



**2020**  
**(CBCS)**  
**(SECOND SEMESTER)**  
**ELECTRONICS**  
**(Semiconductor Physics)**  
**Full Marks: 50**

Time: 3 hours

**Instructions:**

1. Questions should be attempted as per instructions.
2. Do not copy the Questions. Indicate the Questions No. clearly while attempting the answer.
3. Multiple choice answer should indicate the Question No., Sub. No., (if any) and the correct answer. For example-  
**1. Name the state capital of Mizoram.**  
*(a) Lunglei (b) Aizawl (c) Champhai*  
Candidate should provide answer as **Q. No. 1: (b) Aizawl**  
[Candidate should avoid writing only (b)]
4. The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.
5. Separate answer script should be used.

**(SECOND : A – OBJECTIVE)**  
*(Marks : 10)*

**Choose the correct answer from the following questions:      1×10=10**

1. Addition of impurity to a pure semiconductor is called
  - (a) rectification
  - (b) drift current
  - (c) doping
  - (d) extrinsic semiconductor
  
2. The depletion region of a semiconductor diode is due to
  - (a) reverse biasing
  - (b) forward biasing
  - (c) absence of current carriers
  - (d) crystal doping

3. The ripple factor of a full-wave rectifier is
  - (a) 2
  - (b) 1.21
  - (c) 2.5
  - (d) 0.48
  
4. The filter circuit results in the best voltage regulation is
  - (a) choke input filter
  - (b) capacitor filter
  - (c) resistance input filter
  - (d)  $\pi$ -filter
  
5. When used in a circuit, Zener diode is always
  - (a) forward biased
  - (b) connected in series
  - (c) reverse biased
  - (d) troubled by overheating
  
6. A semiconductor which operates with a forward biased metal-semiconductor junction is called
  - (a) Schottky diode
  - (b) Tunnel diode
  - (c) Varactor diode
  - (d) PIN diode
  
7. The operating point of a transistor is also called
  - (a) quiescent point
  - (b) cut-off point
  - (c) saturation point
  - (d) intersection point
  
8. Thermal runaway occurs when
  - (a) collector is reverse biased
  - (b) transistor is not biased
  - (c) emitter is forward biased
  - (d) junction capacitance is high
  
9. The point of intersection of d.c. and a.c. load lines is called
  - (a) saturation point
  - (b) cut-off point
  - (c) operating point
  - (d) check point

10. The d.c. load line of a transistor circuit
- (a) has a negative slope
  - (b) is a curved line
  - (c) gives graphic relation between  $I_C$  and  $I_B$
  - (d) does not contain the Q-point

( SECTION:B- SHORT NOTES )

(Marks :10)

Answer any four of the following questions :

$2\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 10$

1. Explain the formation of depletion region in a  $p-n$  junction.

**OR**

Give the electronic distribution of copper having atomic number 29.

2. What do you understand by the d.c. and a.c. resistance of a crystal diode? How will you determine them from the  $V-I$  characteristic of a crystal diode?

**OR**

A crystal diode having internal resistance  $r_f = 20\Omega$  is used for half-wave rectification. If the applied voltage  $V = 50 \sin \omega t$  and load resistance  $R_L = 800\Omega$ , find the efficiency of rectification.

3. Explain the  $V-I$  characteristics of Tunnel diode.

**OR**

Explain how Zener diode can be used as a peak clipper.

4. What is thermal runaway? How will you avoid this in a transistor?

**OR**

Show that  $\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$ , where the symbols have their usual meanings in a transistor.

5. Explain bandwidth of an Amplifier with necessary diagram.

**OR**

Write down the steps for construction of d.c. load line.

**(SECTION: C – DESCRIPTIVE)**

*(Marks: 30)*

*The questions are of equal values*

**Answer any three of the following questions:**

**10×3 = 30**

1. (a) Describe with a diagram, the atomic model proposed by Niels Bohr. What do you mean by valence electrons?  
(b) What is energy band? Classify solids in terms of energy bands.  
(c) Determine the electronic distribution of xenon atom having  $Z = 54$ .

**OR**

- (a) Explain the reverse  $V-I$  characteristics of a junction diode. What are the differences between zener and avalanche breakdowns?  
(b) What do you mean by doping in semiconductor physics? Write down the formation of  $n$ -type extrinsic semiconductor.
2. (a) Explain with a diagram, how semiconductor diode can be used as a full-wave rectifier. Show that its maximum efficiency is 81.2%.  
(b) Explain Approximate Equivalent circuit of semiconductor diode.  
(c) Describe the filtering action of choke input filter.

**OR**

- (a) What is ripple factor? Show that the value of ripple factor for half-wave rectifier is 1.21. Explain with a diagram, how semiconductor diode can be used as a half-wave rectifier.  
(b) Explain Simplified Equivalent circuit of semiconductor diode.  
(c) Describe the filtering action of  $\pi$ -filter.

3. (a) Explain the operation and characteristics of Photo-diode.  
(b) Describe the construction, operation and applications of Schottky diode.  
(c) What is Zener diode? Explain how Zener diode maintains constant voltage across the load.

**OR**

- (a) Describe the construction and resistance curve of thermistor.  
(b) What is photo-diode? How is current reduced to zero in photo-diode?  
(c) What is Shockley diode? Explain its working.
4. (a) Discuss the working of  $p-n-p$  transistor with diagram.  
(b) Explain with a diagram, the input characteristics of a CE transistor. State the advantages of a CE mode over other mode of operations  
(c) What is meant by transistor biasing? What are the important biasing rules?

**OR**

- (a) Explain with diagram, the input and output characteristics of CB configuration in an  $n-p-n$  transistor.  
(b) Explain with diagram, the leakage current in CE circuit of a transistor.  
(c) Show that  $I_E = (1 + \beta) I_B$
5. (a) Derive an expression for voltage gain of a transistor amplifier from its a.c. equivalent circuit.  
(b) Explain in brief the frequency response curve of an amplifier. What do you mean by resonant frequency?  
(c) What do you mean by power gain? Explain how transistor amplifies.

**OR**

- (a) Describe class – A, class – B, class – C, and class – AB amplifiers.  
(b) Differentiate between Input resistance and Output resistance.  
(c) What is a linear amplifier? Explain quiescent point of a transistor amplifier with suitable diagram showing cut-off and saturation.

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