



B.E/B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2023

(Regulation 2018)

Seventh Semester

ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING

U18ECI7203: Optical Communication

COURSE OUTCOMES

CO1: Discuss optical fiber communication link structure, characteristics of fiber and fabrication techniques

CO2: Measure and analyze the propagation characteristics of an optical signal in different types of fibers

CO3: Analyze the characteristics of different optical sources

CO4: Inspect the optical receivers and amplifiers of an optical transmission system

CO5: Analyze optical fiber transmission system

CO6: Outline basic optical network concepts and components involved

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

(Answer not more than 40 words)

1. A silica optical fiber has a core refractive index of 1.50 and a cladding refractive index of 1.47. Determine the Numerical Aperture and Acceptance angle for the fiber. CO1 [K₃]
2. Distinguish between optical coupler and isolator. CO1 [K₂]
3. Compare material dispersion and waveguide dispersion. CO2 [K₂]
4. Outline the potential application of EDFA specialty fiber. CO2 [K₂]
5. A double-heterojunction InGaAsP LED emitting at a peak wavelength of 1310 nm has radiative and non radiative recombination times of 30 and 100 ns respectively. The drive current is 40mA. Determine the Bulk recombination life time . CO3 [K₂]
6. Summarize the transition processes involved in laser action. CO3 [K₂]
7. Determine the Primary photo current (I_p) of an APD, if photons of energy 1.53×10^{-19} J are incident with responsivity of 0.65 A/W and optical power level of 10 μ W. If the multiplied photocurrent is 65 μ A, Find the Multiplication factor in APD. CO4 [K₃]
8. Recall Receiver Sensitivity. CO4 [K₁]
9. Determine the number of wavelengths supported by WDM technique from 1525-1585nm with a spectral spacing of 0.4nm. CO5 [K₃]
10. Interpret the need for layering in optical network architecture . CO6 [K₂]

Answer any FIVE Questions:-

PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)

(Answer not more than 400 words)

11. a) Illustrate the essential elements in an optical fiber transmission link with a block diagram. Also discuss the different types of optical fibers based on mode 10 CO1 [K₂]

	propagation and refractive index profile with relevant sketches.			
b)	A step index multimode fiber with a numerical aperture of 0.20 supports approximately 1000 modes at 850 nm wavelength. Solve for the following parameters: (i) Diameter of core (ii) Number of modes the fiber supports at 1320 and 1550 nm	6	CO1	[K ₃]
12.	Inspect the cause of signal degradation in the design of an optical communication system. Elaborate on how the following loss mechanisms degrade the optical signals as they propagate in a fiber : i. Absorption loss ii. Scattering loss iii. Bending loss Make use of necessary illustrations and mathematical equations to justify the degradation mechanisms.	16	CO2	[K ₃]
13. a)	Justify the need of Double Hetero (DH) structure in a light source and discuss the operation of surfaced emitting – LED and Edge emitting - LED	12	CO3	[K ₂]
b)	Compare Single quantum well and Multiple quantum well Laser.	4	CO3	[K ₃]
14. a)	Explain the structure and operation of PIN Photodiode with neat diagrams.	8	CO4	[K ₂]
b)	Discuss the principle of operation of a fundamental optical receiver with a neat schematic.	8	CO4	[K ₂]
15.	Explain the key system requirements in analyzing a point-to-point OFC link. Examine how the following budgeting schemes are used to analyse the system performance: i. Link power budget ii. Rise time budget Make use of appropriate mathematical models and numerical examples to illustrate the same.	16	CO5	[K ₃]
16. a)	Illustrate how WDM improves the information carrying capacity in an OFC system.	8	CO6	[K ₂]
b)	Elaborate on SONET/SDH optical standard with frame format and architecture	8	CO6	[K ₂]
