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**FINAL EXAMINATION  
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SEMESTER II  
SESSION 2019/2020**

COURSE NAME : SEMICONDUCTOR ELECTRONIC  
AND DEVICES

COURSE CODE : BED 20103

PROGRAMME CODE : BEJ

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DURATION : 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS  
OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF SIX (6) PAGES

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- Q1** (a) Defects in a semiconductor material introduce allowed energy states within the forbidden bandgap. Assume that a particular defect in silicon introduces two discrete levels: a donor defect level 0.25 eV above the top of the valence band, and an acceptor defect level 0.65 eV above the top of the valence band.
- (i) Analyze which defect level dominates in the semiconductor. (7 marks)
  - (ii) Analyze the carrier concentration and Fermi level position with respect to the intrinsic Fermi level if the semiconductor is doped with  $4.25 \times 10^{16}$  antimony/cm<sup>3</sup> and  $8.74 \times 10^{14}$  indium/cm<sup>3</sup> at 300 K. (6 marks)
- (b) Analyze how carrier concentration contributes toward current (I). (6 marks)
- (c) Sketch **ONE** energy band diagram **each** for intrinsic, N-type and P-type semiconductor showing clearly the followings:
- (i) Density of state function and Fermi-Dirac function
  - (ii) Fermi level
  - (iii) Carrier distribution (electron and hole) (6 marks)
- Q2** (a) Analyze the transport phenomena in diode and photo diode. (5 marks)
- (b) A GaAs semiconductor at  $T = 300$  K is doped with multiple implants, which are  $5.23 \times 10^{15}$  antimony atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $8.67 \times 10^{16}$  gallium atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>,  $3.34 \times 10^{15}$  phosphorus atoms/cm<sup>3</sup> and  $4.56 \times 10^{16}$  indium atoms/cm<sup>3</sup>. Analyze the following:
- (i) carrier mobilities (4 marks)
  - (ii) conductivity and resistivity of the semiconductor. (6 marks)
- (c) (i) Design an ideal transistor based on the properties in **TABLE Q2(c)**. (4 marks)
- (ii) Analyze the bottleneck of an ideal transistor in order to be the next generation of transistor. (6 marks)

**TABLE Q2(c)**

	<b>Si</b>	<b>Ge</b>	<b>GaAs</b>	<b>InAs</b>
$\mu_n$ (cm <sup>2</sup> /V·s)	1400	3900	8500	30000
$\mu_p$ (cm <sup>2</sup> /V·s)	470	1900	400	500



- Q3** (a) Consider a GaAs pn junction at  $T = 300$  K with zero applied bias was doped with boron  $= 10^{18}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> and phosphorus which results in  $V_{bi} = 0.8$  V.
- (i) Find the doping concentration of phosphorus dopant. (2 marks)
  - (ii) Determine the  $x_n$ ,  $x_p$ ,  $W$  and  $|E_{max}|$ . (7 marks)
  - (iii) Based on the values from **Q3(a)(ii)**, identify the type of PN junction. (2 marks)
  - (iv) Analyze the effect of applying a reverse biased voltage,  $V_R = 6V$  to the width of the space charge region and the maximum electric field. (6 marks)
  - (v) Calculate the junction capacitance when  $V_R = 6V$  is applied. (2 marks)
- (b) A sufficiently large reverse-biased voltage,  $V_R$  is applied to a uniformly doped PN junction.
- (i) Sketch the space charge density at the junction with  $V_R$  effect of zero bias and reverse biased. (2 marks)
  - (ii) Briefly explain **ONE (1)** predominant breakdown mechanism that give rise to the reverse bias breakdown in a PN junction. (4 marks)

- Q4** (a) For  $V_{GS} > V_T$  in a MOSFET, analyze the channel  $I_D$  versus  $V_{DS}$  curve as  $V_{DS}$  is increased in the following condition:
- (i)  $V_{DS} > 0$  V. (3 marks)
- (ii)  $V_{DS}$  equals  $V_{DS(SAT)}$ . (3 marks)
- (iii)  $V_{DS}$  greater than  $V_{DS(SAT)}$ . (3 marks)
- (b) At room temperature, consider a long-channel Silicon MOSFET that has the following parameters,
- $L = 2.65 \mu\text{m}$        $Z = 6.88 \mu\text{m}$        $N_A = 5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$        $\mu_n = 1500 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V-s}$
- $C_o = 3.54 \times 10^{-7} \text{ F/cm}^2$        $V_T = 0.6 \text{ V}$        $\epsilon_o = 8.85418 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm}$
- Calculate drain saturation voltage,  $V_{Dsat}$ , and drain saturation current,  $I_{Dsat}$ , for  $V_G = 6.5 \text{ V}$  (5 marks)
- (c) Predict the future of Moore's Law as number of transistors in a chip no longer doubles in every 18 months. (11 marks)

**-END OF QUESTIONS-**

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**Physical constant**

Boltzmann constant,  $k = 8.6173324 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$  or  $1.38066 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$

