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**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2023**

(CBCSS)

Physics

PHY IC 03—ELECTRODYNAMICS AND PLASMA PHYSICS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Section A*8 short questions, each answerable within 7.5 minutes.**Answer all questions, each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. What is the intrinsic impedance of the free space ? Give the equation.
2. Define group velocity.
3. What is Poynting vector ?
4. Define total reflection, critical angle and the equation for critical angle.
5. Define a) Propagation constant ; b) Attenuation constant ; and c) Phase constant.
6. What is the constitution of ionosphere ?
7. What is Plasma ?
8. Define displacement current

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

Section B*4 essay questions, each answerable within 30 minutes.**Answer any two questions, each question carries weightage 5.*

9. Explain polarization of a plain wave and derive the equation . Explain circularly polarized waves what is meant by negative circularly polarization.
10. Analyse the behaviour of transverse magnetic waves allow uniform guiding structures.

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11. Explain plasma fluid equations.
12. Explain Maxwell's equations. In detail, explain boundary conditions of electrodynamics.

Section C

7 problems answerable within 15 minutes.

*Answer any **four** questions, each question carries weightage 3.*

13. Prove that a linearly polarized plane wave can be resolved into a right hand circular wave and left hand circularly polarized wave of equal amplitude
14. It has been estimated that the spacecraft reenters the Earth's atmosphere the surrounding molecules create plasma, electron density is in the neighborhood of 2×10^8 per cm³. Discuss the plasmas effect on frequency usage in radio communication between the spacecraft and mission controllers on earth.
15. A uniform plane wave in a lossless medium with intrinsic impedance η_1 is incident on another lossless medium with intrinsic impedance η_2 through a plane boundary. Derive an expression for the time average power densities in both media.
16. Write transmission line equations for a lossless parallel plate line supporting TEM mode.
17. Derive the motion of plasma in time varying B field.
18. Compute λ_D and λ_{De} for the following cases :
 - a) A glow discharge with $n = 10^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$ and $KTe = 2 \text{ eV}$
 - b) Earth's ionosphere with $n = 10^{12} \text{ m}^{-3}$ and $KTe = 0.1 \text{ eV}$
 - c) A θ pinch with $n = 10^{23} \text{ m}^{-3}$ and $KTe = 800 \text{ eV}$
19. With figure explain Debye shielding