# SOLVED EXAMPLES

- Ex.1 A doped semiconductor has impurity levesl 30 meV below the conduction band. (a) Is the material n-type or p-type ?
   (b) In a thermal collision, an amount kT of energy is given to the extra electron loosely bound to the impurity ion and this electron is just able to jump into the conduction band. Calculate the temperature T.
- Sol. (a) The impurity provides impurity leves close to the conduction band and a number of electrons from the impurity level will populate the conduction band. Thus, the majority carriers are electrons and the material is n-type.

(b) According to the question, kT = 30 meV

or, 
$$T = \frac{30 \text{ meV}}{\text{k}}$$
$$= \frac{0.03 \text{ eV}}{8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eVK}^{-1}} = 348 \text{ K}$$

- **Ex.2** The energy of a photon of sodium light ( $\lambda = 589$  nm) equals the band gap of a semiconducting material. (a) Find the minimum energy E required to creat a hole-electron pair. (b) Find the value of E/kT at a temperature of 300 K.
- Sol. (a) The energy of the photon is  $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$

$$=\frac{1242eVnm}{589nm}=2.1eV$$

Thus the band gap is 2.1 eV. This is also the minimum energy E required to push an electron from the valence band into the conduction band. Hence, the minimum energy required to creat a hole-electron pair is 2.1 eV.

(b) At 
$$T = 300 \text{ K}$$
  
 $kT = (8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eVK}^{-1})(300 \text{ K})$   
 $= 25.86 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}.$ 

 $\frac{E}{kT} = \frac{2.1 \text{eV}}{25.86 \times 10^{-3} \text{eV}} = 81$ 

Thus,

So it is difficult for the thermal energy to create the hole-electron pair but a photon of light can do it easily.

- **Ex.3** A p-type semiconductor has acceptor levels 57 meV above the valence band. Find the maximum wavelength of light which can create a hole.
- Sol. To create a hole, an electron from the valence band should be given sufficient energy to go into one of the acceptor levels. Since the acceptor levels are 57 meV above the valence band, at least 57 meV is needed to create a hole.

If  $\lambda$  be the wavelength of light, its photon will have an energy hc/ $\lambda$ . To create a hole,

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} \ge 57 \text{ meV}$$
or,
$$\lambda \le \frac{hc}{57 \text{ meV}}$$

$$= \frac{1242 \text{ eV nm}}{57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ eV}} = 2.18 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}$$



- **Ex.4** The band gap in germanium is  $\Delta E = 0.68$  eV. Assuming that the number of hole-electron pairs is proportional to  $e^{-\Delta E/2kT}$ , find the percentage increase in the number of charge carriers inpure germanium as the temperature is increased from 300 K to 320 K.
- Sol. The number of charge carriers in an intrinsic semiconductor is double the number of hole-electron pairs. If  $N_1$  be the number of charge carriers at temperature  $T_1$  and  $N_2$  at  $T_2$ , we have

$$N_1 = N_0 e^{-\Delta E/2kT_1}$$

 $N_2 = N_0 e^{-\Delta E/2kT_2}$ 

and

The percentage increase as the temperature is raised from T<sub>1</sub> to T<sub>2</sub> is

$$f = \frac{N_2 - N_1}{N_1} \times 100 = \left(\frac{N_2}{N_1} - 1\right) \times 100$$
$$= 100 \left[ e^{\frac{\Delta E}{2k} \left(\frac{1}{T_1 - T_2}\right)} - 1 \right]$$

Now

$$\frac{\Delta E}{2k} \left( \frac{1}{T_1} - \frac{1}{T_2} \right)$$

$$=\frac{0.68\,\mathrm{eV}}{2\times8.62\times10^{-5}\,\mathrm{eV}\,\mathrm{K}^{-1}}\left(\frac{1}{300\,\mathrm{K}}-\frac{1}{320\,\mathrm{K}}\right)$$

$$=0.82.$$

Thus,  $f = 100 \times [e^{0.82} - 1] \approx 127$ .

Thus, the number of charge carriers increases by about 127%.

- **Ex.5** The concentration of hol-electron pairs in pure silicon at T = 300 K is  $7 \times 10^{15}$  per cubic metre. Antimony is doped into silicon in a proportion of 1 atom in 10<sup>7</sup> atoms. Assuming that half of the impurity atoms contribute electrons in the conduction band, calculate the factor by which the number of charge carriers increases due to doping. The number of silicon atoms per cubic metre is  $5 \times 10^{28}$ .
- Sol. The number of charge cariers before doping is equal to the number of holes plus the number of conduction electrosn. Thus, the number of charge carriers per cubic metre before doping

 $= 2 \times 7 \times 10^{15} = 14 \times 10^{15}.$ 

Since antimony is doped in a proportion of 1 in 10<sup>7</sup>, the number of antimony atoms per cubic metre is  $10^{-7} \times 5 \times 10^{28} = 5 \times 10^{21}$ . As half of these atoms contribute electrons to the conduction band, the number of extra conduction electrons produced is  $2.5 \times 10^{21}$  per cubic metre. Thus, the number of charge carriers per cubic metre after the doping is

$$2.5 \times 10^{21} + 14 \times 10^{15}$$
  
 $\approx 2.5 \times^{21}$ .

The factor by which the number of charge carriers is increased

$$=\frac{2.5\times10^{21}}{14\times10^{15}}=1.8\times10^{5}.$$

In fact, as the n-type impurity is doped, the number of holes will decrease. This is because the product of the concentrations of holes and conduction electrons remains almost the same. However, this does not affect our result as the number of holes is anyway too small as compared to the number of conduction electrons.



#### **Ex.6** A potential barrier of 0.50 V exists across a p-n junction.

(a) If the depletion regions  $5.0 \times 10^{-7}$  m wide, what is the intensity of the electric field in this region? (b) An electron with speed  $5.0 \times 10.5$  ms<sup>-1</sup> approaches the p-n junction from the n-side. With what speed will it enter the p-side?

