

**National Institute of Technology, Delhi**

Name of the Examination: Mid Semester Examination (B. Tech)

Branch : ECE

Semester : III

Title of the Course : Solid State Devices

Course Code : ECB 201

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 25

- Questions are printed on BOTH sides. Answers should be CLEAR AND TO THE POINT.
- All parts of a single question must be answered together. ELSE QUESTION SHALL NOT BE EVALUATED.

Use following data only if not given in a problem:  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm}$ ,  $\epsilon_r (\text{SiO}_2) = 3.9$ ,  $\epsilon_r (\text{Si}) = 11.8$ , At room temperature for Si [ $\mu_n = 1350 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{S}$ ,  $\mu_p = 480 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{S}$ ,  $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10}/\text{cm}^3$ ,  $E_g = 1.12 \text{ eV}$ ],  $k = 8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$ ,  $\tau_n = \tau_p = 1 \mu\text{s}$ ,  $E_g(\text{Ge}) = 0.7 \text{ eV}$ ,  $n_i(\text{Ge}) = 2.5 \times 10^{13}/\text{cm}^3$ .

- In a photoelectric effect experiment, the threshold wavelength for the ejection [1+2]  
1. of photo electrons from zinc is  $2863.81 \text{ \AA}$ .

(a) Calculate the work function for zinc (Zn).

(b) Also calculate the velocity required for the photo electrons by light of wavelength  $2600 \text{ \AA}$  other than threshold.

2. For H atom, show that, [2+1]

(a) The possible radii in meters are given by:

$$r = \frac{h^2 \epsilon_0 n^2}{\pi m q^4}; \text{ where, } n \text{ is any integer but not zero. Show that for } n=1,$$

(ground state), the radius is  $0.53 \text{ \AA}$ .

(b) Show that The energy levels in joules are given by,

$$W_n = \frac{m q^4}{8 h^2 \epsilon_0^2} \cdot \frac{1}{n^2}$$

3. (a) The distance between the plates of a plane parallel capacitor is  $1 \text{ cm}$ . An electron starts at rest from the negative plate. If a direct voltage of  $1,000 \text{ V}$  is applied, how long will it take for the electrons to reach the positive plate? [1]

- (b) If a  $60 \text{ Hz}$  sinusoidal voltage of peak value  $1,000 \text{ V}$  is applied, how long will the time of transit be? Assume that the electron is released with zero velocity at the instant of time when the applied voltage is passing through zero. [2]  
[Hint:  $\sin \theta = \theta - \theta^3/3! + \theta^5/5! - \dots$ ].

4. Consider two energy levels  $E_1$ ,  $E_{ev}$  above the Fermi level and  $E_2$ ,  $E_{ev}$  below the Fermi level.  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are respectively the probabilities of  $E_1$  being occupied by an electron and  $E_2$  being empty. Then which one option will be true from below options? Show with proper calculation and justification. [3]

- (a)  $P_1 > P_2$ ; (b)  $P_1 = P_2$ ; (c)  $P_1 < P_2$  (d)  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  depends on number of free electrons.
5. A bar of n-type Si with a cross-sectional area of 1mm x 1mm, length of 1 cm is connected to a 2 V battery and is carrying a current of 2 mA at 300 K temperature.
- (a) Calculate the thermal equilibrium electron and hole concentrations in the bar. [2+1]
- (b) Calculate the dopant concentration assuming that only donors with energy level 0.148 eV is away from the conduction band. [ $\mu_n = 1300 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-sec}$ ].
6. Consider a homogenous AlAs sample at  $T = 300 \text{ K}$  temperature with acceptor concentration of  $10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$ . A light source is turned at  $t = 0$ , producing excess carriers at a rate of  $10^{20}/\text{cm}^3$  uniformly. [2+1+1]
- (a) Derive the expression for the excess carrier recombination rate as a function of time.
- (b) If the maximum steady state excess carrier concentration is  $10^{14}/\text{cm}^3$ , determine the minority carrier lifetime value at maximum.
- (c) Determine the time at which the excess minority carrier concentration will be equal to half of the steady state value.
7. Write **true (T)** or **false (F)** only against each statement. [6x1] = 6
- (a) Work function for metal is the energy difference between Fermi level and vacuum level.
- (b) Effective density of states function in conduction band is a hypothetical density of electron states at bottom of conduction band.
- (c) Donors and acceptors are mobile ions in nature.
- (d) Drift motion may be a consequence of diffusion process.
- (e) Lattice scattering is observed at lower temperature, due to which mobility increases.
- (f) Excess carriers are generated at equilibrium.
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### Useful Equations

$$r = \frac{h^2 \epsilon_0 n^2}{\pi m q^4} \quad KE = h \nu_0 - \frac{ch}{\lambda_0} \quad \rho = \frac{RA}{L}$$

$$f(E) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp\left(\frac{E - E_F}{KT}\right)}$$

At Equilibrium,  $n_0 = \int_{E_c}^{\infty} f(E) N(E) dE = N_c f(E_c) = N_c e^{-(E_c - E_F)/KT}$

$$N_c = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi m_n^* kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \quad n_0 = n_i e^{(E_F - E_i)/KT}$$

$$N_v = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi m_p^* kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} \quad p_0 = n_i e^{(E_i - E_F)/KT}; \quad n_0 p_0 = n_i^2$$

$$p_0 = N_v [1 - f(E_v)] = N_v e^{-(E_F - E_v)/KT}$$

$$n_i = N_c e^{-(E_c - E_i)/KT}$$

$$p_i = N_v e^{-(E_i - E_F)/KT} n_i = \sqrt{N_c N_v} e^{-(E_g)/2KT} = 2 \left( \frac{2\pi kT}{h^2} \right)^{3/2} (m_n^* m_p^*)^{3/4} e^{-(E_g)/2KT}$$

$$n = N_c e^{-(E_c - F_n)/KT} = n_i e^{(F_n - E_i)/KT} \quad p = N_v e^{-(F_p - E_i)/KT} = n_i e^{(E_i - F_p)/KT}$$

$$np = n_i^2 e^{(F_n - F_p)/KT}$$

$$\frac{d\xi(x)}{dx} = \frac{d^2 V(x)}{dx^2} = \frac{\rho(x)}{\epsilon} = \frac{q}{\epsilon} (p - n + N_d^+ - N_a^-)$$

$$\xi(x) = -\frac{dV(x)}{dx} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{dE_i}{dx} \quad \frac{I_x}{A} = J_x = q(n\mu_n + p\mu_p)\xi_x = \sigma \xi_x \quad L = \sqrt{D\tau} \quad \frac{D}{\mu} = \frac{kT}{q}$$

$$\frac{\partial p(x,t)}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial \delta p}{\partial t} = -\frac{1}{q} \frac{\partial J_p}{\partial x} - \frac{\delta p}{\tau_p}$$

$$\frac{\partial \delta n}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{q} \frac{\partial J_n}{\partial x} - \frac{\delta n}{\tau_n}$$

$$\frac{d^2 \delta n}{dx^2} = \frac{\delta n}{D_n \tau_n} = \frac{\delta n}{L_n^2} \quad \frac{d^2 \delta p}{dx^2} = \frac{\delta p}{L_p^2}$$