

**JUNE 2008**

Code: AE25  
Time: 3 Hours

Subject: **PHYSICAL ELECTRONICS AND  
SOLID STATE DEVICES**

Max. Marks: 100

**NOTE: There are 9 Questions in all.**

- **Question 1 is compulsory and carries 20 marks. Answer to Q. 1. must be written in the space provided for it in the answer book supplied and nowhere else.**
  - **Out of the remaining EIGHT Questions answer any FIVE Questions. Each question carries 16 marks.**
  - **Any required data not explicitly given, may be suitably assumed and stated.**
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**Q.1 Choose the correct or best alternative in the following: (2x10)**

- a. SIP, DIP, ZIP, PGA are the techniques of
- (A) IC packaging.
  - (B) Logical expressions reduction.
  - (C) Arrangement of logic gates on an IC chip.
  - (D) IC fabrication.
- b. 'Latch up' effect is due to the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ device on the CMOS IC
- (A) FET.
  - (B) Thyristor.
  - (C) BJT.
  - (D) PN diode.
- c. Varactor diode makes use of voltage variable capacitance of a
- (A) FB PN junction.
  - (B) Unbiased PN junction.
  - (C) RB PN junction.
  - (D) Intrinsic semiconductor.
- d. Lasing action requires
- (A) Stimulated emission.
  - (B) Population inversion.
  - (C) Both (A) & (B).
  - (D) Only (A).
- e. Fermi level indicates
- (A) Probability of finding electrons.
  - (B) Probability of finding holes.
  - (C) Energy level of conduction band.
  - (D) Energy level of valence band.

- f. Heterogeneous junctions are junctions between materials having different
- (A) Electron densities.  
 (B) Energy band gaps.  
 (C) Hole densities.  
 (D) Fermi levels.
- g. The Collector-Emitter voltage of a CE transistor is high in
- (A) Saturation state. (B) Active state.  
 (C) Cut-off state. (D) Unbiased state.
- h. 'Early effect' refers to
- (A) Collector narrowing. (B) Emitter narrowing.  
 (C) Gate narrowing. (D) Base narrowing.
- i. Which of these devices exhibit negative resistance in their V-I characteristics?
- (A) IMPATT Diode (B) Tunnel diode  
 (C) Gunn diode (D) All of these
- j. Which of these devices is used in TV cameras?
- (A) JFETs (B) CCDs  
 (C) MOSFETs (D) BJTs

**Answer any FIVE Questions out of EIGHT Questions.**  
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- Q.2** a. List the advantages of Integration. (8)
- b. Compare the Thin film and Thick film process of semiconductor device fabrication. (8)
- Q.3** Describe with neat diagrams the V-I characteristics of Tunnel diode and Gunn diode, give reasons for negative resistance in each of these devices. (16)
- Q.4** a. Describe with a neat diagram the equivalent circuit of a MOSFET. (10)
- b. An  $n^+$  poly silicon  $\text{SiO}_2$ -Si p-channel device has  $N_d = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $Q_i = 5 \times 10^{10} \text{ qC/cm}^2$ ,  $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ ,  $\epsilon_r$  of  $\text{SiO}_2 = 3.9$ , thickness of  $\text{SiO}_2 = 100 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $\Phi_{ms} = -0.25 \text{ V}$ , Calculate  $V_T$  for a gate oxide thickness of  $0.01 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$  and repeat for a field oxide thickness of  $0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{m}$ . (6)

- Q.5** a. Draw the schematic band diagrams for  
 (i) intrinsic (ii) n-type  
 (iii) p-type  
 semiconductor materials, showing density of states, Fermi levels and carrier concentrations at thermal equilibrium. **(9)**
- b. A Si sample is doped with  $10^{17}$  As atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>. What is the equilibrium hole concentration  $P_0$  at 300K? Where is  $E_F$  relative to  $E_i$ ? Show the resulting band diagram. **(7)**
- Q.6** a. Describe Hall effect, with a neat diagram. Develop an expression for Hall Voltage. **(10)**
- b. A Si sample is doped with  $10^{17}$  Phosphorous atoms / cm<sup>3</sup>, What is its resistivity? Find the hall voltage for a sample of thickness  $100\mu\text{m}$ , if  $I_x = 1\text{mA}$  and  $B_z = 10^{-5} \text{Wb/cm}^2$ ,  $\mu_n = 700 \text{cm}^2/\text{V-s}$ . **(6)**
- Q.7** a. Explain Metal-Semiconductor junctions. How does it differ from Semiconductor-Semiconductor junctions? **(8)**
- b. Describe the switching action of a Diode for a square wave input voltage. Draw the diode current waveform. **(8)**
- Q.8** a. Define the following parameters of a BJT : Emitter injection efficiency, collector efficiency, base transport factor, current gain. **(8)**
- b. Explain various high frequency limitations of BJT. **(8)**
- Q.9** Write short notes on:-
- (i) Heterojunctions.
  - (ii) Thermal effects in BJTs.
  - (iii) Short channel effects in MOSFETs.
  - (iv) LASERS. **(16)**