

3 (Sem-1) ELE M 1

2017

**ELECTRONICS**

( Major )

Paper : 1.1

( Material Science )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Write 'Yes' or 'No' of the following : 1×7=7

- (a) Temperature coefficient of resistance of semiconductor is positive.
- (b) Semiconductor counterpart of vacuum tube triode is P-N junction.
- (c) I-V characteristic of an Ohmic contact is similar to that of a rectifying junction.
- (d) An intrinsic semiconductor when doped with pentavalent atoms become p-type.
- (e) Photoluminescence intensity of solar cell materials must be higher than that of materials used in LED.

- (f) A semiconductor device having metal-insulator-semiconductor junction is BJT.
- (g) Conduction band is an electrically inert band at 0 °K.

2. Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) On increase in temperature, an extrinsic semiconductor becomes more and more intrinsic. Why?
- (b) Name any two direct band gap semiconductors.
- (c) Define degenerate semiconductor and Fermi energy.
- (d) Draw graphs to show the variation of Fermi factor with energy at 0 °K and at room temperature.

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 5×3=15

- (a) Draw the energy-band diagrams for conductor, insulator and semiconductor indicating the position of Fermi level in each case.
- (b) Write a short note on superconducting materials.

- (c) Describe various types of crystal lattices and mention their distinguishing features.
- (d) Write briefly on the essential characteristics of solar cell materials.
- (e) A sample of GaAs has a free electron density of  $10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  at 300 K. Calculate the position of the Fermi level at 300 K.

4. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 10×3=30

- (a) Discuss the Kronig-Penney model for the motion of an electron in a periodic potential. 10
- (b) Describe Langevin's theory of paramagnetism. What are its limitations? 8+2=10
- (c) Distinguish between intrinsic and extrinsic semiconductors. Obtain an expression for carrier concentration of an intrinsic semiconductor. 4+6=10
- (d) What are the two processes of current conduction in semiconductors? Write on them deducing necessary expressions for the corresponding currents. 2+4+4=10

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(e) Describe the structure of a vacuum tube triode. Draw its  $I-V$  characteristic.  $7+3=10$

(f) Write short notes on the following :  $5+5=10$

(i) Metal-insulator-semiconductor junction

(ii) Polymer materials

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