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Sixth Semester B.Sc. Degree Examination, April 2024 First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Physics

Core Course XI

PY 1643 : CLASSICAL AND MODERN OPTICS
(2018 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 80

SECTION - A

Answer all questions in one or two sentences; each question carries 1 mark.

- 1. What is fringe width? Given an expression for fringe width.
- 2. What is coherent source?
- 3. Why the center of Newton's rings is dark for reflected light?
- 4. Define resolving power of a grating.
- 5. Why diffraction is common in sound but not common in light?
- 6. What is zone plate?
- Distinguish between ordinary light and polarised light.

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- 8. State Brewster's law.
- 9. What are the essential requirements of a laser?
- 10. Explain population inversion.

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - B

Answer any eight questions, not exceeding a paragraph; each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Write a note on Fresnel's biprism.
- 12. Define interference. Write an expression for bandwidth of interference fringes.
- 13. Explain diffraction.
- 14. What are the assumptions made Fresnel to explain the diffraction pattern?
- 15. What are the characteristics of grating spectra?
- Explain how circularly polarized light can be produced.
- 17. State Malu's law.
- 18. How a quarter wave plate is constructed?
- 19. What are Einstein coefficients?
- 20. What are the advantages of fibre optic communications?
- 21. Explain the principle and process of holography.
- 22. What are the applications of holography?

 $\cdot (8 \times 2 = 16 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - C

Answer any six, each question carries 4 marks.

- 23. Two waves having intensities in the ratio 1:9. Find the ratio of the intensity minimum to the maximum.
- 24. Newton's rings observed in reflected light of $\lambda = 5.9 \times 10^{-7}$ m. The diameter of the 10^{th} ring is 0.5 cm. Find the radius of curvature of the lens and the thickness of the air film.
- 25. Find the half angular width of the central bright maximum in the Fraunhofer diffraction pattern of a slit of width 12×10^{-5} cm when the slit is illuminated by monochromatic wavelength 6000Å.
- 26. A parallel beam of monochromatic light is allowed to be incident normally on a plane transmission grating having 5000 lines/cm and the third order spectral line is found to be diffracted through 45°. Calculate the wavelength of the light.
- 27. What should be the minimum number of lines in a grating which will just resolve in the second order lines whose wavelength are 5890 Å and 5896 Å?
- 28. When a light is incident on water surface glancing angle of 37°, the reflected light is found to be completely plane polarised? Determine the refractive index of water and angle of refraction.
- If the critical angle for glass air boundary is 40°. Calculate the polarising angle for glass.
- 30. A glass fibre is made with core glass of reflective index 1.55 and cladding is doped to give a refractive index 1.5. Calculate the numerical aperture, acceptance angle and the fractional index change.
- 31. Explain the principle and working of a Ruby Laser.

 $(6 \times 4 = 24 \text{ Marks})$

SECTION - D

Answer any two questions; each question carries 15 marks.

- 32. Describe Michelson's interferometer. Explain how this is used to measure the wavelength of monochromatic light.
- 33. Explain the Fraunhoffer diffraction pattern due to a single slit.
- 34. Describe a nicol prism and explain how it can be used for the study of polarization of light.
- 35. Explain the principle, construction and working of a He-Ne laser.

 $(2 \times 15 = 30 \text{ Marks})$