ELECTRONIC DEVICES TEST I

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Directions for questions 1 to 35: Select the correct alternative from the given choices.

- 1. The Haynes-Shockly experiment enables one to determine the
 - (A) mobility of the minority charge carriers.
 - (B) diffusion co-efficient of majority carriers
 - (C) Hall co-efficient
 - (D) life time of the majority carriers
- 2. A long specimen of n^+ -type semiconductor material
 - (A) is +vely charged (B) is -vely charged
 - (C) is electrically neutral (D) None of these
- 3. A zener diode works on the principle of
 - (A) thermionic emission
 - (B) hopping of charge carriers across the junction
 - (C) diffusion of charge carriers across the junction
 - (D) avalanche multiplication
- 4. Under high electric field, in a semiconductor with decreasing electric field
 - (A) the mobility of charge carriers decreases
 - (B) the mobility of charge carriers increases
 - (C) the velocity of the charge carriers saturates
 - (D) the velocity of the charge carriers increases
- 5. For a certain transistor, $I_{B} = 25 \mu A$, $I_{C} = 2.5 m A$ and $\beta = 75$, then the value of I_{CBO} is _____.
 - (A) 0.625 mA (B) 0.82 mA
 - (C) 8.22 µA (D) 7.5 µA
- 6. In a material, the Fermi level is located between the center of the forbidden band and the valance band. Then what is that material?
 - (A) an *n*-type semiconductor
 - (B) *a p*-type semiconductor
 - (C) $a p^+$ -type semiconductor
 - (D) an n^+ -type semiconductor
- 7. A piece of material that is 10cm wide and 12cm long and 0.05 mm thick has a dielectric strength of 10kV/ mm. If it is placed between two cu plates and subjected to an increasing voltage, it will breakdown at (D) $0.51 \cdot V$ (Λ) 11-V

(A)	IKV	(В)	0.5KV
(C)	1.5kV	(D)	1.2kV

- (C) 1.5kV
- 8. In the fabrication of a buried p-n-p transistor, the processes involved are
 - 1. oxidation 2. epitaxy

3. diffusion 4. photo lithography The correct sequence in which these processes are to be carried out, is (D) (1 1 2 2)

(A) 4, 1, 2, 3	(B) 4, 1, 3, 2
(C) 1.2.3.4	(D) 1, 4, 3, 2

9. In the fabrication of *n*-*p*-*n* transistor in an *IC*, the buried layer on the *p*-type substrate is

- (A) p^+ doped
- (B) n^+ doped
- (C) used to reduce the parasitic capacitance
- (D) None of these
- 10. Two pure specimen of a semiconductor materials are taken, one is doped with 10¹⁵ cm⁻³ number of donors and the other is doped with 10¹⁸ cm⁻³ number of acceptors. The minority carrier density in the second specimen is 10⁸ cm⁻³. What is the minority carrier density in the other specimen?
 - (B) 10^{14} cm^{-3} (A) 10¹² cm⁻³
 - (C) 10^{11} cm⁻³ (D) 10^{25} cm^{-3}
- 11. The intrinsic carrier concentration of Si sample at 300° K is 2.25×10^{16} m⁻³. If after doping the number of majority carriers is 4.5×10^{19} m⁻³, then find the minority carrier density.
 - (B) $11.25 \times 10^{14} \text{ m}^{-3}$ (A) $1.125 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (C) $2.25 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^{-3}$ (D) $1.125 \times 10^{13} \text{ m}^{-3}$
- 12. If the forward voltage applied to a Si diode at $27^{\circ}C$ is 0.75V. Find the value of the forward current, if the reverse saturation current is 35nA.
 - (A) 64.25 mA (B) 45 mA (C) 55 mA (D) 6.82µA
- **13.** For a npn transistor $I_E = 3$ mA, $\alpha = 0.97$ and $I_{CEO} = 1.5$ mA, then find I_C value.
 - (A) 2.75 mA (B) 2.955 mA (C) 2.9 mA (D) 2.25 mA
- 14. The bonding forces in compound semiconductors, such as GaAsp, arise from
 - (A) ionic bonding
 - (B) covalent bonding
 - (C) metallic bonding
 - (D) combination of ionic and covalent bonding
- 15. The diffusion diode capacitance of a forward biased $n^+ - p$ junction with a steady current I depends on
 - (A) width of the depletion region
 - (B) junction area
 - (C) mean lifetime of the holes
 - (D) mean lifetime of electrons
- 16. A *n*-type Ge crystal has a current density of 150 A/ m². The crystal has a resistivity of 0.5Ω -m and electron mobility of 0.5 m²/V–S, find the time taken by the electron to travel 15µm in the crystal.
 - (A) 0.5 µsec (B) 0.4 µsec
 - (C) 0.25 µsec (D) 0.2 µsec
- 17. Find the reverse saturation current density in an abrupt Si junction. Given the following data:
 - $N_D = 10^{21} \text{ m}^{-3}; N_A = 10^{22} \text{ m}^{-3}; D_n = 3.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec};$ $D_p^2 = 1.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}; L_n = 7.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m};$

