



Continuous Assessment Test I

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Course	Optical Fiber Communications	Code	BECE308L
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Time	90 Minutes	Max. Marks	50

Answer ALL the questions

Q.No.	Sub. Sec.	Questions	Marks
	(i)	Explain about step index and graded index fibers with index profile diagrams.	[5]
		A step-index fiber is constructed with a core refractive index (RI) of $n_1 = 1.452$, cladding RI of $n_2 = 1.445$, and a core radius of $a = 4.0 \mu\text{m}$.	[5]
1.	(ii)	(a) Whether the fiber can be in single mode operation at the operating wavelength of $\lambda = 1.55 \mu\text{m}$?	
	(b)	Evaluate the cutoff wavelength λ_c to be used as a single mode fiber.	
	(i)	Distinguish between : a.) Phase and group velocity b.) Meridional and skew rays	[5]
2.	(ii)	A certain optical fiber has an attenuation of 0.6 db/km at 1310nm and 0.3 db/km at 1550 nm. Suppose the following two optical signals are launched simultaneously into the fiber: an optical power of 150 μW at 1310 nm and optical power of 100 μW at 1550nm. What are the power levels in μW of these two signals at (a) 8 km (b) 20 km?	[5]
		Consider an optical fiber of 50 μm diameter, core index $n_1 = 1.5$ and cladding index $n_2 = 1.49$ for operation at $\lambda = 1.31 \mu\text{m}$.	
	(a)	What is the numerical aperture (NA) of this fiber?	
	(b)	How many modes does this fiber support?	
	(c)	What would be the rms pulse spread due to modal dispersion over a distance of 10 km?	[10]
	(d)	What would be the maximum fiber diameter needed to operate within a single mode condition?	

✓ 4. Derive the mathematical expression for waveguide dispersion and explain how it affects the performance of the transmission in an optical fiber? [10]

A glass fiber exhibits material dispersion given by $|\lambda^2 (d^2 n / d\lambda^2)|$ of 0.025. [5]

5. (i) (a) Determine the material dispersion parameter at a wavelength of $0.85 \mu\text{m}$.
(b) Estimate the pulse broadening per kilometer for a good LED source with a spectral width of 20 nm at this wavelength.

- (ii) Write a short note on:
a) Four Wave Mixing (FWM)
b) Cross Phase Modulation (XPM)

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