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**V Semester B.Sc. Degree (C.B.C.S.S.-O.B.E.-Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, November 2023  
(2019 – 2021 Admissions)  
CORE COURSE IN PHYSICS  
5B07 PHY : Electrostatics and Magnetostatics**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 40



PART – A

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

1. Write the mathematical definition of the one-dimensional Dirac delta function.
2. Will the electrostatic energy obey a superposition principle ? Justify your answer.
3. What do you mean by the linear dielectric ?
4. Explain the term “induced dipoles.”
5. Express the vector potential of a magnetic dipole in terms of magnetic dipole moment.
6. How is the magnetic susceptibility related to the magnetization and permeability of the material ? (6×1=6)

PART – B

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

7. Discuss the electrostatic boundary conditions.
8. With the help of the superposition principle, obtain the expression for force on a test charge Q due to a collection of discrete point charges.

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9. Derive an expression for how much work it takes to charge the capacitor up to a final amount of charge  $Q$ .
10. The presence of a charge inside a cavity in a solid conductor will communicate its presence to the outside world. Explain.
11. Derive an expression for the force acting on a polar molecule when it is placed in a non-uniform electric field.
12. Explain the terms surface current density,  $K$  and volume current density,  $J$ .
13. How does the Ampere's law apply to magnetized materials ?
14. What do you mean by the term bound surface current ?

(6×2=12)

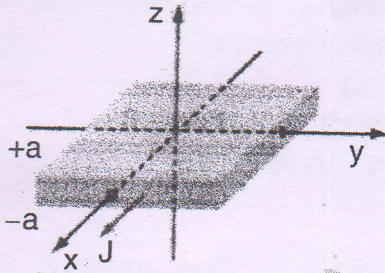
PART – C

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

15. Find the potential inside a uniformly charged solid sphere whose radius is  $R$  and whose total charge is  $q$ . Use infinity as your reference point.
16. Find the electric field of a distance  $z$  above the midpoint of a straight-line segment of length  $2L$  that carries a uniform line charge  $\lambda$ .
17. Consider two concentric spherical shells, of radii  $a$  and  $b$ . Suppose the inner one carries a charge  $q$  and the outer one carries a charge  $-q$  (both of them uniformly distributed over the surface). Calculate the energy of this configuration.
18. Suppose the field inside a large piece of dielectric is  $E_0$ , so that the electric displacement is  $D_0 = \epsilon_0 E_0 + P$ . Now a small spherical cavity is hollowed out of the material. Find the field at the center of the cavity in terms of  $E_0$  and  $P$ . Also find the displacement at the center of the cavity in terms of  $D_0$  and  $P$ . Assume the polarization is "frozen in," so it doesn't change when the cavity is excavated.
19. Derive the continuity equation.



20. A thick slab extending from  $z = -a$  to  $z = +a$  (and infinite in the  $x$  and  $y$  directions) carries a uniform volume current  $\mathbf{J} = J\hat{x}$ : (as shown in the figure). Find the magnetic field, as a function of  $z$ , both inside and outside the slab.



(4×3=12)

PART – D

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

21. State Gauss's law in electrostatic and express it in differential form. Find the electric field produced by an infinite plane sheet carrying a uniform surface charge density  $\sigma$ . Also find the direction and magnitude of the electric field in between two such sheets having equal and opposite uniform charge densities  $\pm\sigma$ .
22. Explain the term polarization. Derive an expression for the electric potential of a polarized object in terms of the bound surface and volume charge densities.
23. Discuss the motion of charged particles in a uniform electric field at right angles to the magnetic field.
24. Derive the relation for the change in orbital dipole moment of an atomic orbit due to a magnetic field.

(2×5=10)