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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
THIRD SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2018

**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) Define Hall effect. Derive the expressions for majority carrier concentration and mobility. (7)
- b) Explain the variation in energy levels of a semiconductor when an electric field is applied? (3)
- c) Consider a semiconductor bar with  $w=0.1\text{mm}$ ,  $t=10\mu\text{m}$  and  $L=5\text{mm}$ . For  $B=10\text{kg}$  ( $1\text{kg}=10^{-5}\text{Wb/cm}^2$ ) and a current  $1\text{mA}$ , we have  $V_{AB}=-2\text{mV}$ ,  $V_{CD}=100\text{mV}$ , Find the type, concentration, and mobility of the majority carrier. (5)
- 2 a) Prove that  $n_0p_0 = ni^2$ . (7)
- b) The Fermi level position in a Si sample at  $300\text{K}$  is  $0.29\text{eV}$  below  $E_c$ . Determine the carrier concentration and conductivity of the specimen. Given that  $n_i=1.5 \times 10^{10}\text{cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\mu_n=1350\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ ,  $\mu_p=480\text{cm}^2/\text{Vs}$ . (8)
- 3 a) Derive an expression for drift current density. (7)
- b) Explain the effect of temperature on mobility. (3)
- c) Calculate the thermal equilibrium electron and hole concentration in Si at  $T=300\text{K}$ , when the Fermi energy level is  $0.27\text{eV}$  below the conduction band edge  $E_c$ . The effective densities of states in the conduction band and valance band are  $2.8 \times 10^{19}\text{cm}^{-3}$  &  $1.04 \times 10^{19}\text{cm}^{-3}$  respectively at  $300\text{K}$ . (5)

**PART B**

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

- 4 a) Draw the energy band diagram of a p-n junction at a) equilibrium b) Forward bias c) Reverse bias. (6)
- b) Differentiate Ohmic contact and Rectifying contacts with neat diagram. (9)
- 5 a) Explain with neat diagrams (7)
  - (i) Zener breakdown.
  - (ii) Avalanche breakdown.

- b) With appropriate energy band diagram explain the operation of a tunnel diode. (8)
- 6 a) Determine the junction capacitance of a silicon pn junction at  $T = 300\text{ K}$  when a reverse bias voltage of  $5\text{ V}$  is applied across the junction. The doping concentrations of p&n regions are  $8 \times 10^{21}\text{ m}^{-3}$  &  $3 \times 10^{22}\text{ m}^{-3}$  respectively & the cross-sectional area of the junction is  $5 \times 10^{-9}\text{ m}^2$ . (Assume  $n_i$  for Si at  $300\text{ K}$  is  $1.5 \times 10^{10}\text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $\epsilon_r = 11.7$ ) (7)
- b) Derive the expression for open circuit contact potential of a p-n junction under equilibrium. (8)

### PART C

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

- 7 a) Derive the expression for drain current at saturation for a MOSFET. (8)
- b) Explain the basic performance parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  &  $\gamma$ . (6)
- c) Explain early effect and early voltage. (6)
- 8 a) Derive the expression for minority carrier distribution in a pnp transistor. (10)
- b) Explain the principle of operation of MOS capacitor with suitable energy band diagram. (10)
- 9 a) Explain the principle of operation of FINFET with neat diagrams. (5)
- b) Plot the sub-threshold characteristics of MOSFET and explain. (5)
- c) Describe the C-V Characteristics of an Ideal MOS capacitor. Derive the expression for threshold voltage. (10)

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