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

COURSE NAME : FIBER OPTICS  
COURSE CODE : BWC 40703  
PROGRAMME CODE : BWC  
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DURATION : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF **SIX (6)** PAGES

- Q1**
- (a) Differentiate the single mode and multimode fiber. (4 marks)
  - (b) Discuss the differences between meridional and skew ray paths in step index fibers with the aid of suitable diagrams. (4 marks)
  - (c) Sketch the electric field distribution pattern of the fundamental mode LP<sub>01</sub>, LP<sub>11</sub> and LP<sub>21</sub>. (6 marks)
  - (d) A multimode graded index fiber has an acceptance angle in air of 8°. If the refractive index at the core axis is 1.52, calculate the relative refractive index difference between the core axis and the cladding. (6 marks)
- Q2**
- (a) List the types of losses in optical fiber. (4 marks)
  - (b) Discuss the absorption, the intrinsic absorption and extrinsic absorption mechanisms in optical fibers. (6 marks)
  - (c) A 6 km optical link consists of multimode step index fiber with a core refractive index of 1.5 and a relative refractive index difference of 1%. Calculate:
    - (i) the delay difference between the slowest and fastest modes at the fiber output.
    - (ii) the rms pulse broadening due to intermodal dispersion on the link.
    - (iii) the maximum bit rate that may be obtained without substantial errors on the link assuming only intermodal dispersion.
    - (iv) the bandwidth–length product corresponding to **Q2 (c) (iii)**. (8 marks)
  - (d) Make suggestion to reduce material dispersion in optical fiber system. (2 marks)
- Q3** **Figure Q3** shows the configuration of the dual-wavelength fiber laser in linear cavity configuration which is used for communication system.
- (a) List **THREE (3)** optical fiber connections from the system. (3 marks)
  - (b) Explain briefly the principle operation for the WDM fiber coupler. (6 marks)

- (c) A four-port multimode fiber FBT coupler has 60  $\mu\text{W}$  optical power launched into port 1. The measured output powers at ports 2, 3 and 4 are 0.004  $\mu\text{W}$ , 26.0  $\mu\text{W}$  and 27.5  $\mu\text{W}$ , respectively. Determine the insertion losses between the input and output ports and the split ratio for the device. (6 marks)
- (d) Describe the structure of the fiber Bragg grating. Explain how it can effectively block a specific optical signal at a particular wavelength. (5 marks)

**Q4** Figure Q4 shows the erbium-doped fiber amplifier (EDFA) which is most commonly used to compensate the loss of an optical fiber in long-distance optical communication.

- (a) List **TWO (2)** types of gain media with their optical bands. (2 marks)
- (b) Describe the function of optical spectrum analyzer and laser diode in the **Figure Q4**. (4 marks)
- (c) Explain briefly the working principle of erbium doped fiber amplifier with the aid of a suitable energy band diagram. (10 marks)
- (d) Propose an EDFA design incorporating both with a co- and counter-propagating pump. (4 marks)

**Q5** A long haul single mode optical fiber system is designed to operate at a wavelength of 1300 nm. Parameters established for the system are as follow:

|   |                         |
|---|-------------------------|
| Mean power launched for the laser transmitter   | -3 dBm                  |
| Cabled fiber loss   | 0.4 dB km <sup>-1</sup> |
| Splice loss   | 0.1 dB km <sup>-1</sup> |
| Connector losses at the transmitter and receiver  | 1 dB each               |
| Mean power required at the APD receiver when operating at 35 Mbit s <sup>-1</sup> (BER 10 <sup>-9</sup> ) | - 55 dBm                |
| Required safety margin  | 7 dB                    |

- (a) Illustrate the possible backscatter plot for the optical link provided by Optical Time Domain Reflectometry (OTDR). (4 marks)
- (b) In this system, assume a 40 km single mode link with 2 connector pairs and 5 splices. Calculate the total link loss of the system. (8 marks)

- (c) Calculate the maximum possible link length without repeaters when operating at 35 Mbits<sup>-1</sup> (BER 10<sup>-9</sup>). It may be assumed that there is no dispersion–equalization penalty at this bit rate. (5 marks)
- (d) Recommend a way to improve the sensitivity performance of OTDR measurement technique. (3 marks)