Thermal voltage at 300 K,  $kT/q = 0.025852 \text{ V}$

Permittivity in vacuum,  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85418 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm}$

Elementary charge,  $q = 1.60218 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

**Properties of Si and GaAs at 300 K**

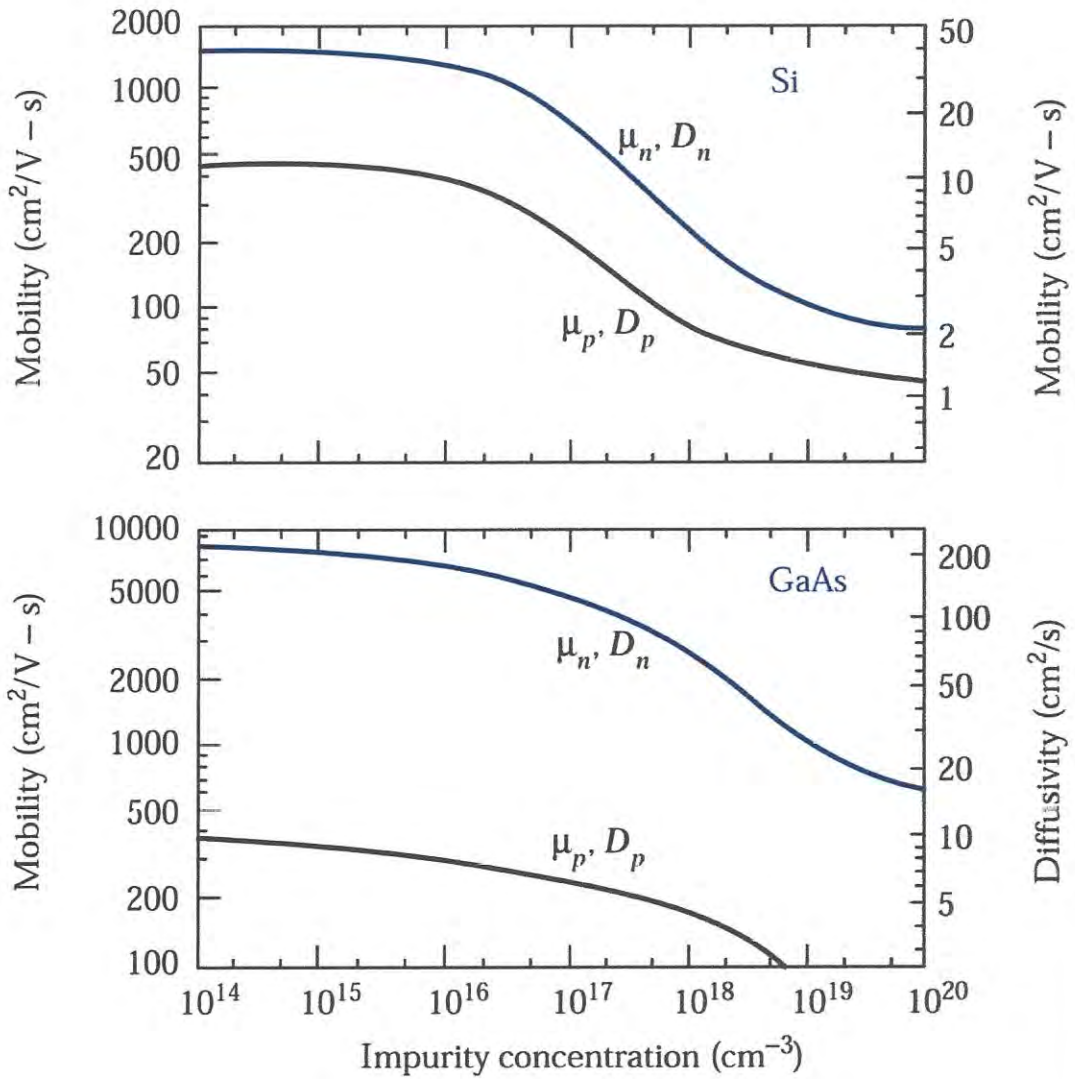
<b>Properties</b>	<b>Si</b>	<b>GaAs</b>
Effective density of states in conduction band, $N_C \text{ (cm}^{-3}\text{)}$	$2.86 \times 10^{19}$	$4.7 \times 10^{17}$
Effective density of states in valence band, $N_V \text{ (cm}^{-3}\text{)}$	$2.66 \times 10^{19}$	$7.0 \times 10^{18}$
Dielectric constant	11.9	12.4
$n_i \text{ (cm}^{-3}\text{)}$	$9.65 \times 10^9$	$2.25 \times 10^6$
Energy gap (eV)	1.12	1.42
Mobility (cm <sup>2</sup> /V-s)		
$\mu_n \text{ (electrons)}$	1450	9200
$\mu_p \text{ (holes)}$	505	320

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Mobilities and diffusivities in Si and GaAs at 300 K as a function of total impurity concentration.