**Sol.** (a) The electric field is E = V/d

$$= \frac{0.50V}{5.0 \times 10^{-7} m} = 1.0 \times 10^6 V m^{-1}$$

**(b)** 



Suppose the electron has a speed  $v_1$  when it enters the depletion layer and  $v_2$  when it comes out of it. As the potential energy increases by  $e \times 0.50$  V, from the principle of conservation of energy,

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_1^2 = e \times 0.50 \,\mathrm{V} + \frac{1}{2}mv_2^2$$

or, 
$$\frac{1}{2} \times (9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) \times (5.0 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-2})$$

= 
$$1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 0.5 \text{ J} + \frac{1}{2} (9.1 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) \text{ v}_2^2$$

or, 
$$1.13 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 0.8 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} + (4.55 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}) \text{ v}_2^2$$
.

Solving this,  $v_2 = 2.7 \times 10^5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ .

- **Ex.7** The reverse-biased current of a particular p-n junction diode increases when it is exposed to light of wavelength less than or equal to 600 nm. Assume that the increase in carriers concentration takes place due to the creation of new hole-electron pairs by the light. Find the band gap.
- **Sol.** The reverse-biased current is caused mainly due to the drift current. The drift current in a p-n junction is caused by the formation of new hole-electron pairs and their subsequent motions in the depletion layer. When the junction is exposed to light, it may absorb energy from the light photons. If this energy supplied by a photon is greater than (or equal to ) the band gap, a hole-electron pair may be formed. Thus, the reverse-biased current will increase if the light photons have energy greater than (or equal to) the band gap.

Hence the band gap is equal to the energy of a photon of 600 nm light which is

$$\frac{hc}{\lambda} = \frac{1242 \,\text{eVnm}}{600 \,\text{nm}} = 2.07 \,\text{eV}$$

**Ex.8** A 2 V battery may be connected across the points A and B as shown in figure. Assume that the resistance of each diode is zero in forward bias and infinity in reverse bias. Find the current supplied by the battery if the positive terminal of the battery is connected to (a) the point A (b) the point B.





Sol. (a) When the positive terminal of the battery is connected to the point A, the diode  $D_1$  is forward-biased and  $D_2$  is reverse-biased. the resistance of the diode  $D_1$  is zero, and it can be replaced by a resistanceless wire. Similarly, the resistance of the diode D, is infinity, and it can be replaced by a broken wire. The equivalent circuit is shown if figure. The current supplied by the battery is 2 V/10  $\Omega$  = 0.2 A.



(b) When the positive terminal of the battery is connected to the point B, the diode D, is forward-biased and D, is reverse biased. the equivalent circuit is shown in figure. The current through the battery is 2 V/20  $\Omega = 0.1$  A.

A change of 8.0 mA in the emitter current brings a change of 7.9 mA in the collector current. How much change in the **Ex.9** base current is required to have the same change 7.9 mA in the collector current? Find the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . We have,

Sol.

$$I_{E} = I_{B} + I_{C}$$
  
or, 
$$\Delta I_{E} = \Delta I_{B} + \Delta I_{C}$$

 $\Delta I_{E} = \Delta I_{B} + \Delta I_{C}$ .

From the question, when  $\Delta I_E = 8.0 \text{ mA}$ ,  $\Delta I_C = 7.9 \text{ mA}$ .

Thus,

$$\Delta I_{\rm B} = 8.0 \, {\rm mA} - 7.9 \, {\rm mA} = 0.1 \, {\rm mA}$$

So a change of 0.1 mA in the base current is required to have a change of 7.9 mA in the collector current.

$$\alpha = \frac{I_{\rm C}}{I_{\rm E}} = \frac{\Delta I_{\rm C}}{\Delta I_{\rm E}}$$
$$= \frac{7.9 \,\text{mA}}{8.0 \,\text{mA}} \approx 0.99.$$
$$\beta = \frac{I_{\rm C}}{I_{\rm B}} = \frac{\Delta I_{\rm C}}{\Delta I_{\rm B}}$$
$$= \frac{7.9 \,\text{mA}}{2.9 \,\text{mA}} = 79.$$

$$=\frac{1}{0.1 \text{ mA}}=79$$

Check if these values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  satisfy the equation

$$\beta = \frac{\alpha}{1 - \alpha}$$

**Ex.10** A transistor is used in common-emitter mode in an amplifier circuit. When a signal of 20 mV is added to the baseemitter voltage, the base current changes by 20 µA and the collector current changes by 2 mA. The load resistance is 5 k $\Omega$ . Calculate (a) the factor  $\beta$ , (b) the input resistance  $R_{BE}$ , (c) the transconductance and (d) the voltage gain.

(a) 
$$\beta = \frac{\Delta I_{\rm C}}{\Delta I_{\rm B}} = \frac{2mA}{20\,\mu A} = 100.$$
  
(b) The input resistance  $R_{\rm c} =$ 

input resistance  $R_{BE} = \frac{\Delta V_{BE}}{\Delta I_{P}}$ 

$$=\frac{20\,\mathrm{mV}}{20\,\mathrm{\mu A}}=1\mathrm{k}\Omega$$



(c) Transconductance =  $\frac{\Delta I_{\rm C}}{\Delta V_{\rm BE}}$ 

 $=\frac{2 \,\mathrm{mA}}{20 \,\mathrm{mV}}=0.1$  mho.

(d) The change in output voltage is  $R_L \Delta I_C$ 

$$=(5 \text{ k}\Omega)(2 \text{ mA})=10 \text{ V}.$$

The applied signal voltage = 20 mV.

Thus, the voltage gain is,

$$\frac{10\,\mathrm{V}}{20\,\mathrm{mV}} = 500$$

**Ex.11** Construct the truth table for the function X of A and B represented by figure.



Sol. Here an AND gate and an OR gate are used. Let the output of the OR gate be Y. Clearly, Y = A + B. The AND gate receives A and A + B as input. The output of this gate is X. So X = (A + B). The following table evaluates X for all combinations of A and B. The last three columns give the truth table.