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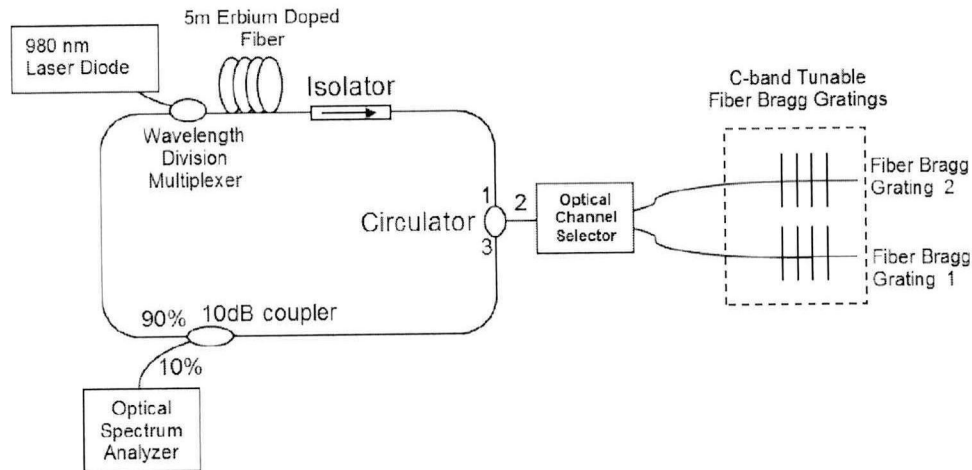


Figure Q3

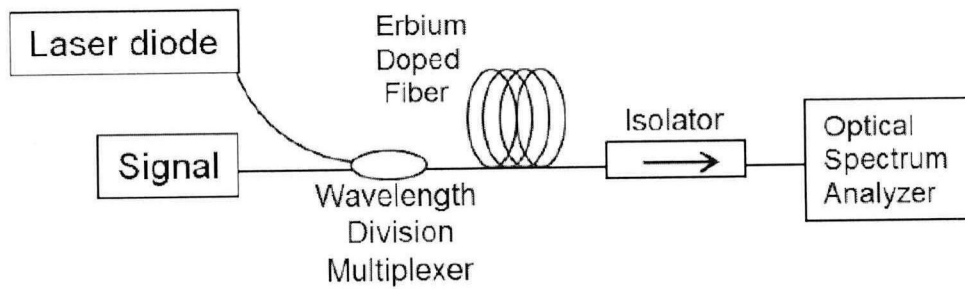


Figure Q4

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**CONSTANT**

Boltzmann's constant,  $K=1.381 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J.K}^{-1}$   
 Velocity of light in vacuum,  $c = 2.998 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$

**FORMULAE**

|  |  |   |   |
|--|--|---|---|
| $V = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} an_1(2\Delta)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | $M_s \simeq \frac{V^2}{\lambda}$                         | $\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_\lambda L}{c} \left( \lambda \frac{d^2 n_1}{d\lambda} \right)$ | $M = \frac{\lambda}{c} \left( \frac{d^2 n_1}{d\lambda} \right)$ |
| $\sigma_s = \frac{Ln_1\Delta}{2\sqrt{3}c}$             | $\sigma_s = \frac{L(NA)^2}{4\sqrt{3}n_1c}$               | $\sigma_T = (\sigma_m^2 + \sigma_s^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$                                    | $B_T = \frac{0.2}{\sigma} \text{ bits/sec}$                     |
| $B_T = \frac{1}{2\tau} \text{ bits/sec}$               | $BW = B_T(RZ)$   | $V = \frac{2\pi\alpha}{\lambda} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$                                   | $n_1 \sin\theta_1 = n_2 \sin\theta_2$                           |
| $\alpha_{dB} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{P_{out}}{P_{in}}$    | $P_{Ra}(t) = \frac{1}{2} P_{in} S \gamma_R W_\sigma v_g$ |   | $S \simeq \frac{\pi(NA)^2}{4\pi n_1^2}$                         |
| $v_g = \frac{c}{N_g} \simeq \frac{c}{n_1}$             | $P_1 = P_0 + C_L + M_\alpha \text{ dB}$                  | $P_1 = P_0 + (\alpha_{fc} + \alpha_j)L + \alpha_{cr} + M_\alpha \text{ dB}$             |   |
| $C_L = (\alpha_{fc} + \alpha_j)L + \alpha_{cr} + D_L$  |  | $D_L = 2(2\sigma B_T \sqrt{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} \text{ dB}$                                | $C_L = (\alpha_{fc} + \alpha_j)L + \alpha_{cr}$                 |

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