

Ques: Explain the energy level in;

(i) Conductor,

(ii) Insulator,

(iii) Semiconductor,

Ans: (i) Conductor :- The electronic band structure is an energy schema to describe the conductivity of conductors, insulators, semiconductors. The schema consists of two energy bands and the ~~band~~ band gap. Between the two energy bands there is the band gap, its width affects the conductivity of materials.

(ii) Semi Conductor:- They are sites in an atom or a crystal that an electron can reside in. In a semiconductor, these sites are found in the valance band and in the conduction band and vary from semiconductor to semiconductor. They are like a bookshelf, with shelves at certain heights.

(iii) Insulators:- It is that material in which current does not flows easily e.g. wood; paper, plastic, oil, mica etc. The reason for insulation is the wide ~~gap~~ gap b/w the valance band and conduction band. A large amount of energy is required to shift electrons from the valance band in the conduction band.