

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, 2020/2021 ACADEMIC SESSION

COURSE TITLE: SOLID STATE ELECTRONICS

COURSE CODE: EEE 521 (2-units)

EXAMINATION DATE:

COURSE LECTURER: DR T. O. ALE

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TIME ALLOWED: 13/4 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER QUESTION I AND ANY OTHER 2 QUESTIONS.
- 2. SEVERE PENALTIES APPLY FOR MISCONDUCT, CHEATING, POSSESSION OF UNAUTHORIZED MATERIALS DURING EXAM.
- 3. YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BORROW ANY WRITING MATERIALS AND CALCULATORS DURING THE EXAMINATION.
- 4. SMART WATCHES ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE EXAMINATION HALL

QUESTION 1

(a) With aid of a neat, well labelled diagram of an Energy band, describe the following extensively: i. Conductor

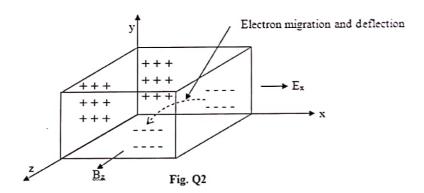
ii. Semiconductor

iii. Insulator (9 marks)

- (b) Show by derivation how electrical conductivity of a material can be controlled by the number of the charge carrier in the material or the charge carrier mobility. (5 marks)
- (c) Why is transistor useful in electrical signal amplification? (4 marks)
- (d) With a clear neat diagram, show the band structure of a metal and a p-type semiconductor before and after contract is made. (8 marks)
- (e) Why are some semiconductors called group IV elements? (4 marks)

QUESTION 2

- (a) Differentiate between Intrinsic and Extrinsic semiconductor. (4 marks)
- (b) State two (2) reasons why a semiconductor must be inform of single crystal. (4 marks)
- (c) Consider an extrinsic semiconducting crystal oriented as shown in Fig Q2. The application of an electric field $E_x = +62.5$ V/m and a magnetic field $B_z = +1$ Wb/m² causes a positive current density $J_x = 3.0 \times 10^4$ A/m² and a positive Hall voltage $E_y = +18.7$ V/m. (The positive y face of the crystal becomes negatively charged.) Determine the sign and density of the carriers in this semiconductor, and compute the mobility of these carriers. Given $|e| = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$. (7 marks)



QUESTION 3

(a) Explain fig Q3a as it relates to Electrical characteristics of p - n junction (6 marks)