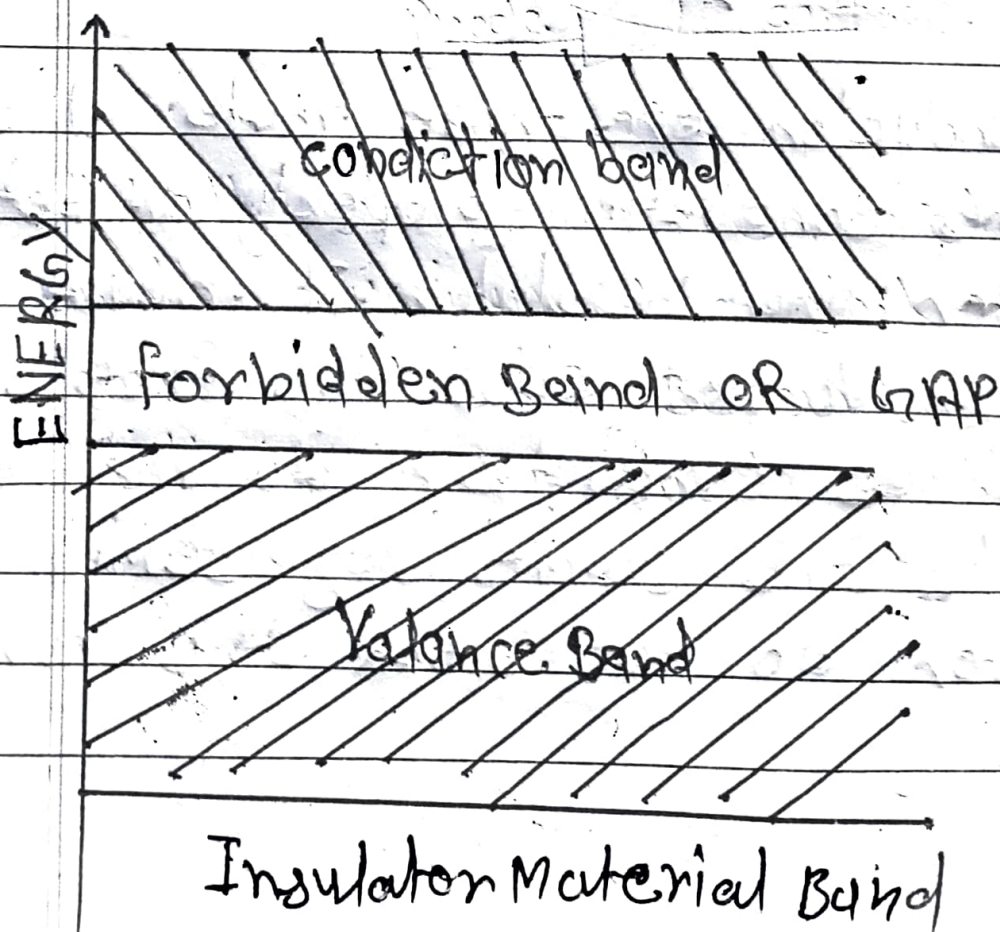
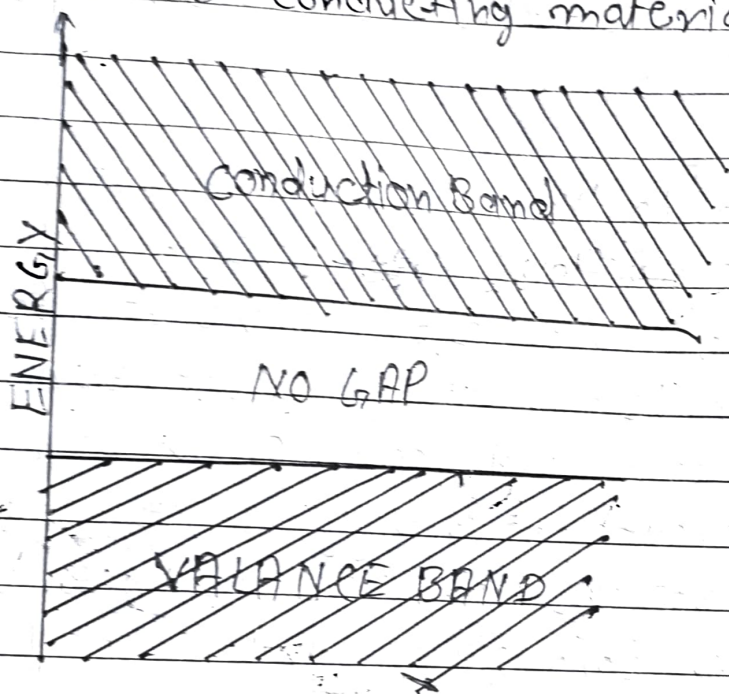


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Insulator is that material in which current does not flow easily e.g. wood, paper, plastic, oil, mica etc. The reason for insulation is the wide gap between the valence band and conduction band. A large amount of energy is required to shift electrons from the valence band to the conduction band.



Conductor is those materials in which current flows easily. For example, silver, copper and aluminium etc. The reason for the conduction is the absence of forbidden band between the absence of forbidden band, so very small amount of energy is required for the flow of electric current. There are many free electrons in the conducting materials.



- Semiconductor are those material which has the conduction property in between conductor and insulator. It means semiconductor do not allow the free electron to flow as conductor ~~do not~~ block allow in the same way semiconductor do not block the current

as insulator do. The for example, silicon, boron, carbon etc. The reason for such type of conductor is the small gap between the valence band and conduction band. Semi conductors have comparatively less free electron than the conductor.

