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**FINAL EXAMINATION  
SEMESTER I  
SESSION 2019/2020**

COURSE NAME : SUPERCONDUCTOR  
COURSE CODE : BWC 40203  
PROGRAMME CODE : BWC  
EXAMINATION DATE : DECEMBER 2019 / JANUARY 2020  
DURATION : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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- Q1** (a) Derive London first and second equation. (*Hint: use Newton second law of motion and Maxwell equation*) (10 marks)
- (b) Using a specific Maxwell's equation, prove that a cooled superconductor (superconducting in zero magnetic field) does not behave like an ideal conductors. (*Hint:  $\chi = -1$ : perfect diamagnetism*) (6 marks)
- (c) A Type I superconductor has a critical temperature of 10 K in zero magnetic field and a critical field of 0.2 Tesla at 0 K. Compute the critical field,  $B_c$  at 5K. (4 marks)
- Q2** (a) Give a brief description for the following terms and definitions.
- (i) Superconductors. (2 marks)
- (ii) Superconductivity. (2 marks)
- (iii) Perfect diamagnetism. (2 marks)
- (iv) Critical temperature. (2 marks)
- (b) Differentiate between Type I and Type II superconductors by drawing the curve of magnetization versus external magnetic field. Give **ONE (1)** example of Type I and Type II superconductors. (6 marks)
- (c) Using appropriate diagram, explain in detail Meissner effect phenomena. (6 marks)
- Q3** (a) In 1935, Fritz and Heinz London proposed London theory which include London first and second equation. Distinguish between these two equations. (4 marks)
- (b) Differentiate the term of metal-insulator-metal (NIN), metal-insulator-superconductor (NIS) and superconductor-insulator-superconductor (SIS). Sketch the  $I$ - $V$  diagram for each. (6 marks)

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- (c) Differentiate the theory introduced by “London” and “Ginzburg-Landau”.  
(4 marks)
- (d) Using appropriate diagram, describe the Bardeen-Cooper-Schrieffer (BCS) theory.  
(6 marks)
- Q4** (a) Define the term of superconducting quantum interference device (SQUID). Give several application of SQUID.  
(4 marks)
- (b) Sketch the  $I$ - $V$  diagram for AC and DC Josephson effect. Discuss the different between AC and DC Josephson effect.  
(6 marks)
- (c) Describe in detail the following application:
- (i) Magnets for magnetically levitated trains, MAGLEV.  
(5 marks)
- (ii) Superconducting magnetic energy storage system, SMES.  
(5 marks)
- Q5** Using suitable sample preparation method, propose and explain in detail the flow chart for synthesization of high temperature superconductivity of  $\text{DyBa}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_7$ .  
(20 marks)

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## LIST OF FORMULA

$$\Phi = n \left( \frac{h}{2e} \right)$$

$$\Phi_0 = \frac{h}{2e}$$

$$E_g(0) = 3.53 k_B T_C$$

$$B = \mu_0 H$$

$$\lambda^2 = \frac{m}{\mu_0 n_s e^2}$$

$$H = \frac{M}{\chi}$$

$$\Phi = n \Phi_0$$

$$B_i = B_e + \mu_0 M$$

$$v = \frac{2Ve}{h}$$

$$B_C = B_c(0) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\lambda = \lambda(0) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^4 \right]^{-1/2}$$

$$J_c = J_c(0) \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^2 \right] \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{T}{T_c} \right)^4 \right]^{1/2}$$

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