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PHYSICS

Paper—B: (Optics & Lasers-I)

Time Allowed: Three Hours] [Maximum Marks: 44

Note: — Attempt FIVE in all selecting TWO questions each from Unit-I, Unit-II and Unit-III is compulsory. Use of Non-Programmable calculators and log tables is allowed.

UNIT-I

- (a) Describe Fresnel's biprism method of finding the wavelength of light. Give theory of the method. Explain what happens when light is used to illuminate the slit.
 - (b) In a Fresnel's biprism experiment, the focal plane of the eye-piece is at 1 m from the slit. The slit is illuminated with sodium light and the fringe width is found to be 0.172 mm. A lens of short focal length is placed between the biprism and the eye-piece. The lens, when adjusted near the biprism produces the two images of the slits separated by 4.34 mm and when adjusted near the eye-piece produces two images of the slit separated by 2.71 mm. Calculate the wavelength of the sodium light.

- (a) Discuss the phenomenon of interference in thin films. Obtain the condition for maxima and minima.
 - (b) A parallel beam of sodium light strikes an oil film (n=1.40) floating on water (n = 1.33). When viewed at an angle of 30°, from the normal, the sixth dark fringe is seen. Find the thickness of the film. Given λ = 589 nm.
- 3. (a) Describe the principle, construction and working of Michelson interferometer. What type of fringes do you get in it? Name three applications of Michelson interferometer.
 - (b) What is thickness of a non-reflecting film in terms of λ?
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UNIT-II

- 4. (a) What is the difference between positive and negative zone plate?
 - (b) Why the diffraction of sound is more evident in daily experience than that the light waves? 6,3
- 5. (a) Explain Rayleigh's criterion for resolution and discuss it in relation to the resolving power of a microscope.
 - (b) A microscope with oil immersion objective can just resolve 40 lines per cm. Wave length of light is 4000 A°. Calculate the numerical aperture of the objective required to just resolve the lines.
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- 6. (a) State and prove Malus Law. If the angle between a polarizer and analyser is 60°, what will be intensity of light transmitted, having original intensity I₀ incident on the polarizer?
 - (b) What is difference between positive and negative crystals?

UNIT—III

- 7. Attempt any eight questions:
 - (a) Explain why colour of sky is Blue.
 - (b) The light waves are said to be transverse. What is the evidence for this?
 - (c) Why do we call Fresnel's zones as half period zones?
 - (d) Can diffraction occur for virtual images? Why?
 - (e) Can interference occur with longitudinal waves? Explain.
 - (f) Why is central fringe in the Newton's Ring experiment dark, when we view the interference pattern by reflection?
 - (g) Give two conditions for sustained interference pattern.
 - (h) What is the cause of luminous border surrounding the profile of a mountain just before the sunrise or just after the sun set?
 - (i) If Young's double slit apparatus is immersed in water, what will happen to fringe width?
 - (j) A double slit interference experiment is carried out with monochromatic light in air. What will be change in the interference pattern, when the whole apparatus is immersed in water?
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