A	В	Y = A + B	X = A(A + B)	А	В	X
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	1	1	0	0	1	0
1	0	1	1	1	0	1
1	1	1	1	1	1	1

**Ex.12** The combination of 'NAND' gates shown here under are equivalent to-



- (1) An OR gate and an AND gate respectively
- (2) An AND gate and a NOT gate respectively
- (3) An AND gate and an OR gate respectively
- (4) An OR gate and a NOT gate respectively

**Ans.** (1)







E	xercise # 1	> [	Single Correct Choice	Type Questions]		
1.	Fermi energy is the-					
	(A) Minimum energy of electrons in m	etal at	0 K			
	(B) Minimum energy of electrons in m	etal at	0°C			
	(C) Maximum energy of electrons in m	etal at	0 K			
	(D) Maximum energy of electrons in m	etal at	0°C			
2.	The forbidden energy band gap in conduc	tors, ser	miconductors and insulators a	re EG., EG. and EG. respectively.		
	The relation among them is	,		1 2 3 1 57		
	$(A) EG_1 = EG_2 = EG_3$		<b>(B)</b> $EG_1 \leq EG_2 \leq EG_3$			
	$(C) EG_1 > EG_2 > EG_3$		<b>(D)</b> $EG_1 < EG_2 > EG_3$			
3.	Which of the following statements is tr	ue-	1 2 3			
	(A) In insulators the conduction band i	s comp	letely empty.			
	(B) In conductor the conduction band i	s comp	oletely empty.			
	(C) In semiconductor the conduction ba	and is p	partially empty at low tempe	erature.		
	(D) In insulators the conduction band is	s comp	letely filled with electrons.			
4.	The valence band at 0 K is-	-				
	(A) completely filled (B) completely	y empty	(C) partially filled	(D) nothing can be said		
5.	Which of the following statement is tru	le-				
	(A) At absolute zero temperature, the s	emicon	ductor behave as a conduct	or		
	(B) The energy gap in semiconductor is more than that for insulator					
	(C) The resistance of semiconductor in	creases	with increase in temperatur	е		
	(D) The resistance of semiconductor de	creases	with increase in temperatu	re		
6.	An electric field is applied to a semicondu	ctor. Le	t the number of charge carries	be n and the average drift speed be		
	v. If the temperature is increased,					
	(A) both n and v will increase		(B) n will increase but v	will decrease		
	(C) v will increases but n will decrease		<b>(D)</b> both n and v will de	crease		
7.	Electric conduction in a semiconductor ta	kes plac	ce due to			
	(A) electrons only		(B) holes only			
	(C) both electrons and holes		(D) neither electron nor	holes		
8.	The free electron concentration (n) in the	ne cond	luction band of a semicondu	ctor at a temperature T Kelvin is		
	described in terms of $E_g$ and T as-	-Fø/kT	2 - Fg/2kT	3/2 - Fa/2kT		
	(A) $n = ATe^{L_{gam}}$ (B) $n = AT^2e$	Lg/KI	(C) $n = AT^2 e^{-2g/2RT}$	( <b>D</b> ) $n = AT^{3/2}e^{-2g/2RT}$		
9.	The mobility of free electron is greater that	an that o	of free holes because			
	(A) They carry negative charge		(B) They are light			
	(C) They mutually collide less		(D) They require low en	lergy to continue their motion		
10.	Let $n_p$ and $n_e$ be the numbers of holes and	conduc	ction electrons in an extrinsic	semiconductor		
	(A) $n_p > n_e$ (B) $n_p = n_e$		(C) $n_p < n_e$	<b>(D)</b> $n_p \neq n_e$		
11.	The electrical conductivity of pure german	nium ca	in be increased by			
	(A) increassing the temperature		(B) doping acceptor imp	ourities		
	(C) doping donor impurities		(D) irradiating ultraviole	et light on it.		



A N-type semiconductor is

12.

(A) Negatively charged (B) Positively charged (C) Neutral (D) None of these 13. Which of the following energy band diagram shows the N-type semiconductor-Conduction Conduction Valence Valence Band Band Band Band -----Impurity Impurity Impurity **(D)** 1 ev **(C) (A) (B)** 1 ev 1 ev ev level 🗼 level level Valence Conduction Conduction Valence Band Band Band Band In a P-type semiconductor, the acceptor level is 57 meV, above the valence band. The maximum wave length 14. of light required to produce a hole will be-**(B)**  $57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}^{\circ}$ (C)  $217100 \text{ A}^{\circ}$ (D)  $11.61 \times 10 \text{ A}^{\circ}$ (A)  $57 \text{ A}^{\circ}$ If N-type semiconductor is heated then-15. (A) The number of electrons increases and the number of holes decreases (B) The number of holes increases and the number of electrons decreases (C) The number of electrons and holes both remain equal (D) The number of both electrons and holes increases equally A P-type silicon semiconductor is made by adding one atom of indium per 5  $\times$  10<sup>7</sup> atoms of silicon 16. is  $25 \times 10^{28}$  atom/m.<sup>3</sup>. Point the number of acceptor atoms in per cubic cm. of silicon-(A)  $2 \times 10^{30}$  atom/cm<sup>3</sup> (B)  $5 \times 10^{15}$  atom/cm<sup>3</sup> (C)  $1 \times 10^{15}$  atom/cm<sup>3</sup> (D)  $2.5 \times 10^{36}$  atom/cm<sup>3</sup> 17. GaAs is-(A) an elemental semiconductor (B) a compound semiconductor (C) an insulator (**D**) a metallic semiconductor 18. Forbidden energy gap of Ge is 0.75 eV, maximum wave length of incident radiation for producing electron-hole pair in germanium semiconductor is-(C)  $4700 \text{ A}^{\circ}$ **(D)**  $4000 \text{ A}^{\circ}$ (A)  $4200 \text{ A}^{\circ}$ **(B)** 16500 A<sup>°</sup> What will be conductance of pure silicon crystal at 300K temp.? If electron hole pairs per cm<sup>3</sup> is  $1.072 \times 10^{10}$ 19. at this temp.,  $\mu_n = 1350 \text{ cm}^2/\text{volt sec}$  and  $\mu_p = 480 \text{ cm}^2/\text{volt sec}$ (A)  $3.14 \times 10^{-6}$  mho/cm **(B)**  $3 \times 10^6$  mho/cm (C)  $10^{-6}$  mho/cm (D)  $10^6$  mho/cm The intrinsic carrier density in germanium crystal at 300 K is  $2.5 \times 10^{13}$  per cm<sup>3</sup>. If the electron density in an 20. N-type germanium crystal at 300 K be  $0.5 \times 10^{17}$  per cm<sup>3</sup>, the hole density (per cm<sup>3</sup>) in this N-type crystal at 300 K would be expected around-(C)  $1.25 \times 10^{10}$ (A)  $2.5 \times 10^{13}$ **(B)**  $5 \times 10^{6}$ (D)  $0.2 \times 10^4$ Mobility of electrron in N-type Ge is 5000 cm<sup>2</sup>/volt sec and conductivity 5 mho/cm. If effect of holes is negligible 21. then impurity concentration will be-(A)  $6.25 \times 10^{15}$  / cm<sup>3</sup> **(B)**  $9.25 \times 10^{14}$  / cm<sup>3</sup> (C)  $6 \times 10^{13}$  / cm<sup>3</sup> (D)  $9 \times 10^{13} / \text{ cm}^3$ 



