

Test -III Question Paper

Answer all the questions

1. (a). Explain the formation of built-in potential barrier in an un-biased PN junction and hence derive the expression for built in potential in an un-biased PN junction. (3 M)
(b). A silicon PN junction is at $T = 300$ K with doping densities $N_a = 1 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_v = 1 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Calculate the built-in potential in PN junction. (2M)
2. (a). What is a compensated semiconductor? Deduce the expressions for electron and hole concentrations in a compensated semiconductor. (3 M)
(b). If mobility of a particular carrier is $1000 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$ at $T=300$ K, then determine the diffusion coefficient of the carrier. (2 M)
3. (a). Define density of states function and hence deduce an expression for it. (3 M)
(b). Calculate thermal equilibrium hole concentration in silicon at $T = 400$ K. Assume that the Fermi energy is 0.27 eV above the valence band energy. The value of N_v for silicon at $T = 300$ K is $N_v = 1.04 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. (2 M)
4. (a). Compare the working conditions of BJT and FET. (3 M)
(b). In a common base connection of a BJT, if current amplification factor is equal to 0.95 and if voltage drop across $3\text{K}\Omega$ resistance connected in collector circuit is 2V , find the base current. (2 M)
