

Seventh Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Feb./Mar. 2022

**Optical Fiber Communication**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

**Note:** Answer any FIVE full questions, selecting atleast TWO questions from each part.

**PART – A**

- 1 a. What are the advantages, disadvantages and applications of optical fiber communication? (08 Marks)  
b. Write a neat sketch; derive the expression for numerical aperture of a step index fiber in terms of acceptance angle and core and cladding refractive indices and further in terms of relative index differences. (06 Marks)  
c. A multimode step index fiber has normalized frequency of 75,  $NA = 0.3$ , Refractive index of core is 1.458 and operation at 820nm. Find core radius, refractive index of cladding and number of modes that get propagated. (06 Marks)
- 2 a. Explain the absorption mechanism in optical fibers. (06 Marks)  
b. Explain the different types of bending losses in optical fibers. (06 Marks)  
c. Derive an expression for pulse spreading due to material dispersion which is a function of wavelength and time delay. (08 Marks)
- 3 a. With the help of a neat diagram, explain the working of distributed feedback (DFB) laser diode. (07 Marks)  
b. Derive an expression for lasing condition and hence for optical gain in LASERS. (08 Marks)  
c. Explain briefly the structure of a PIN photodiode. (05 Marks)
- 4 a. What are the different types of mechanical misalignment? Explain. (06 Marks)  
b. Explain briefly the various fiber splicing techniques. (08 Marks)  
c. Explain the principle of operation of an expanded beam connector. (06 Marks)

**PART – B**

- 5 a. With a neat diagram, explain the operation of a transimpedance preamplifier equivalent circuit. (06 Marks)  
b. With a schematic diagram, explain the working of an optical receiver. (06 Marks)  
c. Discuss how the eye diagram is a powerful measurement tool for assessing the data handling capacity in a digital transmission system. (08 Marks)
- 6 a. Explain subcarrier multiplexing in optical fiber communication. (06 Marks)  
b. With neat sketches, explain the optical power loss model for a point-to-point link. (08 Marks)  
c. Explain rise time budget with relevant equations. (06 Marks)
- 7 a. Explain the principle of operation of WDM with a relevant block diagram. (06 Marks)  
b. Explain the principle of a Mach-Zehnder interferometer as a multiplexer. Obtain an expression for  $\Delta L$ . (08 Marks)  
c. Write a short note on a tunable optical fiber. (06 Marks)
- 8 a. With a suitable diagram, describe SONET/SDH optical network function. (10 Marks)  
b. Explain in detail the amplification mechanism with an energy level diagram in an EDFA. (10 Marks)

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