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$L_p = 2.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}; n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$	10^{16}	m ⁻³
(A) $2.323 \times 10^{-7} \text{ A/m}^2$	(B)	$2.23 \ \mu A/m^2$
(C) 2.52 mA/cm^2	(D)	3.23 mA/cm ²

- 18. The Hall coefficient of a specimen of a doped silicon is found to be 3.5×10^{-4} m³/C, the resistivity of the specimen is $8.9 \times 10^{-3} \Omega$ -m. Find the mobility of charge carriers, assuming single carrier concentration.
 - (A) $0.28 \text{ m}^2/\text{V-sec}$ (B) $0.333 \text{ m}^2/\text{V-sec}$
 - (C) 3.45 cm²/V-sec (D) 0.033 m²/V-sec
- **19.** If the value of collector current I_c decreases, then the value of V_{CE} is
 - (A) decreases (B) increases
 - (C) remains the same (D) None of the above
- **20.** If the transistor having $V_{CE} = 4.5$ V, $V_{BE} = 0.7$ V and $\beta = 50$, then the value of *R* is



21. In a sample of Ge at room temperature, the electron concentration varies linearly with distance, as shown in figure. The diffusion current density is 0.25 A/cm² and mobility of electrons is $\mu_{\mu} = 2400 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$, then the electron concentration is



- (A) $24.98 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (B) 2.498 ×10¹⁵ cm⁻³ (C) $3.24 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ (D) $5.25 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
- 22. In the following circuit transistor is in



- (A) cut-off region (B) Active region (C) saturation (D) inverse active
- 23. In a MOS capacitor the oxide voltage exceeds the threshold voltage by 1.5V. If the oxide

thickness is 15nm, the charge density in the channel is ____

- (A) 3.45 mC/m² (B) 0.88 mC/m² (D) $3.23 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C/cm}^2$ (C) $4.52 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/cm}^3$
- 24. A Si sample is doped with 10^{18} Arsenic atoms/cm³.

Where is E_F relative to E_i ?

- (A) 0.468eV below the intrinsic Fermi level
- (B) 0.468eV above the intrinsic Fermi level
- (C) 0.32eV above the conduction band
- (D) 0.468eV below the conduction band
- **25.** Determine the range of values of V_{in} that will works as the zener regulator.



(consider
$$I_{m} = 50 \text{ mA}$$

- (A) $25 \text{ V} \le V_{in} \le 35 \text{ V}$
- (B) $23.33 \text{ V} < V_{in} < 30 \text{ V}$ (C) $23.33 \text{ V} < V_{in} \leq 35.83 \text{ V}$ (D) $20 \text{ V} \le V_{in} \le 35 \text{ V}$
- 26. The drain of an n-channel MOSFET is shorted to the gate so that $V_{DS} = V_{GS}$. The threshold voltage (V_{th}) of MOSFET is 1.25V of the drain current I_D is 1.5mA for $V_{GS} = 3$ V, then for $V_{GS} = 1.5$ V, I_D is
 - (Å) 2.37 mA (B) 3.45µA
 - (C) 4.23 mA (D) 30.61µA
- 27. Group-I four different semiconductor devices. Match each device in Group-I with its characteristic property in Group-II.

Group-I	Group-II			
w. Photo diode	1. Early effect			
x. MOS capacitor	2. Coherent radiation			
y. LASER	3. Flat band voltage			
z. BJT	4. Dark current			
(A) w-4, x-2, y-3, z-1	(B) <i>w</i> -2, <i>x</i> -3, <i>y</i> -2, <i>z</i> -4			

(D) w-4, x-3, y-2, z-1 (C) w-1, *x*-2, *y*-4, *z*-3 28. Determine the current I in the circuit shown in figure. Assume the diodes to be of silicon and forward bias



- 29. A P-type Si sample contains a acceptor concentration of $N_a = 10^{20}$ m⁻³. The minority carrier electron lifetime is $\tau_{\mu a} = 15 \mu s$. Then the lifetime of the majority carrier is $(n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3})$ (B) 3.24×10^3 S
 - (A) 12.32×10^3 S
 - (C) 1.2×10^3 S (D) 6.66×10^2 S

