg m}^{-3}$  is kept in a polarimeter tube of length 0.22 m. If the specific rotation of the sugar is  $0.75^\circ \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ m}^2$ . Calculate the rotation of linearly polarised light.
10. An electric dipole has a moment of  $2 \times 10^{-7} \text{ Cm}$ . Find the electric intensity at a point 0.1 m from its midpoint in a direction inclined at  $60^\circ$  to the axis.
11. Calculate the self-inductance of a solenoid of 200 turns and length 25 cm radius 5 cm having an air core. Calculate the magnetic flux produced when a current of 2 A flows through it.
12. If  $\vec{A} = xz^3\hat{i} - 2x^2yz\hat{j} + 2yz^4\hat{k}$  find  $\nabla \cdot \vec{A}$  at the point (1, -1, 1).

### PART – C

Answer any FIVE of the following:

(5 x 2 = 10)

13. a) Can interference fringes be produced by using two identical bulbs? Explain.
- b) Why do radio waves diffract around buildings while visible light do not?
- c) Eddy current is sometime disadvantageous. Why? How can it be minimised?
- d) Work done by a charge in a magnetic field is zero. Justify.
- e) Displacement current is as real as conduction current. Explain.
- f) What happens to the fringe width, when Young's Double Slit apparatus is immersed in water? Explain.