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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**THIRD SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION(R&S), DECEMBER 2019**

**Course Code: EC203**

**Course Name: SOLID STATE DEVICES (EC,AE)**

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

**PART A**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.*

Marks

- 1 a) Derive the expression for conductivity and mobility of carriers in a semiconductor subjected to an electric field. (7)
- b) Explain the temperature dependence of carrier concentration in extrinsic semiconductors. (3)
- c) Calculate the hole and intrinsic carrier concentrations. Sketch band diagram.  $N_c=10^{19}/\text{cm}^3$ ,  $N_v=5 \times 10^{18}/\text{cm}^3$ ,  $E_g=2\text{eV}$ ,  $T=900\text{K}$ ,  $n_0=10^{17}/\text{cm}^3$ . (5)
- 2 a) Derive Einstein's relation. (6)
- b) Explain why indirect recombination is a slow process. (4)
- c) A Si sample is doped with  $10^{16}/\text{cm}^3$  In atoms and a certain number of shallow donors. The In acceptor level is 0.16eV above  $E_v$  and  $E_f$  is 0.26eV above  $E_v$  at 300K. How many In atoms are un-ionised? (5)
- 3 a) Derive the expression for electron, hole and intrinsic concentrations at equilibrium in terms of effective density of states. Formulate the relation between these concentrations at equilibrium. (8)
- b) An n-type Si sample with  $N_d = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  is steadily illuminated such that  $g_{op} = 10^{21} \text{ EHP/cm}^3\text{s}$ . If  $\tau_n = \tau_p = 1\mu\text{s}$  for this excitation, calculate the separation in the quasi-Fermi levels,  $(F_n - F_p)$ . (7)

**PART B**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 15 marks.*

- 4 a) Derive ideal diode equation. State any two assumptions used. (10)
- b) Draw the potential, charge density and electric field distribution within the transition region of an abrupt pn junction with  $N_d < N_a$ . Label the diagram. (5)
- 5 a) Illustrate how a metal – n type contact behave as rectifying contact and ohmic contact with supporting energy band diagram. (10)
- b) If a metal with a work function of 4.6 e V is deposited on Si (electron affinity of 4 eV) and acceptor doping level of  $10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . Draw the equilibrium band diagram and mark off the Fermi level, the band edges, and the vacuum level. Is this a Schottky or ohmic contact, and why? (5)
- 6 a) Illustrate the operation of a tunnel diode with supporting diagrams and explain its VI characteristics (10)

- b) An abrupt Si p-n junction has  $N_a = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  on one side and  $N_d = 5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  on the other. If the junction has a circular cross section with a diameter of  $10 \mu\text{m}$ , Calculate  $V_o$ ,  $x_{no}$ ,  $Q_+$ , and  $\epsilon_o$  for this junction at equilibrium (300 K). (5)

### PART C

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 20 marks.*

- 7 a) Derive the expression for minority carrier distribution and terminal currents in a BJT. State the assumptions used. (12)
- b) Explain the basic performance parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  &  $\gamma$ . (3)
- c) Assume that a p-n-p transistor is doped such that the emitter doping is 10 times that in the base, the minority carrier mobility in the emitter is one-half that in the base, and the base width is one-tenth the minority carrier diffusion length. The carrier lifetimes are equal. Calculate  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for this transistor. (5)
- 8 a) Derive the expression for drain current at linear region and saturation for a MOSFET. (10)
- b) An Al-gate p-channel MOS transistor is made on an n-type Si substrate with  $N_d = 5 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The  $\text{SiO}_2$  thickness is  $100 \text{ \AA}$  in the gate region, and the effective interface charge  $Q_i$  is  $5 \times 10^{10} \text{ q C/cm}^2$ . Find  $W_m$ ,  $V_{FB}$ , and  $V_T$ , if the gate to substrate work function difference  $\Phi_{ms} = -0.15 \text{ V}$  (5)
- c) Draw and explain the transfer characteristics of an n-channel MOSFET. (5)
- 9 a) Explain the principle of operation of MOS capacitor with suitable energy band diagram. (10)
- b) Explain base width modulation. Explain its effect on terminal currents. (5)
- c) Draw and label the minority carrier distribution curve of a BJT in active mode. (5)

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