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Subject: Solid state theory
Code: BES633
Year: Postgraduate (Engineering
Physics)
Time Allowed : 3 hours
Total Marks : 100 marks

Answer the following questions.

Question 1

(20 marks)

- a) Compare Bragg's equation with those of Laue and show that they are equivalent.
b) X-rays are incident from (111) planes of a single cube crystal with a lattice parameter of 0.2nm. The first order maximum is observed in the direction of 87° to the incident ray. Calculate the Bragg angle and the wavelength of the x-rays.

Question 2

(20 marks)

Calculate the atomic packing factor (APF) and coordination number for: i) Simple cubic lattice, ii) Body centered cubic lattice and iii) Face centered cubic lattice.

Question 3

(25 marks)

In view of band theory of solids, clarify the difference between direct and indirect band gap semiconductors?

Question 4

(20 marks)

According to band theory of solid, distinguish between the types of solids with explaining the influence of the band energy diagram of each type in their electrical properties?

Question 5

(15 marks)

Write short notes on:

- i. Generation of charge carriers
- ii. Recombination of charge carriers
- iii. Carriers movement in equilibrium through P-N junction diodes

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