

# LASER

1. Using Einstein's theory, check the possibility of amplification of radiation in optical region (say  $5000 \text{ \AA}$  at 300K. [amplification not possible]
2. Show that, under thermal equilibrium, laser action is not possible in visible region at room temperature. At what temperature the laser action is possible and is it realizable? [Not realizable]
3. When in thermal equilibrium at  $T = 300 \text{ K}$ , population ratio of upper level to lower level of a two-level atomic system is  $1/e$ . Calculate the frequency of this transition. In what region of the EM spectrum does this frequency fall? [6248 GHz, IR region]
4. What fraction of sodium atom is in the first excited state in a sodium vapour lamp at a temperature of  $300 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ? [ $3.155 \times 10^{-19}$ ]
5. The population ratio of higher to lower energy level is  $1.059 \times 10^{-30}$ . Find the wavelength of light emitted at 330 K. [632 nm]
6. Consider a transition between a metastable state  $E_3$  and an energy state  $E_2 = 0.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ , which is just above the ground state. If the emission is at  $1.1 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ , find the energy of metastable state.  
[ $2.2 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ ]
7. A He-Ne laser of wavelength  $6328 \text{ \AA}$  is emitting a beam with an average power of 4.5 mW. Find the number of photons emitted per second by the laser. [ $1.46 \times 10^{16}$ ]
8. A He-Ne laser of wavelength 632.8 nm, focused on a circle of radius 2 mm, is emitting  $9.55 \times 10^{17}$  photons/minute. Compare the intensity of the laser with the intensity of a 100 W bulb on a person standing 10 m away from the bulb. [ $I_L = 397.8 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ,  $I_B = 0.07957 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ,  $I_L/I_B = 4999$ ]
9. A semiconductor laser of wavelength  $6500 \text{ \AA}$  having power of 1 mW is focused on a circle of radius 2 mm. Find the intensity of the focused beam. Compare this with intensity of 80 W bulb on a person standing 5 m away. [ $I_L = 79.5 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ,  $I_B = 0.25 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$ ,  $I_L/I_B = 318$ ]
10. A He-Ne laser emits light at a wavelength of 632.8 nm and has an output power of 2.3 mW. How many photons are emitted in one minute by this laser? [ $4.39 \times 10^{17}$ ]

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