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**FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024**

(CBCSS)

Physics

PHY 4E 14—LASER SYSTEMS, OPTICAL FIBRES AND APPLICATIONS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Section A

*8 Short questions, each answerable within 7.5 minutes.**Answer all questions, Each question carries weightage 1.*

1. Explain Doppler broadening mechanism in lasers
2. Discuss briefly what unstable resonators are.
3. Explain Z scan technique
4. Explain any two applications of spatial frequency filter
5. What is a fibre laser ? What are the advantages of fibre laser over other lasers ?
6. Mention the medical applications of lasers
7. Give the two requirements for lasing action in a semiconductor diode. Explain how lasing action occurs in it.
8. Compare step index and graded index optical fibre.

(8 x 1 = 8 weightage)

Section B

*4 Essay questions, each answerable within 30 minutes.**Answer any two questions, Each question carries weightage 5.*

9. Explain the technique of mode-locking. How it is used to generate very short optical pulses of high peak power ?
10. Explain the application of lasers in material processing and isotope separation.

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11. Derive the laser rate equations for a three level laser system and a four level laser system.

12. Explain the working principle of singly resonant oscillator.

(2 × 5 = 10 weight)

Section C

7 Problem questions, each answerable within 15 minutes.

Answer any four questions, Each question carries weightage 3.

13. For a cavity with mirrors having reflectivities of 98 %, what would the minimum gain needed in order for the laser to reach threshold if the amplifier length is 0.2 m, and the mirror separation is 0.4 m ? Assume no losses in the cavity other than the mirror transmission losses.

14. For a ruby laser of 6328 Å wavelength, the spontaneous emission coefficient is 10^7 s^{-1} . The medium of length 20 cm, and refractive index of 1.76 is installed in a two-mirror cavity having mirror reflectivities of 99.9 % and 98 %. Calculate the time in which energy in the cavity is reduced by a factor of 1/e. Also find the threshold population inversion. Given the normalised line function as $1.6 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}$. Assume no losses in the cavity other than the mirror transmission losses.

15. Explain threshold population inversion.

16. Describe the theory of recording and reconstruction of image in a hologram.

17. Find the phase matching criteria and hence the refractive index criteria for the efficient harmonic generation

18. A He-Ne laser operating at 632.8 nm, has an output power of 1.0 mW with a 1 mm. beam diameter. Power in the cavity is 99 P since the output mirror has 1% transmission. The beam diameter is 1 mm inside the laser cavity and the power is uniform over the beam cross section. The linewidth is $1.5 \times 10^8 \text{ Hz}$. What is the ratio of stimulated and spontaneous emission rates? What is the effective blackbody temperature of the laser beam near the output mirror in the cavity?

9. The core diameter of a single mode optical fiber is 10 μm , the fiber is coupled to semiconductor diode rated to operate at 1.3 μm . The refractive index of the core glass material is 1.55. The maximum numerical aperture is 0.995. Calculate the refractive index of the cladding. Show that all the rays making an angle $< 5.712^\circ$ with the axis of fiber will be guided through it.

(4 × 3 = 12 weight)