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### Submit to Justin by November 13

1. Why is Si in the diamond structure an insulator ? Why is molten Si a metal ? Explain using molecular orbital and energy band diagrams.
2. Which elements would you chose to *n*-dope Si, and which would you chose to *p*-dope Si. Is La a good *n*-dopant ? Is F a good *p*-dopant ?
3. A cylindrical piece of copper has a diameter of 1 cm and a length of 5 cm. Its resistivity is  $\rho$ . This piece of copper is now extended so that it is 10 cm long. How does the resistance change, assuming that  $\rho$  does not. Do you expect  $\rho$  to change ? Why ?
4. Describe how the carrier concentration in semiconductors with different doping levels changes with temperature and explain the different regions in the plot.
5. Explain the principle of a MOSFET.