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B.E./B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020  
Seventh Semester  
Electronics and Communication Engineering  
080290058 – OPTICAL FIBER COMMUNICATION  
(Regulations 2008)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

Answer ALL questions

PART – A

(10×2=20 Marks)

1. Calculate the numerical aperture and solid acceptance angle in air for a fiber with core refractive index of 1.46 and core cladding index difference ( $\Delta$ ) = 0.01.
2. Write the advantages and disadvantages of multimode optical fibers.
3. When the mean optical power launched into a 10 km length of fiber is 120  $\mu$ W, the mean optical power at the fiber output is 3  $\mu$ W ? Determine the signal attenuation per km of the fiber.
4. What are the factors causing polarization mode dispersion in optical fibers ?
5. What is meant by spontaneous emission ?
6. What are the advantages of LEDs over laser diode ?
7. Define responsivity.
8. What are the advantages and disadvantages of PIN photo diode ?
9. List the system requirements needed in analyzing a point-to-point link.
10. Which types of architecture are popular for SONET and SDH Networks ?



## PART – B

(5×16=80 Marks)

11. a) i) Draw and explain the structure of step and graded index fibers with expressions for the refractive index profile, numerical aperture and the number of guided modes. (10)
- ii) Calculate the number of modes supported by a graded index fiber having a core radius of  $25\ \mu\text{m}$  and operating at  $820\ \text{nm}$ . The fiber has a refractive index of 1.48 at the core axis and a cladding index of 1.46. Assume a parabolic index profile. (6)

(OR)

- b) i) Describe the modal concepts of circular waveguides and linearly polarized modes of optical fibers with necessary diagrams and expressions. (12)
- ii) A multimode step index fiber has a relative refractive index difference ( $\Delta$ ) of 1% and a core refractive index of 1.5. The number of modes propagating at a wavelength of  $1.3\ \mu\text{m}$  is 1100. Determine the diameter of the fiber core. (4)
12. a) i) Explain bending losses, core and cladding losses in detail. (8)
- ii) Explain design optimization of single mode fiber in detail. (8)

(OR)

- b) i) A 10 km optical link consists of multimode step index fiber with a core refractive index of 1.48 and a relative refractive index difference of 1%. Estimate the delay difference between the slowest and fastest modes at the fiber output. Deduce the expression used here. (10)
- ii) A graded index fiber has a core with a parabolic refractive index profile which has a diameter of  $50\ \mu\text{m}$ . The fiber has a numerical aperture of 0.2. Estimate the total number of guided modes propagating the fiber when it is operating at a wavelength of  $1\ \mu\text{m}$ . (6)
13. a) i) Explain the lensing schemes for coupling improvement. (8)
- ii) Explain the modulation of laser diodes. (8)

(OR)

- b) i) A double-heterojunction In GaAsP LED emitting at a peak wavelength of  $1310\ \text{nm}$  has radiative and nonradiative recombination times of 30 and 100 ns respectively. The drive current is 40 mA. Find the bulk recombination lifetime and internal quantum efficiency. (6)
- ii) Derive the expression to calculate the maximum optical power coupled into a fiber. (10)



14. a) Discuss the principle of operation of APD with neat circuit diagram. Also discuss the requirements of photo detector. **(16)**

(OR)

- b) i) Explain the fundamental receiver operation in optical communication. **(10)**  
ii) Write short notes on the temperature effects on photo detectors. **(6)**

15. a) i) Describe the principle and application of solitons with suitable diagrams and expressions. **(10)**

- ii) Explain the link power budget analysis of an optical digital transmission link. **(6)**

(OR)

- b) i) Explain the basic concepts of SONET/SDH. **(8)**  
ii) Discuss the principle of Erbium doped fiber amplifier. **(8)**
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