22.	The length of a germanium rod is 0.58 cm and its area of cross-section is 1mm <sup>2</sup> . If for germanium $n_i = 2.5 \times 10^{19} \text{ m}^{-3}$ , $\mu_h = 0.19 \text{ m}^2$ / V-s, $\mu_e = 0.39 \text{ m}^2$ / V-s, then the resistance of the rod will be -				
	(A) 2.5 KΩ	<b>B</b> ) 5.0 KΩ	(C) 7.5 KΩ	<b>(D)</b> 10.0 KΩ	
23.	Pure Si at 300 K has equal el	lectron $(n_e)$ and hole $(n_h)$ of	concentrations of $1.5 \times 10^{10}$	$1^{16} \text{ m}^{-3}$ . Doping by indium increases	
	$n_{\rm h}$ to 4.5 × 10 <sup>22</sup> m <sup>-3</sup> . Calcu	ulate n <sub>e</sub> in the doped Si-			
	(A) $5.0 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^{-3}$ (	<b>B)</b> $6.0 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^{-3}$	(C) $7.0 \times 10^3 \text{ m}^{-3}$	<b>(D)</b> $4.0 \times 10^9 \text{ m}^{-3}$	
24.	The P-N junction is-				
	(A) an ohmic resistance		(B) an non ohmic resi	stance	
	(C) a positive resistance		(D) a negative resistar	nce	
25.	The contributions in the total current flowing through a semiconductor due to electrons and holes are				
	$\frac{1}{4}$ respectively. If the drif	t velocity of electrons is	$\frac{5}{2}$ times that of holes	at this temperature, then the ratio	
	of the concentrations of el	lectrons and holes is-			
	(A) 6 : 5 (	<b>B</b> ) 5 : 6	<b>(C)</b> 3 : 2	<b>(D)</b> 2 : 3	
26.	Diffusion current in a p-n ju	nction is greater than the	drift current in magnitud	e	
	(A) if the junction is forward	l-biased	(B) if the junction is rev	verse-biased	
	(C) if the junction is unbiase	ed	(D) in no case		
27.	The depletion region of a	P-N diode, under open	circuit condition contain	ns-	
	(A) Electrons		(B) Holes		
	(C) Unmasked immobile im	npurity ions	<b>(D)</b> Impurity atoms		
28.	A hole diffuses from the p-s	ide to the n-side in a p-n	junction. This means that	t	
	(A) a bond is broken on the	n-side and the electron f	reed from the bond jump	os to the conduction band	
	(B) a conduction electron o	n the p-side jumps to a b	roken bond to complete i	t	
	(C) a bond is broken on the	n-side and the electron f	reed from the bond jump	s to a broken bond on the	
	a bond is broken on the	p-side and the electron f	reed from the bond jump	as to a broken bond on the	
	n-side to complete it.	p-side and the election i	reed from the bond jump		
29.	Depletion layer in P-N jun	ction is caused by-			
	(A) Drift of holes		(B) Diffusion of free c	harge carriers	
	<b>(C)</b> Migration of impurity	ions	<b>(D)</b> Drift of electrons		
30.	Which is the wrong staten	nent in following senten	ce? A device in which	P and N type semiconductors	
	are used is more useful th	en a vacuum tube beca	use-		
	(A) power is not necesary	to heat the filament	(B) it is more stable		
	(C) very less heat is produ	ucted in it			
	(D) its efficiency is high o	lue to a high voltage dr	op across the junction		
31.	What accounts for the f diode-	flow of charge carriers	s in forward and revo	erse biasing of silicon P-N	
	(A) Drift in both reverse a	nd forward bias			
	(B) Drift in forward bias a	nd diffusion in reverse	bias		
	(C) Drift in reverse bias an	nd diffusion in forward	bias		
	(D) Diffusion in both forw	ard and reverse bias			



