

**OPTICAL INSTRUMENTATION  
(AEI3123)**

**Time Allotted : 2½ hrs**

**Full Marks : 60**

*Figures out of the right margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to answer Group A and  
any 4 (four) from Group B to E, taking one from each group.*

*Candidates are required to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Group – A**

1. Answer any twelve:

**12 × 1 = 12**

*Choose the correct alternative for the following*

- (i) In a step-index fiber, meridional rays
  - (a) Travel along curved paths
  - (b) Travel along straight-line paths through the axis
  - (c) Do not pass through the core axis
  - (d) Are not guided
- (ii) Skew rays in optical fibers are defined as
  - (a) Rays that pass through the core axis
  - (b) Rays that never pass through the core axis
  - (c) Rays that travel in cladding only
  - (d) Rays that follow helical paths around axis
- (iii) Attenuation in single-mode fiber is mainly due to
  - (a) Intermodal dispersion
  - (b) Rayleigh scattering
  - (c) Material defects
  - (d) Splicing loss
- (iv) Injection efficiency of an LED is defined as
  - (a) Ratio of photons to electrons
  - (b) Ratio of carriers injected into active region to total carriers
  - (c) Ratio of light out to input power
  - (d) Ratio of junction area to volume
- (v) Responsivity of a photodiode is defined as
  - (a) Current per incident optical power
  - (b) Voltage per optical power
  - (c) Charge per photon
  - (d) Power per wavelength
- (vi) Differential quantum efficiency is related to
  - (a) Loss coefficient
  - (b) Carrier density
  - (c) Energy gap
  - (d) Photon density

- (vii) Semiconductor LASER is generally  
 (a) Edge-emitting (b) Surface-emitting only  
 (c) Not suitable for optical fiber (d) Random emission
- (viii) Mach-Zehnder interferometer uses  
 (a) Beam splitting and recombination (b) Polarization rotation  
 (c) Total internal reflection (d) Scattering
- (ix) Fiber optic temperature sensor uses  
 (a) Wavelength shift in Bragg grating (b) Phase mismatch  
 (c) Polarization loss (d) None
- (x) Electro-optic modulators rely on  
 (a) Change in refractive index under electric field  
 (b) Thermal change  
 (c) LED switching  
 (d) Population inversion

*Fill in the blanks with the correct word*

- (xi) Multipath time dispersion is mainly observed in \_\_\_\_\_ mode fibers.
- (xii) Internal quantum efficiency depends on the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ recombination.
- (xiii) Stimulated emission must dominate over \_\_\_\_\_ for LASER action to occur.
- (xiv) The loss caused due to mode mismatch at splices is termed as \_\_\_\_\_ loss.
- (xv) The physical effect used in fiber optic current sensors is the \_\_\_\_\_ effect.

### **Group - B**

2. (a) Explain the principle of light propagation in an optical fiber with the help of total internal reflection. [[CO1,CO5](Remember/LOCQ)]
- (b) Derive the expression for acceptance angle and numerical aperture of a step-index fiber. [[CO1,CO5](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Discuss the significance of critical angle in optical fiber communication. [[CO1] (CO5) (Analyse/HOCQ)]  
**5 + 4 + 3 = 12**
3. (a) Explain the concept of dispersion in optical fibers. [[CO1,CO5](Remember/LOCQ)]
- (b) Differentiate between intermodal (multipath) dispersion and material dispersion. [[CO1,CO5](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Discuss how dispersion limits the bandwidth of an optical fiber link. [[CO1,CO5](Analyse/HOCQ)]  
**5 + 4 + 3 = 12**

### **Group - C**

4. (a) Differentiate between homojunction and heterojunction LEDs. [[CO2,CO6](Remember/LOCQ)]

- (b) Explain the concept of carrier confinement in double heterostructure LEDs. [[CO2,CO6](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Discuss the advantages of double heterojunction LEDs over simple LEDs. [[CO2,CO6](Analyse/HOCQ)]
- 5 + 4 + 3 = 12**
5. (a) Explain the principle of optoelectronic detection in photodiodes. [[CO2,CO6](Remember/LOCQ)]
- (b) Derive the relation between optical absorption coefficient and photocurrent. [[CO2,CO6](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Define responsivity of a photodetector and derive its mathematical expression. [[CO2,CO6](Analyse/HOCQ)]
- 5 + 4 + 3 = 12**

### Group - D

6. (a) State and explain the fundamental characteristics of LASER. [[CO3,CO6](Remember/LOCQ)]
- (b) Derive Einstein's relations for emission and absorption. [[CO3,CO6](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Explain the significance of coherence in LASER operation. [[CO3,CO6](Analyse/HOCQ)]
- 5 + 4 + 3 = 12**
7. (a) Explain LASER-based distance measurement. [[CO3,CO6](Remember/LOCQ)]
- (b) Describe velocity measurement using Doppler shift. [[CO3,CO6](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Discuss atmospheric effects on LASER measurements. [[CO3,CO6](Analyse/HOCQ)]
- 5 + 4 + 3 = 12**

### Group - E

8. (a) Explain the principle of intensity-modulated fiber sensors. [[CO4,CO5](Remember/LOCQ)]
- (b) Describe microbending-based fiber optic sensors. [[CO4,CO5](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Discuss advantages and limitations of intensity modulation. [[CO4,CO5](Analyse/HOCQ)]
- 5 + 4 + 3 = 12**
9. (a) Explain fiber Bragg grating based temperature sensing. [[CO4,CO5](Remember/LOCQ)]
- (b) Discuss advantages of distributed temperature sensors. [[CO4,CO5](Apply/IOCQ)]
- (c) Mention applications in power systems. [[CO4,CO5](Analyse/HOCQ)]
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Cognition Level	LOCQ	IOCQ	HOCQ
Percentage distribution	41.66	33.33	25