Data for Questions 30 and 31

For the common-emitter characteristics of figure shown in below



- **30.** Find the dc β at an operating point of $V_{CE} = 8V$ and $I_c = 2 \text{mA}$
 - (A) 120 (B) 99 (C) 110 (D) 117.64

31. At $V_{CE} = 8V$, find the corresponding value of I_{CEO} . (A) 0.237 mA (B) 2.38 µA

(C) $3 \mu A$ (D)	2.42	mA
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Data for Questions 32 and 33

- A Si bar 0.5cm long and 120µm² in cross-sectional area is doped with 1016 cm-3 phosphorus. Consider $\mu = 1250 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}.$
- 32. Find the resistance of the Si bar.

(A) 2.08KΩ	(B) 4.16 KΩ
(C) 208 KΩ	(D) 25.8 KΩ

33. Find the current at $800^{\circ}K$ with 14V applied. (A) 50.25mA (B) 6.25 μA (D) 3.25mA (C) 67.3 µA

Data for Questions 34 and 35

For a pn-junction with $N_A = 10^{18}$ cm⁻³ and $N_D = 10^{17}$ cm⁻³, operating at $T = 300^{\circ}$ K. Consider $n_i = 1.5 \times 10^{10}$ cm⁻³ and $\epsilon_{r} = 11.9.$

- 34. The value of C_{io} per unit junction area (μ m²) would be ____
 - (A) $1.25 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/}(\mu \text{m})^2$ (B) $0.936 \text{ fF}/(\mu m)^2$
 - (C) 9.36 $fF/(\mu cm)^2$ (D) $1.9 \text{ fF}/(\mu m)^2$
- **35.** If grading coefficient $m = \frac{1}{2}$. Find the capacitance c_i at reverse - bias voltage of 2V, assuming a junction area of 2500 µm². (B) 1.52 pE(A) 1 29 nF

(A)	1.29 рг	(D)	1.52рг
(C)	0.13fF	(D)	2.52pF

Answer Keys									
1. A	2. C	3. B	4. B	5. C	6. B	7. B	8. D	9. B	10. C
11. D	12. A	13. B	14. D	15. D	16. B	17. A	18. D	19. B	20. A
21. B	22. B	23. A	24. B	25. C	26. D	27. D	28. B	29. A	30. D
31. A	32. C	33. C	34. B	35. A					

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1. Choice (A)

- 2. Under thermal equilibrium all semiconductors are electrically neutral. i.e.,
 - \therefore total +ve charge = total -ve charge. Choice (C)
- 3. Choice (B)
- $4. \quad V_d = \mu E$ 1

5.
$$I_{C} = \beta I_{B} + I_{CEO}$$

 $2.5 \times 10^{-3} - 75 \times 25 \times 10^{-6} = I_{CEO}$
 $I_{CEO} = 0.625 \text{ mA}$
 $I_{CEO} = (1 + \beta) I_{CBO}$
 $I_{CBO} = 8.22 \,\mu\text{A}$ Choice (C)

- 6. Choice (B)
- 7. $V = E.d = 10 \times 10^3 \times 0.05$ $= 0.5 \, kV$

10.
$$n.p = n_i^2$$

 $n_1p_1 = n_2p_2$
from the given data
 $n_1 = 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $p_1 = ?$
 $n_2 = 10^8 \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $p_2 = 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$
 $P_1 = \frac{10^8 \times 10^{18}}{10^{15}} = 10^{11} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ Choice (C)
11. $n.p = n_i^2$

 n_i^2 \therefore minority carrier density = majority carrier density

Choice (B)

Choice (B)

$$=\frac{(2.25\times10^{16})^2}{4.5\times10^{19}}$$

= 1.125 × 10¹³ per m³ Choice (D)

12. We know
$$I_D = I_s \cdot \left[e^{\frac{V_D}{\eta V_T}} - 1 \right]$$
 Amp
 $I_D = 35 \times 10^{-9} \left[e^{\frac{0.75}{2 \times 0.026}} - 1 \right] = 64.25 \text{ mA}$ Choice (A)

13.
$$I_{c} = \alpha . I_{E} + I_{CBO}$$

 $I_{CEO} = \frac{1}{1 - \infty} . I_{CBO}$
 $I_{CBO} = (1 - \alpha) . I_{CEO} = 45 \ \mu A$
 $I_{C} = 0.97 \times 3 \times 10^{-3} + 0.045 \times 10^{-3}$
 $= 2.955 \ \text{mA}$ Choice (B)