32.	2. The contact potential at the junction site in a P-N junction is-				
	(A) positive on P side and negative on N side (B) nega	tive on P side and positive on N side			
	(C) zero (D) infin	ite			
33.	When value of current increase in P-N junction, then the va	alue of contact potential-			
	(A) decrease (B) incre	ease			
	(C) remain unchanged (D) depe	ends on temperature			
34.	The diffusion current in a P-N junction flows-				
	(A) from the N-side to the P-side				
	(B) from the P-side to the N-side				
	(C) from the N-side to the P-side if the junction is forward-bi baised	ased and in the opposite direction if it is reverse			
	(D) from the P-side to the N-side if the junction is forward-bi biased	ased and in the opposite direction if it is reverse			
35.	The barrier potential in a P-N junction is maximum in-				
	(A) the reverse bias condition				
	(B) the forward bias condition				
	(C) the condition when the junction diode is used as rectifi	er			
	(D) zero bias condition				
36.	For a reverse bias P-N junction-				
	(A) P region is positive and current is due to electrons				
	(B) P region is positive and the current is due to holes				
	(C) P region is negative and the current is due to electrons	3			
	(D) P region is negative and current is due to both electron	ns and holes			
37.	The drift current in a P-N junction flows -				
	(A) from the N-side to the P-side				
	(B) from the P-side to the N-side				
	(C) from the N-side to the P-side if the junction is forward-b biased.	iased and in the oposite direction if it is reverse			
	(D) from the P-side to the N-side if the junction is forward-ba baised.	aised and in the opposite direction if it is reverse			
38.	The value of barrier potential of P-N junction in Ge is-				
	(A) 0.03 volt in the direction of forward current				
	(B) 0.3 volt in the direction opposite of the forward current				
	(C) 25 volt in the direction opposite to the forward current				
	(D) 25 volt in the direction of the forward current				
39.	During P-N junction formation when the electron and holes	stops moving from P to N and N to P, then			
	(A) There is increase in number of +ve and -ve ions at just	nction			
	(B) There is increase in number of electrons at junction				
	(C) There is increase in number of holes at junction				
	(D) There is increase in number of holes and electrons at ju	inction			
40.	A device whose one end is connected to -ve terminal both ends are interchanged with supply then current is	and other end connected to +ve terminal. If not flowing then device will be-			
	(A) P-N junction (B) Transistor (C) Zene	er diode (D) Triode			



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41.	Region which have no free electron and holes in a P-N juction is-					
	(A) P-region (B) N-region	(C) junction	<b>(D)</b> depletion region			
42.	The P-N junction diode works as insulator, if con	nected-				
	(A) To a.c. (B) In forward bias	(C) In reverse bias	(D) None of these			
43.	Potential barrier developed in a junction diode opposes-					
	(A) Minority carriers in both regions only	(B) Majority carriers				
	(C) Electrons in N-region	(D) Holes in P-region				
44.	The resistance of a reverse baised P-N junction diode is about-					
	(A) 1 ohm (B) $10^2$ ohm	(C) $10^3$ ohm	<b>(D)</b> $10^6$ ohm			
45.	If the forward voltage in a diode is	increased, the width	of the depletion region-			
	(A) Decreases (B) Increases	(C) Fluctuates	(D) does not change			
46.	If $V_A$ and $V_B$ denote the potentials of A and B, the	en the equivalent resistance	between A and B in the adjoint			
	electric circuit is-					
	(A) 10 ohm if $V_A > V_B$	<b>(B)</b> 5 ohm if $V_A < V_B$	A B			
	(C) 5 ohm if $V_A > V_B$	<b>(D)</b> 20 ohm if $V_A > V_B$				
47.	In which case is the juction diode is not reverse	bias-				
	(A) +5V +10V	<b>(B)</b> -10V -15V				
		( <b>D</b> ) -2V 0V				
48.	If the two ends of a P-N junction are joined by a	wire-				
	(A) There will not be a steady current in the circu	uit				
	(B) There will be a steady current from the N-sid	e to the P-side				
	(C) There will a steady current from the P-side to	the N-side				
	(D) There may or may not be a current dependin	g upon the resistance of t	he connecting wire.			
49.	The avalanche breakdown in P-N junction is due	to-				
	(A) Shift of Fermi level (B) Cu	mulative effect of conduct	tion band electron collision			
	(C) Widening of forbidden gap (D) Lo	w impurity concentration				
50.	Symbol of zener diode-					
			<i>w</i>			
	(A) - (B)	(C) —				
51	Symbolic representation of photodiade is-		r -			
51.	Symbolic representation of photodiode is-					
		r.	*			



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52. Two junction diodes one of germanium (Ge) and other of silicon (Si) are connected as shown in figure to a battery of emf 12 V and a load resistance 10 k $\Omega$ . The germanium diode conducts at 0.3 V and silicon diode at 0.7 V. When a current flows in the circuit, the potential of terminal Y will be-





F	<b>Exercise # 2</b> Part # I > [Mul	tiple Correct Choice Type Questions]		
	<ul> <li>A semiconductor is doped with a donor impurity</li> <li>(A) The hole concentration increases</li> <li>(B) The electron concentration increases</li> </ul>	<ul><li>(B) The hole concentration decreases</li><li>(D) The electron concentration decreases</li></ul>		
	Let $n_{p}$ and $n_{e}$ be the numbers of holes and conduction	luction electrons in an intrinsic semiconductor		
	(A) $n_p > n_e$ (B) $n_p = n_e$	(C) $n_p < n_e$ (D) $n_p \neq n_e$		
	In a normal operation of a tranistor, (A) the base-emitter junction is forward-biased (C) the base-emitter junction is reverse-baised	<ul><li>(B) the base-collector junction is forward-biased</li><li>(D) the base-collector junction is reverse-baised</li></ul>		
	<ul> <li>In a p-n junction,</li> <li>(A) new holes and conduction electrons are producted of the stand conduction electrons are producted of the stand conduction electrons recombine control (D) holes and conduction electrons recombine control region.</li> </ul>	ced continuously throughout the material ed continuously throughout the material except in the atinuously throughout the material. tinuously throughout the material except in the depletio		
	The thinest part of a transistor is-			
	(A) emitter	(B) base		
	(C) collector	(D) according to transistor parameters none of th		
	In a transistor-			
	(A) The emitter has the least concentration of im	ipurity		
	(B) The collector has the least concentration of i	impurity		
	(C) The base has the least concentration of impo	urity		
	(D) All the three region have equal concentration	1 of impurity		
	Input resistance of transistor in comparision to o	output resistance is-		
	(A) Low (B) High	(C) Low and high (D) None of these		
	In transistor symbols, the arrows shows the dire	ction of-		
	(A) current in the emitter	(B) electron current in the emitter		
	(B) holes current in the emitter	(D) none of these		
	In an N-P-N transistor, the emitter current is-			
	(A) Slightly more than the collector current	(B) Slightly less than the collector current		
	(C) Equal to the collector current	(D) Equal to the base current		
. /	In a properly biased transistor-			
	(A) Both depletion layers are equally large.			
	(B) Both depletion layers are equally small.			
	(C) Emitter-base depletion layer is large but base	e collector depletion layer is small.		
	(D) Emitter-base depletion layer is small but base	e-collector depletion layer is large.		

