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Programme: B-TECH Electronics Engineering	Branch: VLSI Design and Technology	Course code: BEVD201L
Course Name: Physics of Semiconductor Devices		Date: 30/08/2024
Class Nbr: VL2024250104205	Max Marks: 50	Duration: 90 mins
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General instruction(s): 1. Answer ALL Questions

Q. No	Question	Marks
1.	For a silicon crystal, the hole concentration is given by $p = 10^{16} \exp(-x/L_p)$ for $x \geq 0$ and the electron concentration is given by $n = 3 \times 10^{15} \exp(x/L_n)$ for $x \leq 0$. The values of L_p and L_n are 3×10^{-4} cm and 10^{-3} cm respectively. Find the total current density which is the sum of hole and electron diffusion current density at $x=0$.	10
2.	A semiconductor has $N_c = 3 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, $N_v = 6 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $E_g = 1.6 \text{ eV}$. If doped with $3 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ acceptors, calculate the electron, hole, and intrinsic carrier concentration at 327°C . Show the Fermi level on a suitable band diagram.	10
3.	a) What are the root causes of carrier collisions or scattering in a crystal lattice?	5
	b) A sample of N-type silicon is at room temperature. When an electric field with a strength of 1000 V/cm is applied to the sample, the hole velocity is measured and found to be $2 \times 10^5 \text{ cm/sec}$. The width and height of the sample are $10 \mu\text{m}$ and $1.5 \mu\text{m}$, respectively, and the length of the sample is $20 \mu\text{m}$. Calculate the resistance of the sample.	5
4.	Explain the qualitative description of current flow at p-n junction under equilibrium and biased conditions.	10
5.	Boron is implanted in an n-type Si ($N_d = 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$), forming an abrupt p-n junction with the square-cross sectional area $3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2$. Acceptor concentration (N_a) on the p-side is $3 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Find out the width of the depletion zone (W_{dep}) at 300 K . Also find the capacitance.	10