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# FOURTH SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY) EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025

(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 answerable within 7.5 minutes)

(Answer all questions, each carries weightage 1)

- 1. Explain spontaneous and stimulated emissions.
- 2. Briefly explain four wave mixing.
- 3. Bring out the different applications of holography.
- 4. Define numerical aperture. State the relation between numerical aperture and acceptance angle.
- 5. What are leaky modes? Explain the mechanism for their occurrence.
- 6. Explain briefly optical parametric oscillator.
- 7. What are the characteristic properties of laser light?
- 8. Differentiate between step index and graded index fiber.

 $(8 \times 1 = 8 \text{ weightage})$ 

## Section B

(4 Essay questions, each answerable within 30 minutes) (Answer any **two** questions, each carries weightage 5)

- 9. Explain the theory of Q-switching. Discuss the generation of high-power pulses through Q-switching.
- 10. With an energy level diagram, explain the construction and working of the Helium-Neon laser.

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- 11. What is nonlinear polarization? Derive an expression to prove the existence of the second and third harmonic generation.
- 12. Describe the applications of laser in : (a) Industrial application of lasers ; (b) Lasers in medicine ; and (c) Laser induced chemical reactions

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$ 

### Section C

 $(7\ problems\ answerable\ within\ 15\ minutes)$ 

(Answer any **four** questions, each carries Weightage 3)

- 13. Describe the theory of recording of image and reconstruction of image in a hologram.
- 14. An Nd:YAG laser emits 1064 nm. with a bandwidth of 0.1 nm. Determine the minimum possible laser pulse duration achievable from this laser without using any special techniques.
- 15. Derive an expression for Einstein co-efficients.
- 16. Calculate the gap in frequency between two longitudinal modes in a linear cavity whose optic length, L, = 225 mm.
- 17. Determine the radiance of a 5 mW helium-neon laser having an output diameter of 2 mm. and a divergence of 1 mrad.
- 18. Describe Z-scan technique.
- 19. A step index fibre has a numerical aperture of 0.395, core refractive index of 1.55. Calculate the refractive index of cladding, and the acceptance angle.

 $(4 \times 3 = 12 \text{ weightage})$