

Faculty of Engineering

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EC3CO21 Fiber Optic Communications

Programme	:	B.Tech.	Branch/Specialisation	:	EC
Duration	:	3 hours	Maximum Marks	:	60

Note: All questions are compulsory. Internal choices, if any, are indicated. Assume suitable data if necessary.
 Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.

Section 1 (Answer all question(s))

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Q1. What is the material used for the manufacture of fiber optic cables?

Rubric	Marks
Both (C) Plastic and (D) Glass are the answer.	1

- Wood Steel
 Plastic Glass

Q2. What is used in the optical fiber for the total internal reflections?

1 1 1

- Core Cladding
 Both (A) and (B) None of these

Q3. Different modes of light travel at slightly different speeds in a multimode fiber is known as-

1 2 2

- Intermodal dispersion Intramodal dispersion
 Implied dispersion None of these

Q4. Signal degradation in optical fibers primarily caused due to-

1 2 2

- Attenuation and dispersion Banding losses
 Can not say None of these

Q5. The devices which convert electrical signals into optical signals for transmission through optical fibers are called-

1 3 2

- Line diodes Laser diodes
 PN diodes None of these

Q6. The range of frequencies at which modulated light can be detected are called-

1 3 2

- Bandwidth Optical modulation bandwidth
 Modulation channel None of these

Q7. The device which enhances light without need of electrical signal is called-

1 3 1

- Optical amplifiers Semiconductor amplifiers
 Electrical amplifiers None of these

Q8. GaAs photodiodes have a long wavelength cutoff around wavelength of-

1 1 1

- 830 nm 870 nm
 750 nm None of these

Q9. The operation of conventional optical isolators depends on-

1 3 1

- Lenz's law Beers law
 Faraday effect None of these

Q10. Self - Phase Modulation refers to an example of-

1 4 2

- Linear optical effect Rayleigh optical effect
 Nonlinear optical effect None of these

Section 2 (Answer all question(s))

Q11. Describe the key elements of optical fiber systems.

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Rubric	Marks
Key elements name	1
key elements description specifically working or operation	3

Q12. (a) Define optical spectral bands. Describe the modes of step index fiber.

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Rubric	Marks
Define optical spectral bands (with names and their frequency or wavelength)	2
Describe the modes of step index fiber.	4

(OR)

(b) Discuss various types of fiber fabrication in optical fiber.

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4 2 2

Q13. Define:

- (i) Material dispersion
(ii) Waveguide dispersion

Rubric	Marks
Material dispersion (definition, fiber type, remedy) with formula	2
Waveguide dispersion (definition, fiber type, remedy) with formula	2

Q14. (a) What is the significance of fiber splicing? Describe the techniques of fiber splicing.

6 2 2

Rubric	Marks
Significance	2
Techniques	4

(OR)

(b) Discuss various phenomenon of signal degradation in optical fibers .

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Rubric	Marks
Name of phenomenon (attenuation and dispersion)	1
Description of phenomenon (4.5), diagram of dispersion (0.5)	5

Section 4 (Answer all question(s))

Q15. List types of optical sources. What is population inversion?

4 3 2

Rubric	Marks
Types of optical sources	2
Population inversion definition (1 mark), diagram (1 mark)	2

Q16. (a) Compare spontaneous emission, stimulated emission and lasing in optical systems

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Rubric	Marks
Comparison points (any 4 key points)	6

(OR)

(b) Discuss various characteristics of LED. Also define optical output power.

Rubric	Marks
Characteristics of LED (any 4 key characteristics)	4
Definition of optical output power	2

Section 5 (Answer all question(s))

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4 4 2

Q17. State the optical detection principle. What is photo transistor?

Rubric	Marks
Optical detection principle Definition - 1 mark and diagram - 1 mark	2
Photo transistor	2

Q18. (a) Compare semiconductor amplifiers and fiber amplifiers along with examples.

6 4 2

Rubric	Marks
Comparison points (any four key points)	6

(OR)

(b) Discuss semiconductor photodiode without internal gain and photodiodes with internal gain.

Rubric	Marks
semiconductor photodiode without internal gain (2 marks) with diagram (1 mark)	3
photodiodes with internal gain (2 marks) with diagram (1 mark)	3

Section 6 (Answer all question(s))

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Q19. Define optical sensor and optical isolator.

Rubric	Marks
Optical sensor (definition, working principle with some types)	2
Optical isolator (definition, working principle with its types)	2

Q20. (a) Describe various nonlinear optical effects.

6 4 2

Rubric	Marks
Types of non linear effect (4 types which carries half mark each)	2
Description with proper definition (4 types- 1 mark each)	4

(OR)

(b) Describe wavelength division multiplexing with suitable diagram.

Rubric	Marks
Diagram of WDM	3
Description WDM (types of WDM also)	3
