

**LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034**



**B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHYSICS**

**FIFTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2023**

**PH 5511 – OPTICS**

Date: 11-05-2023

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 PM - 04:00 PM

**PART – A**

**(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

**Q. No. Answer ALL questions**

- 1 What are cardinal points and unit points in an optical system?
- 2 Explain the necessary conditions for observing interference fringes.
- 3 Differentiate between Fresnel and Fraunhofer diffractions.
- 4 State any two differences between Ramsden's and Huygen's eyepieces.
- 5 Calculate the thickness of a doubly refracting plate capable of producing a path difference of  $\lambda/4$  between ordinary and extra ordinary waves. Given  $\lambda = 5890 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\mu_o = 1.53$ ,  $\mu_e = 1.54$ .
- 6 Explain astigmatism.
- 7 State Malu's law.
- 8 What is a zone plate?
- 9 Define resolving power of a prism.
- 10 Write a short note on stimulated emission.

**PART – B**

**(4 x 7.5 = 30 Marks)**

**Answer any FOUR questions**

- 11 Describe the principle and structure of optical fibers and explain how the light wave is propagated in single and multimode fibers.
- 12 Discuss the phenomenon of interference in thin films due to reflected light.
- 13 Explain Fraunhofer diffraction at a circular aperture.
- 14 Write a detailed note on polarization by reflection and double refraction.
- 15 Outline the theory of plane transmission grating.
- 16 Derive the condition for minimum spherical aberration for a combination of two thin lenses.

**PART – C**

**(4 x 12.5 = 50 Marks)**

**Answer any FOUR questions**

- 18 Using a neat diagram describe in detail the construction and working of a carbon dioxide laser.
- 20 Describe Fresnel's biprism. Explain how the wavelength of light can be determined using it.
- 21 Explain in detail the construction and working of a Laurent's half shade polarimeter. Explain how it is used to determine the specific rotation of sugar solution.
- 22 What is a system matrix? Analyze a system of thin lenses using the matrix formulation and hence derive the formula for its focal length.

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