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**ANNA UNIVERSITY (UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS)**  
**B.E. /B. Tech / B. Arch (Full Time) - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, APR / MAY 2024**  
**COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING BRANCH**  
**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**(Regulation 2023)**

**PH3252 & SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES AND QUANTUM TECHNOLOGY**

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 100

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| CO 1 | Express knowledge on the electrical properties of materials.                           |
| CO 2 | Have an insight into the semiconductor junction and Display Devices.                   |
| CO 3 | Explore the magnetic and optical data storage Devices.                                 |
| CO 4 | Implement the essential principles behind digital electronics.                         |
| CO 5 | Envisage the basics of quantum structures and their applications to quantum computing. |

**BL – Bloom's Taxonomy Levels**

(L1 - Remembering, L2 - Understanding, L3 - Applying, L4 - Analysing, L5 - Evaluating, L6 - Creating)

Few physical constants:  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$ ,  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J} \cdot \text{s}$ ,  $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$ ,  $e = 1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$ . The Avogadro constant  $N_A$  is  $6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$ , Bohr magneton  $\mu_B = 9.274 \times 10^{-24} \text{ J/T}$ , Permeability of free space  $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$  and Permittivity of free space  $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$ .

**PART - A (10 × 2 = 20 Marks)**

(Answer ALL Questions)

| Q.No. | Questions   | Marks | CO  | BL  |
|-------|---|-------|-----|-----|
| 1     | In the band theory of solids, there are an infinite number of bands. If, at $T = 0 \text{ K}$ , the uppermost band that contains electrons is partially filled, and the gap between that band and the next lowest band is $0.8 \text{ eV}$ , is the material a metal, an insulator, or a semiconductor? | 2     | CO1 | BL1 |
| 2     | Silicon has an electron effective mass of $0.85m_e$ and $\epsilon_r = 16$ . Find the binding energy and Bohr radius of the ground-state donor level   | 2     | CO1 | BL3 |
| 3     | Draw the energy band diagrams to scale and indicate the formation of ohmic contacts for N-type and P-type semiconductors under equilibrium conditions.  | 2     | CO2 | BL2 |
| 4     | The alloy semiconductor $\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x}\text{As}$ has a direct band gap for $x \leq 0.43$ that varies with composition according to $E_g(x) = (1.420 + 1.087x + 0.438x^2) \text{ eV}$ . What would be the wavelength of an LED made from $\text{Al}_{0.2}\text{Ga}_{0.8}\text{As}$ ?        | 2     | CO2 | BL3 |
| 5     | Plot the relationship between magnetic susceptibility and temperature for ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic materials.  | 2     | CO3 | BL2 |
| 6     | A system of electron spins is placed in a magnetic field $B = 2 \text{ T}$ at a temperature $T$ . The number of spins parallel to the magnetic field is twice as large as the number of antiparallel spins. Determine $T$ .   | 2     | CO3 | BL4 |
| 7     | In a quantum wire, the available energy gets partitioned into various channels (sub-bands). Is this partitioning unique?  | 2     | CO4 | BL1 |
| 8     | A quantum dot sphere has a size of $2 \text{ nm}$ and a dielectric constant of $11.6$ . Determine the operating temperature at which quantum confinement effects become significant.  | 2     | CO4 | BL4 |
| 9     | Check which of the following states of a single qubit are normalized: $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} 0\rangle + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} 1\rangle$ and $\frac{-3i}{\sqrt{13}} 0\rangle - \frac{2}{\sqrt{13}} 1\rangle$ .  | 2     | CO5 | BL5 |
| 10    | What will be the output when a spin right state $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}( 0\rangle +  1\rangle)$ is sent through a Hadamard gate?  | 2     | CO5 | BL5 |

**PART - B ( $5 \times 13 = 65$  Marks )**  
(Restrict to a maximum of 2 subdivisions)

| Q.No.   | Questions   | Marks | CO  | BL  |
|---------|---|-------|-----|-----|
| 11a     | Derive the expression for the density of states in metals and obtain the formula for the concentration of charge carriers in a metal at 0 K.  | 10    | CO1 | BL3 |
| (ii)    | Show that the average energy of an electron in the conduction band is 60% of the Fermi energy at 0 K.   | 3     | CO1 | BL4 |
|         | (OR)  |       |     |     |
| 11b (i) | Discuss how extrinsic semiconductors are formed and derive the expression for the carrier concentration of an N-type semiconductor at low temperature.  | 10    | CO1 | BL3 |
| (ii)    | Describe the temperature dependence of electrical conductivity in a P-type semiconductor with a graph.  | 3     | CO1 | BL4 |
| 12a     | Discuss the theory of the Hall effect and describe the measurement of Hall voltage with a neat diagram.   | 13    | CO2 | BL4 |
|         | (OR)  |       |     |     |
| 12b     | Explain the principle, construction, and working of a liquid crystal display with neat diagrams.  | 13    | CO2 | BL4 |
| 13a     | Discuss the properties of soft and hard magnetic materials based on the domain theory of ferromagnetism, using B-H diagrams, and explain their potential applications in various fields.                      | 13    | CO3 | BL5 |
|         | (OR)  |       |     |     |
| 13b     | Explain the principle, construction, and working of any one data storage device with neat diagrams.   | 13    | CO3 | BL5 |
| 14a     | Discuss the concept of quantum confinement and its implications in the formation of quantum structures such as quantum wells, wires, and dots.  | 13    | CO4 | BL2 |
|         | (OR)  |       |     |     |
| 14b     | Discuss the construction of the single-electron transistor (SET) with a neat diagram, and explain how the unique properties of the SET, such as Coulomb blockade and quantum tunneling, enable its operation. | 13    | CO4 | BL2 |
| 15a     | Discuss the different types of quantum computers, including general requirements for quantum computing.   | 13    | CO5 | BL3 |
|         | (OR)  |       |     |     |
| 15b     | Discuss the different types of quantum gates, including single-qubit gates and multi-qubit gates, highlighting their general properties and functionalities.  | 13    | CO5 | BL3 |

**PART - C ( $1 \times 15 = 15$  Marks )**  
(Q.No.16 is compulsory)

| Q.No.  | Questions  | Marks | CO  | BL  |
|--------|--|-------|-----|-----|
| 16 (i) | Derive the expression for the hole concentration in the valence band of an intrinsic semiconductor using the density of states and the Fermi-Dirac distribution.                             | 8     | CO1 | BL3 |
| (ii)   | Describe how quantum dots are used to represent information in the Quantum Dot Cellular Automata (QCA) method with a neat diagram and explain the majority gate in QCA and how it functions. | 7     | CO5 | BL3 |