11. Which one of the following circuits shows correct biasing of a PNP transistor to operate in active region in the CE mode-





In an NPN transistor  $10^{10}$  electrons emitted from the emitter in  $10^{-6}$  s and 2% electrons recombine with holes 21. in base, then current gain  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are-(A) 0.49, 9.8 **(B)** 0.58, 4.9 (C) 0.78, 49 **(D)** 0.98, 49 22. In a P-N-P transistor working as a common-base amplifier current gain is 0.96 and emitter current is 7.2 mA The base current is-(A) 0.4 mA **(B)** 0.2 mA (C) 0.29 mA (D) 0.35 mA A N-P-N transistor is connected in common emitter configuration in which collector supply is 8 volt and the 23. voltage drop across the load resistor of 800 ohm connected to the collector circuit is 0.8 volt. If current amplification factor  $\alpha$  is  $\frac{25}{26}$  and the input resistance of the transistor is 200 ohm then the collector emitter voltage, base current, the voltage and power gain are-(A) 3.5 V, 2 × 10<sup>-5</sup> A and  $A_v = 50V$ ,  $A_p = 6500$ **(B)** 7.2 V,  $4 \times 10^{-5}$  A and  $A_{\rm V} = 100$ V,  $A_{\rm P} = 2500$ (C) 4.5 V, 3 × 10<sup>-5</sup> A and  $A_v = 50V$ ,  $A_p = 6500$ (D) 5.6 V, 3 × 10<sup>-5</sup> A and  $A_V = 60V$ ,  $A_P = 7500$ 24. In the fig. a common emitter configuration on N-P-N transistor with current gain  $\beta = 100$  is used. The output voltage of the amplifier will be-10kO 1kΩ 1 mV**(B)** 0.1 V (C) 1.0 V **(D)** 10 V (A) 10 mV In a common emitter circuit, if V<sub>CE</sub> is changed by 0.2V, then collector current changed by 25.  $4 \times 10^{-3}$  mA. Output resistance will be-(A) 10 kΩ (B) 30 kΩ (D) 70 kΩ (C) 50 kΩ 26. The following statement is not true-(A) The oscillations in an oscillator are maintained. (B) Oscillator is an active circuit. (C) There is no voltage gain in an oscillator. (D) Oscillator works as an amplifier having infinite voltage gain. In an NPN transistor the values of base current and collector current are 100µA and 9 mA respectively, the 27. emitter current will be-(A) 9.1mA (B) 18.2mA (C) 9.1µA (D) 18.2µA 28. The output of OR gate is 1-(A) if both inputs are zero (B) if either or both inputs are 1 (C) only if both inputs are 1 (D) if either input is zero 29. Following diagram performs the logic function of-В (A) AND gate (B) NAND gate (C) OR gate (D) XOR gate



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5.	Statement-1 :	The resistivity of a semiconductor increases with temperature.				
	Statement-2 :	The atoms of a semiconductor vibrate with larger amplitude at higher temperature there by increasing it's resistivity.				
6.	Statement-1 :	If the temperature of a semiconductor is increased then it's resistance decreases.				
	Statement-2 :	The energy gap between conduction band and valence band is very small.				
7.	Statement-1 :	The temperature coefficient of resistance is positive for metals and negative for P-type semiconductor.				
	Statement-2 :	The effective charge carriers in metals are negatively charged whereas in P-type semiconductor they are positively charged.				
8.	Statement-1 :	Electron has higher mobility than hole in a semiconductor.				
	Statement-2 :	Mass of electron is less than the mass of hole.				
9.	Statement-1 :	An N-type semiconductor has a larger number of electrons but still it is electrically neutral.				
	Statement-2 :	An N-type semiconductor is obtained by doping an intrinsic semiconductor with a pentavalent impurity.				
10.	Statement-1 :	The crystalline solids have a sharp melting point.				
	Statement-2 :	All the bonds between the atoms or molecules of a crystalline solids are equally strong, that				
		they get broken at the same temperature.				



# Exercise # 3

#### [Subjective Type Questions]

- 1. Calculate the number of states per cubic metre of sodium in 3s band. The density of sodium is 1013 kgm<sup>-3</sup>. How many of them are empty?
- 2. In a pure semiconductor, the number of conduction electrons is  $6 \times 10^{19}$  per cubic metre. How many holes are there in a sample of size 1 cm  $\times$  1 cm  $\times$  1 mm?
- 3. Indium antimonide has a band gap of 0.23 eV between the valence and the conduction band. Find the temperature at which kT equals the band gap.
- 4. The band gap for silicon is 1.1 eV. (a) Find the ratio of the band gap to kT for silicon at room temperature 300 K.
  (b) At what temperature does this ratio become one tenth of the value at 300 K? (Silicon will not retain its structure at these high temperatures).
- 5. When a semiconducting material is doped with an impurity, new acceptor levels are created. In a particular thermal collision, a valence electron receives an energy equal to 2kT and just reaches one of the acceptor levels. Assuming that the energy of the electron was at the top edge of the valence band and that the temperature T is equal to 300 K, find the energy of the acceptor levels above the valence band.
- 6. Let  $\Delta E$  denote the energy gap between the valence band and the conduction band. The population of conduction electron (and of the holes) is roughly proportional to  $e^{-\Delta E/2kT}$ . Find the ratio of the concentration of conduction electrons in diamond to that in silicon at room temperature 300 K.  $\Delta E$  for silicon is 1.1 eV and for diamond is 6.0 eV. How many conduction electrons are likely to be in one cubic metre of diamond?
- 7. The conductivity of a pure semiconductor is roughly proportional to  $T^{3/2} e^{-\Delta E/2kT}$  where  $\Delta E$  is the band gap. The band gap for germanium is 0.74 eV at 4 K and 0.67 eV at 300 K. By what factor does the conductivity of pure germanium increase as the temperature is raised from 4 K to 300 K?
- 8. Estimate the proportion of boron impurity which will increase the conductivity of a pure silicon sample by a factor of 100. Assume that each boron atom creates a hole and the concentration of holes in pure silicon at the same temperature is  $7 \times 10^{15}$  holes per cubic metre. Density of silicon is  $5 \times 10^{28}$  atoms per cubic metre.
- 9. The product of the hole concentration and the conduction electron concentration turns out to be independent of the amount of any impurity doped. The concentration of conduction electrons in germanium is  $6 \times 10^{19}$  per cubic metre. When some phosphorus impurity is doped into a germanium sample, the concentration of conduction electrons increases to  $2 \times 10^{23}$  per cubic metre. Find the concentration of the holes in the doped germanium.
- 10. The conductivity of an intrinsic semiconductor depends on temperature as  $\sigma = \sigma_0 e^{-\Delta E/2kT}$ , where  $\sigma_0$  is a constant. Find the temperature at which the conductivity of an intrinsic germanium semiconductor will be double of its value at T = 300 K. Assume that the gap for germanium is 0.650 eV and remains constant as the temperature is increased.
- 11. A semiconducting material has a band gap of 1 eV. Acceptor impurities are doped into it which create acceptor levels 1 meV above the valence band. Assume that the transition from one energy level to the other is almost forbidden if kT is less than 1/50 of the energy gap. Also, if kT is more than twice the gap, the upper levels have maximum population. The temperature of the semiconductor is increased from 0 K. The concentration of the holes increases with temperature and after a certain temperature it becomes approximately constant. As the temperature is further increased, the hole concentration again starts increasing at a certain temperature. Find the order of the temperature range in which the hole concentration remains approximately constant.



