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**B.A./B.Sc. (General) 3rd Semester  
Examination**

**1127**

**PHYSICS**

**(Optics and Lasers-I)**

**Paper : B**

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Max. Marks : 44**

**Note** :- Attempt *five* questions in all, selecting *two* questions from each Section-A and Section-B. Section-C, (Q. No. 7) is compulsory. Log tables and calculator are allowed.

**Section-A**

1. Discuss the phenomena of interference in thin films.

Obtain the condition for maxima and minima. Show that the interference patterns in the reflected and transmitted system are complementary.

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2. (a) Give the experimental details for the production of Newton's rings. Obtain the conditions for dark and bright fringes both in reflected and transmitted system. 6
- (b) A parallel beam of light  $5890 \text{ \AA}$  is incident on a glass plate having refractive index 1.5 such that the angle of refraction in the plate is  $60^\circ$ . Calculate the smallest thickness of glass plate which will appear dark by reflected light. 3
3. (a) What is meant by interference by division of wave front and division of amplitudes ? How you can obtain the interference using Fresnel's biprism ? Describe in detail how Fresnel's biprism is used to determine wavelength of unknown light source ? 6
- (b) The wavelength of two components of D-lines of sodium are  $5890 \text{ \AA}$  and  $5896 \text{ \AA}$ . By how much distance one of the mirrors of Michelson's interferometer be moved so as to obtain consecutive positions of maximum distinctness ? 3



### Section-B

4. Discuss the diffraction pattern produced by a circular aperture. Show that radius of central disc decreases with the increase of diameter of the aperture. What is its importance in optical instruments ? 9
5. (a) Discuss the effect of diffraction of the images formed by optical instruments. Explain Rayleigh's criteria of resolution. Derive an expression for resolving power of telescope. 6
- (b) What is the radius of third half period zone of a zone plate having focal length 0.2 meter and illuminated by light of wavelength  $5000 \text{ \AA}$  ? 3
6. (a) What do you understand by double refraction ? Explain double refraction through uniaxial crystal. Which of the two rays i.e. O-ray or E-ray travels faster along a direction other than the optical axis in positive crystal ? 6
- (b) Two polaroids are adjusted so as to obtain maximum intensity. Through what angle should one polaroid to be rotated to reduce the intensity to (i) half and (ii) one fourth. 3

### Section-C

7. Attempt any *eight* parts :

- (i) Why broad source of light is required to observe interference in case of thin film ?
- (ii) Define coherence length and coherence time.
- (iii) What are Moire's fringes ? Give scientific applications of these fringes.
- (iv) Define resolving power and limit of resolution for any optical instrument.
- (v) Why the light waves are generally characterized by electric vector although it is electromagnetic in nature ?
- (vi) Why X-rays diffract from crystal lattice and not from the plane transmission grating ?
- (vii) Tell why, the Sun appears reddish during sunset and sunrise.
- (viii) What are quarter and half wave plates ?
- (ix) What are ordinary (O) and extra-ordinary (E) rays ?
- (x) State the Brewster's law in polarisation of light waves.

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