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Closed book

This test consists of 14 problems on 4 pages. Answer all questions in the blue book provided.

Problem 1 (30%)

Describe each of the following phenomena

- (a) Shape-memory effect
- (b) Pseudoelasticity
- (c) Ferroelasticity
- (d) Magnetorheology
- (e) Magnetostriction
- (f) Ferrimagnetism
- (g) Ferroelectricity
- (h) Total internal reflection
- (i) Magnetoresistance
- (j) Photoconductivity
- (k) Pyroelectric effect
- (l) Skin effect
- (m) Polarization reversal
- (n) Dielectric breakdown
- (o) Piezoelectric aging

Problem 2 (12%)

What is the main difference between

- (a) paramagnetism and ferromagnetism
- (b) a stepped index optical fiber and a graded index optical fiber
- (c) a hard PZT and a soft PZT
- (d) a hard magnet and a soft magnet
- (e) a thermocouple and a thermistor
- (f) a laser and a light-emitting diode (in terms of the frequency bandwidth)

Problem 3 (10%)

Answer the following questions.

- (a) Why is a small magnetic domain size desirable for a magnetostrictive material?
- (b) Why is a cladding needed for an optical fiber?
- (c) What is the main cause of attenuation loss of an optical fiber?
- (d) What is the principle behind an evanescent-wave optical fiber sensor?
- (e) Why does the oxygen atom have a magnetic moment, whereas the oxide ion (O_2^-) does not?

Problem 4 (6%)

An optical fiber has a core of refractive index 1.48 and a cladding of refractive index 1.35. (a) What is the critical angle? (b) What is the acceptance angle?

Problem 5 (4%)

What is the magnetic moment in 1 cm³ of ferrite (Fe_3O_4) that has been fully magnetized?

Hint: The saturation magnetization of ferrite is $5 \times 10^5 \text{ A.m}^{-1}$.

Problem 6 (4%)

How many Bohr magnetons of magnetic moment are associated with a samarium (Sm) atom?

Hint: The electronic configuration of Sm is ... $4f^6 5d^0 6s^2$.

Problem 7 (4%)

Sketch the variation of the strain with the applied electric field for a ferroelectric material during variation of the electric field from zero to a very positive value, then from the very positive value to a very negative value (much beyond the coercive field), and then from the very negative value back to the very positive value (much beyond the coercive field).

Problem 8 (4%)

Sketch the variation of the stress with strain during loading and subsequent unloading for a shape-memory alloy at a temperature between A_s and A_f .

Problem 9 (5%)

A laser is required to have a coherent length of 1000 km. Give the maximum frequency bandwidth allowed.

Hint: $x_c = \frac{c}{\Delta\nu}$

$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

Problem 10 (4%)

How many electron-hole pairs are generated in a semiconductor (silicon) detector by a photon of X-ray of energy 1.49 keV, which is the energy associated with the transition of an electron of aluminum from the L energy level to the K energy level? The energy band gap of silicon is 1.1 eV.

Problem 11 (5%)

An optical fiber of length 1.8 km has an attenuation loss of 1.5 dB/km. What is the ratio of the intensity of light exiting the fiber to that entering the fiber at the other end?

Hint: Attenuation loss = $-10 \log \frac{I}{I_0}$

Problem 12 (4%)

The polarization is 0.17 C/m^2 in a material of thickness $40 \mu\text{m}$ and a diameter $600 \mu\text{m}$. What is the dipole moment?

Problem 13 (4%)

The piezoelectric coupling coefficient d is $100 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C/Pa}\cdot\text{m}^2$ (m/V) for BaTiO_3 . The elastic modulus is 69 GPa. What is the value of the voltage coefficient g for BaTiO_3 ?

Hint: $g = \frac{1}{Ed}$

Problem 14 (4%)

A piezoelectric material with voltage coefficient g of $0.22 \text{ m}^2/\text{C}$ is subjected to a stress of 48 MPa. How much electric field (in V/m) is generated?

Hint: Electric field = g (stress)