12. What are the readings of the ammeters  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  shown in figure. Neglect the resistances of the meters.



13. Find the current through the battery in each of the circuits shown in figure.



14. Find the current through the resistance R in figure if (a)  $R = 12 \Omega$  (b)  $R = 48 \Omega$ .



15. Draw the current-voltage characteristics for the device shown in figure between the terminals A and B.



16. Find the equivalent resistance of the network shown in figure between the points A and B.





E	xercise # 4	Part # I [Prev	ious Year Questions]	AIEEE/JEE-	MAIN]
1.	At absolute zero, Si acts	s as :			[AIEEE-2002]
	(1) non-metal	(2) metal	(3) insulator	(4) none of t	hese
2.	By increasing the tempe (1) increases for both (3) increases, decreases	erature, the specific resistan	<ul> <li>ce of a conductor and sem</li> <li>(2) decreases for both</li> <li>(4) decreases, increase</li> </ul>	iconductor: s respectively	[AIEEE-2002]
3.	The energy band gap is	maximum in :			[AIEEE-2002]
	(1) metals	(2) superconductors	(3) insulators	(4) semicono	luctors
4.	The part of a transistor	which is most heavily doped	l to produce large number	of majority charg	e carries is : [AIEEE-2002]
	(1) emitter		(2) base		
	(3) collector		(4) can be any of the al	pove three	
5.	A strip of copper and an (1) each of these decrea (2) copper strip increase (3) copper strip decreas (4) each of these increase	other of germanium are coo uses es and that of germanium do es and that of germanium in	led from room temperature ecreases acreases	e to 80 K. The res	istance of : [AIEEE-2003]
6.	<ul> <li>The difference in the variation to the difference in the sector of the sector</li></ul>	riation of resistance with ter ber of charge carries with te ng mechanism with temperat	nperature in a metal and a s mperature ure	emiconductor ari	ses essentially due [AIEEE-2003]
7.	<ul><li>When P-N junction did</li><li>(1) the depletion regio</li><li>(2) the depletion regio</li><li>(3) both the depletion</li><li>(4) both the depletion</li></ul>	ode is forward biased, the n is reduced and barrier h n is widened and barrier l region and barrier height region and barrier height	n- eight is increased. neight is reduced. are reduced. are increased.		[AIEEE-2004]
8.	When npn transistor is a (1) electrons move from (3) electrons move from	used as an amplifier: base to collector collector to base	<ul><li>(2) holes move from en</li><li>(4) holes move from ba</li></ul>	nitter to base se to emitter	[AIEEE-2004]
9.	The electrical conductive than 2480 nm, is incident (1) 1.1 eV	vity of a semiconductor inc at on it. The band gap in (eV (2) 2.5 eV	reases when electromagne () for the semiconductor is (3) 0.5 eV	tic radiation of v : (4) 0.7 eV	vavelength shorter [AIEEE-2005]

10.	In a common base amplifier, the phase difference between the input signal voltage and output voltage is : [AIEEE-2005]						
	(1) $\frac{\pi}{4}$	<b>(2)</b> π	(3) zero	(4) $\frac{\pi}{2}$			
11.	In a full wave rectifier cire	cuit operating from 50 Hz m	ains frequency, the fundame	ental frequency in the ripple would [AIEEE-2005]			
	(1) 50 Hz	(2) 25 Hz	<b>(3)</b> 100 Hz	(4) 70.7 Hz			
12.	If the ratio of the concent	ration of electrons to that of	holes in a semiconductor is	s $\frac{7}{5}$ and the ratio of currents is $\frac{7}{4}$ ,			
	then what is the ratio of t (1) 5/8	heir drift velocities ? (2) 4/5	(3) 5/4	[AIEEE 2006] (4) 4/7			
13.	In a common–base of mo value of the base current	de of transistor, the collecto amplification factor (2) wil	or current is 5.488 mA for a l be :	n emitter current of 5.60 mA. The [AIEEE 2006]			
	(1) 49	(2) 50	<b>(3)</b> 51	(4) 48			
14.	If the lattice constant of t	his semiconductor is decre Conduction band width	ased, then which of the fol	lowing is correct? [AIEEE 2006]			
		Energy	gap $fe_g$				
		Valence band width	¢Ev				
	(1) All $E_C$ , $E_g$ , $E_v$ increase (3) $E_c$ and $E_v$ decrease, b	e ut E <sub>g</sub> increases	(2) $E_c$ and $E_v$ increase, b (4) All $E_c$ , $E_g$ , $E_v$ decrease	ut $E_g$ decreases			
15.	The circuit has two oppos	sitely connected ideal diode	es in parallel. What is the cu	arrent flowing in the circuit?			
		4Ω		[AIEEE 2006]			
			$\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{D}_1}$ $\mathbf{I}_{\mathbf{D}_2}$				
		12 V	<sup>3</sup> Ω <sup>2</sup> Ω				
	(1) 2.31 A	(2) 1.33 A	( <b>3</b> ) 1.71 A	<b>(4)</b> 2.00 A			
16.	If in p-n junction diode, a	square input signal of 10 V	is applied as shown. Then	the output signal across <i>R</i> will be [AIEEE 2007]			
		5V	• <b>*</b> _				
		-5V	•				
	10V	• - - -	•	+5V			
		(2) -10V	(3)	(4)			



