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**V Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, November 2024  
(2019 to 2022 Admissions)  
CORE COURSE IN PHYSICS  
5B07PHY : Electrostatics and Magnetostatics**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40



**PART – A**

Short answer questions. Answer **all** questions. **Each** carries **1** mark.

1. Write down the relation between electrostatic field and electric potential in integral and differential form.
2. Write down the equation for the work done to move a charge  $Q$  through a potential difference  $V$ .
3. Give the equation for magnetic Lorentz force and explain the symbols.
4. Give the expression for the magnetic dipole moment of a current loop.
5. Give any two properties of diamagnetic material.
6. What is meant by Curie temperature of a ferromagnetic material ? **(6×1=6)**

**PART – B**

Short essay questions. Answer **any six** questions. **Each** carries **2** marks.

7. Derive the expression for the electrostatic potential due to a point charge  $q$ .
8. Show that the normal component of electric field is discontinuous across a surface charge density.

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9. Derive an expression for the electrostatic work done to assemble a collection of three point charges from infinite separation.
10. What is meant by atomic polarizability ? Give its SI unit.
11. What is meant by polar and non-polar molecules ? Give an example for each.
12. Explain electric susceptibility, permittivity and dielectric constant of a linear dielectric material.
13. What is meant by magnetization  $M$  ? Define bound volume current density and bound surface current density. Give their SI units.
14. Discuss the boundary conditions of the magnetostatic fields. (6×2=12)

PART – C

Problems. Answer **any four** questions. **Each** carries **3** marks.

15. Find the electric field at a distance  $z$  above the midpoint of a straight line segment of length  $2L$  which carries a uniform line charge  $\lambda$ .
16. A student gives the electrostatic field in a region as  $\mathbf{E} = k[xy\hat{x} + 2yz\hat{y} + 3xz\hat{z}]$  V/m. Is this a possible field ? Why ?
17. Find the capacitance of two concentric spherical metal shells with radii  $a$  and  $b$ .
18. Derive the expression for the net force on an electric dipole placed in a non-uniform electric field.
19. Find the magnetic vector potential inside an infinite solenoid with turns per unit length  $n$ , radius  $r$  and current  $I$ .
20. Show that the energy of a magnetic dipole of moment  $m$  in a magnetic field  $B$  is given by  $U = -m \cdot B$ . (4×3=12)



PART – D

Long essay questions. Answer **any two** questions. **Each** carries **5** marks.

21. Explain Gauss's law. Obtain the differential form of Gauss's law. Use the law to determine the electric field outside a uniformly charged solid sphere of radius  $R$  and total charge  $q$ .

22. Show that the electric potential and hence the field due to a polarized object is the same as that produced by a volume bound charge density and a surface bound charge density.

23. Discuss the cycloid motion of a charged particle in a combined electrostatic and magnetostatic fields.

24. Discuss the effect of a magnetic field on atomic orbits. Explain how diamagnetism arises from this effect.

**(2×5=10)**

