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**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, KURUKSHETRA**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION (B.Tech. 2<sup>nd</sup> SEM, ECE branch)**

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Subject and Code: PHYSICS - II (PHIC 103)

Time Allowed: 3 Hrs

Maximum Marks: 50

- Attempt All the questions. Write your BRANCH and SUBSECTION at the top of the Answer booklet.
- Draw relevant, neat and well labelled diagrams wherever necessary. Symbols and constants have their usual meaning.
- Be precise while answering the short questions. Assume suitable parameters and constants, if not given.
- Any Electronic device (except SCIENTIFIC CALCULATOR) are strictly prohibited in the duration of the examination.

**Useful constants:**  $\epsilon_0 = 8.854 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F.m}^{-1}$ ;  $k_B = 8.617 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV.K}^{-1}$ ;  $h = 4.136 \times 10^{-15} \text{ eV.s}$ ;  
 $m_e = 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ Kg}$ .

1. (a) Explain why a semiconductor with a small energy bandgap but having narrow energy bandwidth is an insulator. [2]
- (b) Explain with justification, why silicon having diamond like crystal structure is opaque but diamond itself is transparent for visible radiations. [3]
- (c) What is a heterojunction? Using band diagrams show the three possible situations of heterojunction formation. [3]
- (d) Calculate the internal pinch off voltage of an n-channel JFET, If the doping concentrations are  $N_a = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $N_d = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ . The channel thickness is  $a = 75 \mu\text{m}$ . [2]
- $k = 11.7$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  Dielectric const.  $\epsilon_s = k\epsilon_0$

2. Write short notes on (i)  $E-k$  diagram, (ii) Brillouin zone schemes and (iii) Effective mass of electrons and holes. [3 + 3 + 4]

OR

(a) In the Kronig-Penney model,  $f(a) = P \frac{\sin aa}{aa} + \cos aa = \cos ka$ , where  $P = \frac{mV_0ab}{\hbar^2}$ , sketch  $f(a)$  and discuss the effect of  $P$  when (i)  $P \rightarrow 0$  and (ii)  $P \rightarrow \infty$ . [5]

(b) For the  $E-k$  relationship  $E = \frac{\hbar^2}{3m} \cos(k)$ , prepare a table for effective mass and group velocity for (i)  $k = 0$ , (ii)  $k = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , (iii)  $k = \pi$ , (iv)  $k = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ , (v)  $k = 2\pi$ . [5]

3.	<p>Describe details of the experimental technique used for determining the majority carrier concentration in semiconductor. How would you determine the nature of the extrinsic semiconductors using this technique. [8 + 2]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>(a) What is the physical significance of diffusion coefficient. In n-type GaAs at <math>T = 300\text{ K}</math>, the electron concentration varies linearly from <math>1 \times 10^{18}</math> to <math>7 \times 10^{17}\text{ cm}^{-3}</math> over a distance of <math>0.10\text{ cm}</math>. Calculate the diffusion current density and mobility if the electron diffusion coefficient is <math>D_n = 225\text{ cm}^2/\text{s}</math>. [1 + 4]</p> <p>(b) Write short notes on Excess carrier generation and recombination mechanisms. [5]</p>
4.	<p>(a) What is built-in voltage <math>V_{BI}</math>. Deduce the expression of <math>V_{BI}</math> for the case of a pn homojunction. How this expression gets modified in the case of (i) <math>p^+n</math> homojunction and (ii) <math>n^+p</math> homojunction [6]</p> <p>(b) Discuss the salient features of "Electron affinity model". Draw the well labelled energy-band diagram of an nN heterojunction under equilibrium. [4]</p>
5.	<p>(a) What is the difference between enhancement mode and depletion mode MOSFET? Explain these modes with relevant device design structure. [3]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>Explain with diagrams, why is the drain current still non zero, when the channel gets pinched off at the drain terminal of a p n JFET. [3]</p> <p>(b) Explain how compound semiconducting materials are considered superior in comparison to the elemental semiconducting materials. [3]</p> <p>MOSFET (c) What do you mean by channel pinch off. Draw the cross-section and <math>I_D</math> versus <math>V_{DS}</math> curve, when <math>V_{GS} &lt; V_T</math> for (i) small <math>V_{DS}</math>, (ii) larger <math>V_{DS}</math>, (iii) <math>V_{DS} = V_{DS(sat)}</math>, and (iv) <math>V_{DS} &gt; V_{DS(sat)}</math>. [4]</p>

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