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ACH 4307 : MATERIAL CHEMISTRY
SPECIAL/ SUPPLIMENTARY EXAMINATIONS
SERIES: SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date Sep 2018

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- (a) Tabulate the seven crystal systems giving the restrictions of axes and angles (9 marks)
- (b) What is:
 - (i) A biomaterial (1 mark)
 - (ii) Biocompatibility (1 mark)
- (c) What is a laser? (1 Mark)
What is the structure of semiconducting laser? (1 mark)
- (d) How does the Band Theory help us understand what makes conductor, insulator, or semiconductor? (4 marks)
- (e) What is :
 - (i) A Superconductor? (2 marks)
 - (ii) The critical temperature for Superconductors (3 marks)
- (f) Define the following terms associated with material properties:
 - (i) Hardness
 - (ii) Malleability
 - (iii) Toughness

- (iv) Ductility
 - (v) Brittleness
 - (vi) Elasticity
 - (vii) Plasticity
 - (viii) Stiffness
- (1 mark each)

Question TWO

With the aid of diagrams, describe the 14 Bravais lattices (20 marks)

Question THREE

With the aid of diagrams, describe the following types of BULK magnetism: Diamagnetism; Paramagnetism; Antiferromagnetism; Ferromagnetism; Ferrimagnetism (20 marks)

Question FOUR

- (a) Write notes on Zeolites with reference to:
 - (i) Mineralogy (5 marks)
 - (ii) Common properties (7 marks)

- (b) What kind of information do the following analytical techniques give:
 - (i) X-Ray Diffraction
 - (ii) Neutron Diffraction
 - (iii) Solid State NMR
 - (iv) Scanning Electron Microscopy
 - (v) Transmission Electron Microscopy
 - (vi) Elemental dispersion analyzer – using X-rays
 - (vii) IR Spectroscopy
 - (viii) X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy

(1 mark each)

Question FIVE

Tabulate the physical and structural properties associated with : Ionic ; Covalent; Metallic ; and van der Waals bonds (20 marks)

