

## Unit 3 - Week 2 : Basic physics of semiconductors

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## Assignment 2

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.  
As per our records you have not submitted this assignment.

**Due on 2020-02-12, 23:59 IST.**

- 1) Which of the following indicates monthly clearness index, where 1 point  
 $H_d$ : Monthly average of the daily diffused radiation on a horizontal surface ( $\text{kJ}/\text{m}^2\text{-day}$ )  
 $H_g$ : Monthly average of the daily global radiation on a horizontal surface at a location ( $\text{kJ}/\text{m}^2\text{-day}$ )  
 $H_o$ : Monthly average of extraterrestrial radiation which would fall on a horizontal surface at a location ( $\text{kJ}/\text{m}^2\text{-day}$ )
- $H_d/H_o$   
  $H_d/H_g$   
  $H_g/H_o$   
  $H_d/H_o$
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
 $H_d/H_o$
- 2) Forbidden energy gap of semiconductor material measured on E-k diagram is the energy difference between: 1 point
- Global minimum of conduction band and global maximum of valence band.  
 Maximum of conduction band and minimum of valence band.  
 Minimum of conduction band and maximum of valence band for given 'k'.  
 Maximum of conduction band and minimum of valence band for given 'E'.
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
Global minimum of conduction band and global maximum of valence band.
- 3) Density of states, D(E), is defined as number of energy states per unit energy per unit volume in an interval dE. 1 point  
Which of the following relations correctly expresses D(E) in 3-D:
- $D(E) \propto E^2$   
  $D(E) \propto E^{0.5}$   
  $D(E) \propto E^{-2}$   
  $D(E) \propto E^{-0.5}$
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
 $D(E) \propto E^{0.5}$
- 4) The intrinsic carrier density in a semiconductor is  $10^{10}\text{cm}^{-3}$ . It is doped with  $10^{17}$  donor atoms per  $\text{cm}^3$  out of which only 10% are ionized. What will be the hole concentration in such semiconductor? 1 point
- $10^3\text{cm}^{-3}$   
  $10^4\text{cm}^{-3}$   
  $10^{10}\text{cm}^{-3}$   
  $10^{17}\text{cm}^{-3}$
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
 $10^4\text{cm}^{-3}$
- 5) Monthly average of daily extraterrestrial radiation falling on a horizontal surface is  $35206\text{kJ}/\text{m}^2\text{-day}$  and the ratio of monthly average of sunshine hours per day to monthly average maximum possible sunshine hours is 0.49. Empirical constants a and b is equal to 0.33 and 0.46 respectively. Calculate the monthly average daily global radiation in  $\text{kJ}/\text{m}^2\text{-day}$ . 1 point
- 17438  
 19553  
 21887  
 22595
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
19553
- 6) Carrier mobility of a semiconductor decreases, with increase in 1 point
- Temperature.  
 Impurities.  
 Resistivity.  
 Lattice Vibrations.
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
Temperature.  
Impurities.  
Lattice Vibrations.
- 7) Which of the following intrinsic semiconductors have highest carrier concentration, at 350K? 1 point
- Si  
 Ge  
 GaAs  
 SiC
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
Ge
- 8) Choose the correct statement(s) for the case of direct and indirect semiconductors, where k is a wave vector. 1 point
- Direct bandgap semiconductor have same k-space corresponding to conduction band maxima and valence band minima.  
 Direct bandgap semiconductors have high optical absorption than indirect bandgap semiconductor.  
 Indirect bandgap semiconductor have different k-space corresponding to conduction band minima and valence band maxima.  
 Silicon is a direct bandgap semiconductor.
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
Direct bandgap semiconductors have high optical absorption than indirect bandgap semiconductor.  
Indirect bandgap semiconductor have different k-space corresponding to conduction band minima and valence band maxima.
- 9) In an extrinsic semiconductor, increase in donor concentration leads to: 1 point
- Shift in fermi energy level towards valence band edge  
 Shift in fermi energy level towards conduction band edge  
 Degeneracy in semiconductor when  $(E_C - E_F)$  is less than  $3kT$   
 Degeneracy in semiconductor when  $(E_F - E_V)$  is less than  $3kT$
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
Shift in fermi energy level towards conduction band edge  
Degeneracy in semiconductor when  $(E_C - E_F)$  is less than  $3kT$
- 10) Which among the following relations is correct for charge neutrality of uniformly doped semiconductor, assuming total ionization of dopant sites? 1 point
- $n - p + N_A - N_D = 0$   
  $n - p + N_D - N_A = 0$   
  $p - n + N_D - N_A = 0$   
  $p - n + N_A - N_D = 0$
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
 $p - n + N_D - N_A = 0$
- 11) In an intrinsic semiconductor the effective density of states in conduction band and valence band are  $2.8 \times 10^{19}\text{cm}^{-3}$  and  $1.04 \times 10^{19}\text{cm}^{-3}$  respectively at 300K, then the intrinsic fermi energy lies 1 point
- at midgap  
 12.81 meV below midgap  
 12.81 meV above midgap  
 25.87 meV above midgap
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
12.81 meV below midgap
- 12) What is the probability of finding filled-state above fermi energy level in a semiconductor at zero kelvin? 1 point
- 0  
 1  
 1/2  
 3/4
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
0
- 13) In a doped semiconductor the acceptor concentration is  $10^{14}\text{cm}^{-3}$  at room temperature and intrinsic carrier concentration is  $10^{10}\text{cm}^{-3}$ . What is the electron concentration in  $\text{cm}^{-3}$ ? 1 point
- $10^4$   
  $10^6$   
  $10^{10}$   
  $10^{14}$
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
 $10^6$
- 14) For a n-type semiconductor, the probability of electrons occupying states at an energy  $2kT$  above conduction band edge is  $e^{-11}$ , then the value of  $E_C - E_F$  is equal to 1 point
- $7kT$   
  $9kT$   
  $11kT$   
  $13kT$
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
 $9kT$
- 15) In case of doped semiconductor, In which temperature region(s) would semiconductor lie when carriers concentration dominates over the number of dopant sites due to band to band excitation of carriers. 1 point
- Freeze out region  
 Extrinsic temperature region  
 Intrinsic temperature region  
 Extrinsic and intrinsic temperature regions
- No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0  
Accepted Answers:  
Intrinsic temperature region