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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE CODE: PHY404
COURSE TITLE: ELECTRODYNAMICS III
CREDIT UNIT: 3
TIME ALLOWED: (3 HRS)
INSTRUCTION: *Answer question 1 and any other three questions*

QUESTION 1

- (a) Write the expression for the (i) characteristic impedance (ii) speed of propagation of signals in transmission lines (10 marks)
- (b) What is a plane-polarized wave? (5 marks)
- (c) Calculate the cutoff frequency for the TE₁₀ mode in a rectangular waveguide with dimensions $a = 5 \text{ cm}$ and $b = 1 \text{ cm}$. Assume the waveguide is air-filled (6 marks)
- (d) Define the term isotropic medium (4 marks).

QUESTION 2

- (a) List two major characteristics of a plane wave (4 marks)
- (b) Write the wave equations of electric and magnetic fields in an insulating medium and explain the terms involved (8 marks)
- (c) Define a dipole (3 marks)

QUESTION 3

- (a) Write the mathematical equation for the refractive index of an isotropic medium (3 marks)
- (b) Write the waveguide equation for a parallel plate and two pairs of parallel plates (10 marks)
- (c) What is a Poynting vector? (2 marks)

QUESTION 4

- (a) What is cut-off frequency in the waveguides? (3 marks)
- (b) Given that the refractive index of water for waves of frequency 100 MHz is 9 ($n = \sqrt{\epsilon_r}$) varies with frequency. Calculate the reflection and transmission coefficients of the media. (9 marks)
- (c) What is transmission lines (3 marks)

QUESTION 5

- (a) Write the relationship between electric and magnetic fields in an electromagnetic wave (6 marks)
- (b) With the aid of mathematical representation, explain the concept of group velocity and phase velocity in wave propagation. (9 marks)

QUESTION 6

- (a) What is a wave? (3 marks)
- (b) What is skin depth (2 marks)
- (c) explain the concept of resonance (10 marks)