14. Intrinsic *S*.*C* \Rightarrow covalent bond GaAsp \Rightarrow combination of covalent and ionic nature Because difference in the position of *Ga* and As, *p*. *Ga* \rightarrow IIIrd Group element *P*, As \rightarrow *V*th Group elements Choice (D)

15.
$$C_D = \frac{\tau . I_f}{\eta V_T}$$

 $n^+ - p \Rightarrow n - \text{side heavily doped}$

:. If more depends on the electrons (majority carries) Choice (D)

16. From the given data

$$\rho = 0.5 \ \Omega - m$$

$$J = 150 \ A/m^2$$

$$\mu_n = 0.5 \ m^2/V - S$$

$$d = 15 \ \mu m$$

we know speed or velocity $V = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = \frac{d}{t}$

$$\therefore t = \frac{d}{v}$$

$$\Theta = \mu.E = \mu.J.\rho$$

= $\mu.J.\rho = 0.5 \times 150 \times 0.5 = 37.5 \text{ m/sec}$
 $t = \frac{15 \times 10^{-6}}{37.5} = 0.4 \,\mu \text{ sec}$ Choice (B)

17. We know reverse saturation current

$$I_{o} = A.q \left[\frac{D_{n}}{L_{n}.N_{A}} + \frac{D_{p}}{L_{p}.N_{D}} \right] .n_{i}^{2}$$

But $J_{o} = \frac{I_{o}}{A}$
$$J_{o} = \left[\frac{3.4 \times 10^{-3}}{7.5 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^{22}} + \frac{1.5 \times 10^{-3}}{2.5 \times 10^{-4} \times 10^{21}} \right]$$

×1.6×10⁻¹⁹×(1.5×10¹⁶)²
= [4.533 × 10⁻²² + 0.6 × 10⁻²⁰] × 3.6 × 10¹³
= 2.323 × 10⁻⁷ A/m². Choice (A)
18. We know

$$\mu = \frac{8}{3\pi} \sigma R_{H}$$

$$\therefore \sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$$\mu = \frac{8}{3\pi} \times \frac{3.5 \times 10^{-4}}{8.9 \times 10^{-3}} = 0.8488 \times \frac{3.5}{89}$$

$$= 0.033 \text{ m}^{2}/\text{V} - \text{sec} \qquad \text{Choice (D)}$$
19. We know

$$V_{Cc} = I_{C} R_{C} + V_{CE} + I_{E} R_{E}$$
Let $IC \approx I_{E}$

$$\therefore V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_{C}(R_{C} + R_{E})$$

$$\therefore V_{CE}^{-1} \Rightarrow I_{C} \downarrow \qquad \text{Choice (B)}$$
20. From the given circuit

$$I_{E} = \frac{24 - 4.5}{8} \text{ mA} = 2.43 \text{ 75 mA.}$$
Given $\beta = 50$

$$V_{E} = I_{E} R_{E}$$

$$= 2.4375 \times 250 \text{ 10}^{-3}$$

$$V_{E} = 0.61 \text{ Volts.}$$

$$V_{C} = 4.5 \text{ V}_{E}$$

$$= 5.11 \text{ Volts.}$$

$$V_{C} = 4.5 \text{ V}_{E}$$

$$= 5.11 \text{ Volts.}$$

$$I_{E} = (1 + \beta) I_{B}$$

$$I_{B} = 47.79 \text{ µA}$$

$$\frac{V_{0} - V_{B}}{R} = I_{B}$$

$$R = \frac{5.11 - 1.31}{47.79} \times 10^{6}$$

$$R = 79.5 \text{ 1k}\Omega. \qquad \text{Choice (A)}$$
21. We know

$$J_{n} = q.D_{n} \cdot \frac{\partial n}{\partial x}$$
But $\frac{D_{n}}{\mu_{n}} = V_{T}$

$$D_{n} = 2400 \times 0.026 = 62.4 \text{ cm}^{2}/\text{S}$$

$$0.25 = 1.6 \times 10^{15} - 1.25 \times 10^{13}$$

$$= 24.98 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-3} \qquad \text{Choice (B)}$$

22. From the given circuit Base emitter junction forward bias. $V_{B} > V_{E}$ and collector base junction reverse bias $V_{CB} = 0$ Choice (B) 23. We know Q = CV

$$= C_{ox} \cdot [V_{GS} - V_T]$$

$$Q = \frac{\varepsilon_{ox}}{T_{ox}} [V_{GS} - V_T]$$

$$= \frac{3.9 \times 8.852 \times 10^{-14}}{15 \times 10^{-7}} \times 1.5$$

$$= 3.45 \times 10^{-7} \text{ C/cm}^2$$

$$= 3.45 \times 10^{-3} \text{ C/m}^2 = 3.45 \text{ mC/m}^2 \qquad \text{Choice (A)}$$

