

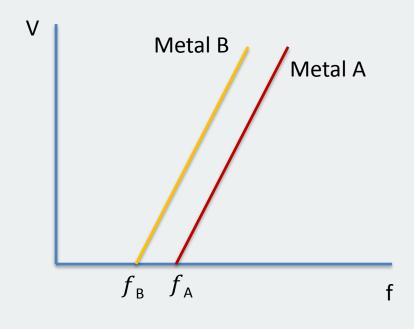
# **Physics**

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### **QUIZ 4 SOLUTION**

Quantum Physics
Lasers and Semiconductors
Nuclear Physics



Both gradient are (h/e)

From Einstein's photon theory

$$eV = hf - \Phi$$

e = charge of one electron (1.6 x  $10^{-19}$  C);

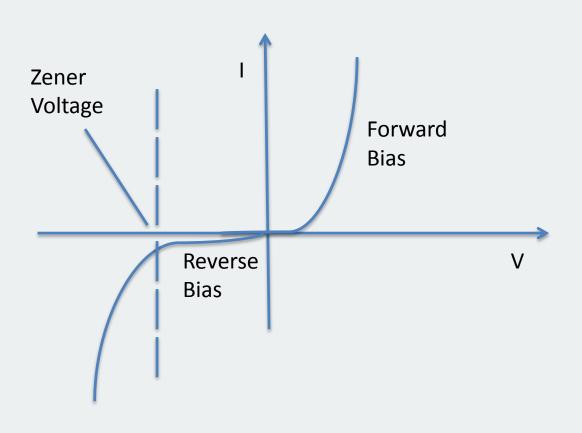
V = Stopping Potential (Volt);

 $\Phi$  = Work Function (Joule);

The equation can be arranged into the form y = mx + c;

$$V(f) = (hf - \Phi)/e;$$

where gradient of the graph is (h/e), and constanta of the graph is ( $\Phi$ /e), since  $\Phi$ <sub>A</sub> is greater then  $\Phi$ <sub>B</sub>, the threshold frequency (f<sub>A</sub>) of A is greater than (f<sub>B</sub>)



 Forward Bias: According to p-n junction theory the forward bias resulting in the big positive current compared to the reverse bias current (you can refer to our lecture note).

 Forward Bias: this is due to many holes from P-type semiconductor flow to depletion region and many electrons from the N-type is flowing to depletion region inducing big positive current.

 Forward Bias: Notice that only small current flow until it reached certain voltage it represents the work required to enable charge carriers to cross the depletion region.

 Reverse Bias: the current is much smaller then the forward bias (almost negligible) due to only small amount of minority carrier of both P-type and N-type that can flow to depletion region.

 Breakdown Region: when high reverse voltage is applied until a certain amount of voltage (Zener volatage) to the devise, the reverse breakdown occur, this is when the diode is damaged followed by large increase of reverse current (Avalanche breakdown)

By eliminating the background radioactivity, we can find the actual count rate

Actual count rate of living wood = 80 (initial count rate of living wood) -20 (count rate of 'no sample') = 60 counts/min

Actual count rate of wooden archeological specimen = 35 -20 = 15 counts/min



#### Since the half-life is 5700 years

The total time taken to reach 15 counts/min from 60 counts/min is 5700 years + 5700 years = 11400 years. hence the age of the wooden archeological specimen is 11400 years



#### References

A level complete guide, Themis Publisher, www.xtremepapers.com, Physics MCQ with helps (topical).