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III Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, March/April - 2025

PHYSICS

Lasers and their Applications (Elective)

(CBCS New Scheme 2020-21)

Paper : PHY 305a



Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates: All questions are compulsory.

Answer All the questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

(3×15=45)

1. a) Define population inversion, saturation intensity and laser amplification. How is population inversion achieved for a three level system?
b) Explain the advantages of a 4 level laser system over that of a 3 level system. (9+6)

(OR)

2. a) Discuss the spherical and plane parallel resonator cavity configurations in lasers with proper diagrams.
b) Explain the properties of laser modes. (10+5)

3. a) Describe the characteristics of a diode laser. How is tuning achieved in such laser?
b) Explain the monochromaticity, coherence and directionality of laser beam. (9+6)

(OR)

4. a) Describe the principle and construction, working of Nd: YAG laser.
b) Why is CO₂ laser effective in high power emission? Explain. (10+5)

5. a) Discuss the laser Raman scattering and fluorescence techniques used in the pollution studies.
b) Discuss the application of laser in spectroscopic studies. (10+5)

(OR)

6. a) Discuss the use of lasers in ultra-high resolution spectroscopy and their uses.
b) Explain the types of attenuation of laser in optical fibers. (10+5)

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Answer any Five of the following:

(5×5=25)

7. a) Explain the necessary conditions for lasing action.
- b) Describe the properties of Gaussian beams.
- c) Briefly explain the working of He-Ne laser.
- d) Explain the mechanism of excimer lasers
- e) Write a note on laser cooling and its uses.
- f) Mention in detail medical application of lasers
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