- **24.** From the given data Si doped with As.
 - \therefore It is a *n*-type material.
 - \therefore Fermi level above the E_i (intrinsic)

$$E_{F_n} - E_i = \frac{KT}{q} \ln \left[\frac{N_D}{n_i} \right] eV$$
$$= 0.026. \ln \left[\frac{10^{18}}{1.5 \times 10^{10}} \right] eV$$
$$= 0.468 eV$$
Choice (B)

25.
$$V_L = V_Z = \frac{R_L \cdot V_{in}}{R + R_L}$$

 $V_{i\min} = \frac{(R + R_L)}{R_L} V_Z$
 $= \frac{1750}{1500} \times 20V = 23.33V$
 $V_{i\max} = I_{R\max} \cdot R + V_Z$
 $I_{R\max} = I_{Zm} + I_L$
 $= 50\text{mA} + 13.33 \text{ mA}$
 $= 63.33 \text{ mA}$
 $V_{i\max} = 63.33 \times 10^{-3} \times 250 + 20$
 $= 35.83 \text{ volts}$ Choice (C)

26. Given $V_{DS} = V_{GS}$ $\therefore V_{DS(\min)} = V_{GS}$ \Rightarrow MOSFET operates in saturation region

$$\Rightarrow I_{D} = k (V_{GS} - V_{T})^{2}$$

$$\therefore I_{D} \mu (V_{GS} - V_{T})^{2}$$

$$\frac{I_{D_{2}}}{I_{D_{1}}} = \frac{(V_{GS_{2}} - V_{Tn})^{2}}{(V_{GS_{1}} - V_{Tn})^{2}}$$

$$I_{D2} = \frac{(1.5 - 1.25)^{2}}{(3 - 1.25)^{2}} \times 1.5 \times 10^{-3} = 30.61 \,\mu\text{A}$$

Cho

27. BJT
$$\rightarrow$$
 early effect
LASER \Rightarrow coherent
mos capacitor \Rightarrow flat band voltage
photo diode \Rightarrow dark current Choice (D)
28. Let $D_1 \rightarrow \text{OFF}$
 $D_2 \rightarrow \text{ON}$
 \therefore The equivalent circuit is
 $25V \circ (-VV) \circ (-V) \circ (-$

bice (D) **33.**
$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{14 \times 10^{-3}}{208} = 67.3 \,\mu \,\text{Amp}$$
 Choice (C)

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34. C_{j_0} is the value of C_j obtained for zero applied voltage

$$\therefore C_{jo} = A \sqrt{\frac{\varepsilon_s \cdot q}{2}} \cdot \left[\frac{N_A \cdot N_D}{N_A + N_D} \right] \times \frac{1}{V_o}$$
$$V_o = V_T \ln \left[\frac{N_A \cdot N_D}{n_i^2} \right] \text{ volts}$$
$$= 0.0259 \ln \left[\frac{10^{18} \times 10^{17}}{2.25 \times 10^{20}} \right] = 0.873 \text{ volts}$$
We know $C_{jo} = \frac{\varepsilon_{s.A}}{W} \left[\therefore V_R = OV \right]$

$$W = \sqrt{\frac{2\varepsilon_s}{q} \left[\frac{1}{N_A} + \frac{1}{N_D}\right] (V_o + V_R)}$$
$$= \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 11.9 \times 8.852 \times 10^{-14}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \times \left[\frac{1}{10^{18}} + \frac{1}{10^{17}}\right] \times 0.873}$$
$$W = \sqrt{114.95 \times 10^5 \times 10^{-17} \times 1.1} = 11.244 \,\mu\text{cm}$$

$$\frac{C_j}{A} = \frac{\varepsilon_s}{W} = \frac{11.9 \times 8.852 \times 10^{-12}}{11.244 \times 10^{-8}} \frac{F}{m^2}$$

= 9.36 × 10⁻⁴ F/m²
= 9.36 × 10⁻⁴ × 10⁻¹² F/(µm)² Choice (B)

35. We know general formula for junction capacitance at any V_{R} .

$$C_{j} = \frac{C_{jo}}{\left(1 + \frac{V_{R}}{V_{o}}\right)^{m}}$$

= $\frac{9.36 \times 10^{-4} \left(\frac{F}{m^{2}}\right) \times 2500 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}^{2}}{\left(1 + \frac{2}{0.873}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$
= $\frac{2.34 \times 10^{-12}}{1.814}$
= $1.289 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F}$
= 1.29 pF Choice (A)