Carbon, silicon and germanium have four valence electrons each. At room temperature which one of the following statements is most appropriate?

(1) the number of free conduction electrons is significant in C but small in Si and Ge

(2) the number of free conduction electrons is negligibly small in all the three.

- (3) the number of free electrons for conduction is significant in all the three.
- (4) the number of free electrons for conduction is significant only in Si and Ge but small in C.
- 18. A working transistor with its three legs marked P, Q and R is tested using a multimeter. No conduction is found between P and Q. By connecting the common (negative) terminal of the multimeter to R and the other (positive) terminal to P or Q, some resistance is seen on the multimeter. Which of following is true for the transistor ?

[AIEEE 2008]

- (1) It is a pnp transistor with R as collector
- (2) It is a pnp transistor with R as emitter(4) It is an npn transistor with R as base
- (3) It is an npn transistor with R as collector
- 19. In the circuit below, A and B represent two inputs and C represents the output.

[AIEEE 2008]



20. The logic circuit shown below has the input waveforms 'A' and 'B' as shown. Pick out the correct out put waveform.
[AIEEE 2009]



21. A p-n junction (4) shown in the figure can act as a rectifier. An alternating current source (V) is connected in the circuit.



The current (I) in the resistor (R) can be shown by:





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23.

22. The output of an OR gate is connected to both the inputs of a NAND gate. The combination will serve as a :



24. The I - V characteristic of an LED is :

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(2) Solar cell, Light dependent resistance, Zener diode, Simple diode

- (3) Zener diode, Solar cell, Simple diode, Light dependent resistance(4) Simple diode, Zener diode, Solar cell, Light dependent resistance
- 27. If a, b, c, d are inputs to a gate and x is its output, then, as per the following time graph, the gate is :



28. For a common emitter configuration, if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have their usual meanings, the incorrect relationship between  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is : [JEE-Main 2016]

(1) $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1-\beta}$ (2) $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta}$ (3) $\alpha = \frac{\beta}{1+\beta^2}$	(4) $\frac{1}{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\beta} + 1$
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# ANSWER KEY

#### EXERCISE - 1

 1. C
 2. B
 3. A
 4. A
 5. D
 6. B
 7. C
 8. D
 9. D
 10. D
 11. B
 12. C
 13. B

 14. C
 15. D
 16. B
 17. B
 18. B
 19. A
 20. C
 21. A
 22. A
 23. A
 24. B
 25. A
 26. A

 27. C
 28. C
 29. B
 30. D
 31. C
 32. B
 33. A
 34. B
 35. A
 36. D
 37. A
 38. B
 39. A

 40. A
 41. D
 42. C
 43. B
 44. D
 45. A
 46. C
 47. B
 48. A
 49. B
 50. A
 51. C
 52. D

 53. C
 54. A
 55. D
 56. A
 57. B
 58. A
 59. D
 60. D

#### **EXERCISE - 2 : PART # I**

 1. B,C
 2. A, B, C, D
 3. A, D
 4. A, D
 5. B
 6. C
 7. A
 8. A
 9. A
 10. D
 11. D
 12. B
 13. A

 14. A
 15. A
 16. B
 17. B
 18. B
 19 D
 20. B
 21. D
 22. C
 23. B
 24. C
 25. C
 26. C

 27. A
 28. B
 29. A
 30. A
 31. C
 32. A
 33. A
 34. C
 35. A
 36. B
 37. C
 38. D
 39. C

 40. D
 41. A
 42. B
 43. D
 44. A
 45. D
 46. C
 47. C
 48. D
 49. C
 50. C
 51. C
 52. B

 53. A
 54. D
 55. B
 56. D
 56. D
 56. D
 56. D
 56. D

#### PART # II

1. D 2. A 3. C 4. A 5. D 6. A 7. B 8. A 9. B 10. A

#### EXERCISE - 3 : PART # I

1.	$5.3  imes 10^{28}$ , $2.65  imes 10^{28}$	2.	$6 \times 10^{12}$ 3	. 2670 K	4.	<b>(a)</b> 43 <b>(b)</b> 3000 K
5.	50 meV	6.	$2.3 \times 10^{-33}$ , almost 2	zero	7.	approximately 10463
8.	1 in about $3.5 \times 10^{10}$	9. 🧹	$1.8 \times 10^{16}$ per cubic	metre	10.	318 K
11.	20 to 230 K	12.	zero, 0.2 A		13.	<b>(a)</b> 1 A <b>(b)</b> 0.5 A
14.	(a) 0.42 A, (b) 0.13 A	16.	$5\Omega$ if $V_{\rm p} > V_{\rm p}$ and 1	$0 \Omega \text{ if } V_{A} < V_{B}$		

#### **EXERCISE - 4 : PART # I**

 1. 3
 2. 3
 3. 3
 4. 1
 5. 3
 6. 2
 7. 3
 8. 4
 9. 3
 10. 3
 11. 3
 12. 3
 13. 1

 14. 3
 15. 4
 16. 4
 17. 4
 18. 4
 19. 3
 20. 4
 21. 2
 22. 2
 23. 1
 24. 1
 25 3
 26 4

 27 2
 28
 1,3

#### PART # II

**1.** B **2.** C **3.** B **4.** B

