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**FIFTH SEMESTER U.G. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2021**

(CBCSS—UG)

Physics/Applied Physics

PHY 5B 08/APH 5B 08—OPTICS

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 60 Marks

*The symbols used in question paper have their usual meanings.***Section A (Short Answer Type)***Answer at least eight questions.**Each question carries 3 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 24.*

1. Explain Fermat's principle of stationary time.
2. Discuss the principle of superposition of waves.
3. Explain the terms coherence time and coherence length.
4. Discuss the Rayleigh criterion of resolution.
5. Write down the conditions for maxima and minima for the Newton's rings in the reflected system.
6. Distinguish between Fresnel and Fraunhofer kinds of diffractions.
7. Show a figure illustrating the Huygens wave surfaces produced by a point source embedded in a positive doubly refracting crystal.
8. How is an elliptically polarized light produced?
9. Distinguish between dextrorotatory and laevorotatory substances.
10. Discuss the basic steps in holography.
1. Distinguish between step index and graded index optical fibers.
2. Discuss the basic parts of a fiber optic sensor.

(8 × 3 = 24 marks)

**Section B (Paragraph/Problem Type)***Answer at least five questions.**Each question carries 5 marks.**All questions can be attended.**Overall Ceiling 25.*

3. Obtain the Newtonian lens formula.

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14. Determine the separation between the coherent sources formed by a biprism whose inclined faces make angles of  $2^\circ$  with its base and the slit is 0.1 m away from the biprism. Given, the refractive index of the material of the prism is 1.5.
15. Calculate the radius of the first dark ring of the Fraunhofer diffraction pattern produced by a circular aperture of radius 0.02 cm at the focal plane of a convex lens of focal length 20 cm, if the wavelength of light used is 600 nm.
16. Consider a Fresnel zone plate with radii  $r_n = 0.1 \sqrt{n}$  cm. For  $\lambda = 5 \times 10^{-5}$  cm, calculate the positions of the foci.
17. Determine the thickness of a half-wave plate of quartz for a wavelength 500 nm. Given that the refractive indices of the extra-ordinary and ordinary rays are  $\mu_e = 1.553$  and  $\mu_o$  respectively.
18. Discuss the applications of holography.
19. Calculate the numerical aperture and hence the acceptance angle of an optical fiber having core and cladding refractive indices 1.45 and 1.40 respectively.

(5 × 5 = 25)

### Section C (Essay Type)

Answer any **one** question.  
The question carries 11 marks.

20. Discuss the interference by a plane parallel film when illuminated by a plane wave and derive the conditions for maxima and minima.
21. Obtain an expression for the intensity distribution for the Fraunhofer diffraction due to a single slit.

(1 × 11 = 11)