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**Semester:** VI **Course name & Code:** *Solid State Devices and Instrumentation  
PYC 109*

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***Instructions:***

- 1) All questions are compulsory, however internal choice is available.*
- 2) Figures to the right indicate maximum marks to the question.*
- 3) Symbols have their usual meanings unless otherwise stated.*
- 4) Draw neat circuit diagram wherever necessary.*
- 5) Use of non-programmable calculator is permitted.*

Q 1. Answer any four of the following:

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- a) What do you mean by hot carrier diode? Compare the characteristics of a hot carrier and pn junction diode.
- b) Draw the static current-voltage characteristic of SCR and explain its modes of operation.
- c) What is meant by resolution of a digital instrument? State the advantages of digital instruments over analog instruments.
- d) Draw the block diagram of basic CRO and explain each block.
- e) What is GTO? Give the advantages of a GTO over a bipolar transistor in low power applications.
- f) What are the basic requirements of a transducer? Distinguish between active and passive electrical transducer

Q 2. Answer any four of the following:

4 x 4 = 16

- a) With the help of current –voltage characteristic curve explain the working of DIAC as a triggering device.
- b) Distinguish between the photovoltaic and photoconductive mode of operation of a pn junction photodiode.
- c) What are the functions of horizontal and vertical deflecting plate system in a CRO?
- d) Explain the effects of using a voltmeter of low resistance. Why does a transistor voltmeter use FET at the input stage?

e) Explain how you would measure Impedance using Q-meter.

f) Give the different modes of operation of TRIAC.

Q 3. A. p) Explain with a sketch why the emission of Light emitting diode can give an estimate of the band gap energy of the solid. 3

q) Describe the mechanism of operation of bulk type semiconductor photoconducting cell. Draw circuit diagrams to explain any two uses. 3

OR

Q 3. A. p) What is photovoltaic effect? Draw the current-voltage characteristic of solar cell, Why does the curve fall in the fourth quadrant? 3

q) Two LED's are excited with the same amount of electrical energy from a battery and emit the same number of photons. One of these LED's is emitting green photons at around 500 nm; and the other is emitting red photons at around 700 nm. Which is more energy efficient in converting the electrical energy into light energy and why? 3

B. What is the need for a time base generator for CRO. Explain the principle of delayed sweep CRO. 6

Q 4. A. p) Draw the current - voltage characteristics of Silicon controlled switch (SCS). Give its advantage over an SCR and any one application. 3

q) An UJT relaxation oscillator has  $R = 20K\Omega$ ,  $C = 0.5\mu f$  and intrinsic stand off ratio  $\eta = 0.7$ , calculate the period of oscillation. 3

OR

A. x) What is a Shockley diode? Give its basic structure and schematic symbol. 3

y) Draw the two transistor model of an SCR. State the different methods of turning ON/ OFF an SCR and explain any one. 3

B. Explain with the help of neat circuit diagram the working of a DIAC-TRIAC phase control your circuit. 6

Q 5. A. p) What are the advantages of an Aryton shunt ammeter over a multirange ammeter? Give the general requirement of a shunt resistance. 3

q) Give reasons why a transistor voltmeter cannot be used for the measurement in the microvolt range. 3

OR

A. x) Explain with necessary theory how you will convert a D'Arsonval movement into a series type ohmmeter. 3

y) Explain in brief the loading effect of voltmeter. 3

B. Give the construction and working principle of a Q meter. 6

Q 6. A. What is charge couple image sensor (CCD) and how does it work? Give any two uses of CCD's. 6

OR

A. Explain the construction and working of a strain gauge. Obtain an expression for the gauge factor in terms of Poisson's ratio. 6

B. Draw the block diagram of vertical amplifier section of a CRO, and explain different stages. 6