

## Solution 2013 Final Exam (1)

**Q.1 (a)** The number of modes in an optical fiber, having core and cladding refractive index of 1.48 and 1.46 respectively, is 14331. If the wavelength of light is  $9000\text{ \AA}$ , what is the core diameter? **[8 marks]**

**Solution:**

$$M_n = \frac{V^2}{2}$$

$$V = \sqrt{2M_n} = \sqrt{2 \times 14331}$$

$$V = 169.298$$

$$N.A. = [n_1^2 - n_2^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$N.A. = [1.48^2 - 1.46^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.2424$$

$$\text{Normalized frequency } V = \left[ \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \right] \times N.A.$$

$$a = (V)(\lambda) / (2\pi N.A.)$$

$$a = (169.298 \times 9000 \times 10^{-10}) / (2\pi \times 0.2424)$$

$$a = 100 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m} = 100 \mu\text{m}$$

$$d = 2 \times a = 200 \mu\text{m}$$

**b)** Explain the important conditions for TIR to exist in fiber. **[6 marks]**

Total internal reflection takes place under two essential conditions:

- 1- Refractive index  $n_1 > n_2$ .
- 2- Angle of incidence should be greater than critical angle.

**Q.2.** When a mean optical power is launched into an 8 km length of fiber is 12  $\mu\text{W}$ , the mean optical power at the fiber output is 3  $\mu\text{W}$ . Determine -

1) Overall signal attenuation in dB.

2) The overall signal attenuation for a 10 km optical link using the same fiber with splices at 1 km intervals, each giving an attenuation of 1 dB.

**Solution:** Given:  $z = 8 \text{ km}$

[14 marks]

$$P(0) = 12 \text{ uW}$$

$$P(z) = 3 \text{ uW}$$

1) Overall attenuation is given by,

$$\alpha = 10 \log \left[ \frac{P(0)}{P(z)} \right]$$

$$\alpha = 10 \log \left[ \frac{12}{3} \right]$$

$$\alpha = 6.02 \text{ dB}$$

Ans ...

2) Overall attenuation for 10 km,

$$\text{Attenuation per km} \quad \alpha_{dB} = \frac{6.02}{z} = \frac{6.02}{8}$$

$$\alpha_{dB} = 0.752 \frac{\text{dB}}{\text{km}}$$

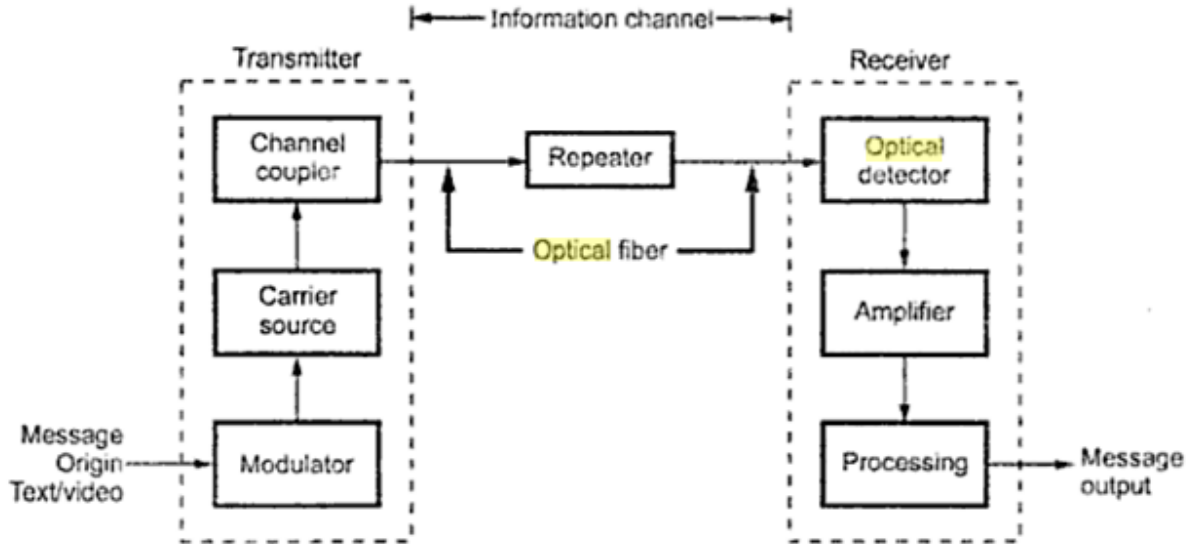
$$\text{Attenuation in 10 km link} = 0.752 * 10 = 7.5 \text{ dB}$$

In 10 km link there will be 9 splices at 1 km interval. Each splice introducing attenuation of 1 dB.

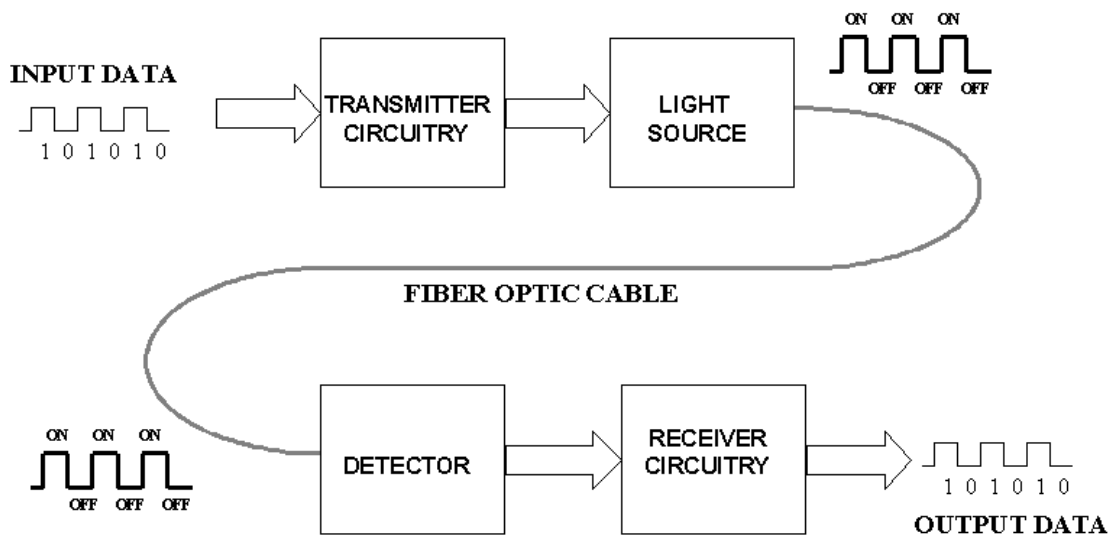
$$\text{Total attenuation} = 7.5 \text{ dB} + 9 \text{ dB} = 16.5 \text{ dB.}$$

Ans...

**Q.3. (a)** Draw the basic block diagram of an optical fiber communication (OFC) system, showing how the message (Text or Video) are processed through the OFC system. **[8 marks]**



**Block diagram of OFC systems**



**(b)** On an InGaAs photodetector, a pulse of  $85 \text{ ns}$  emits  $6 \times 10^6$  photons at  $1300 \text{ nm}$  wavelength. Average e-h pairs generated are  $5.4 \times 10^6$ . Calculate quantum efficiency of detector. **[6 marks]**

**Solution:** No. of photons emitted =  $6 \times 10^6$

Average e-h pairs generated =  $5.4 \times 10^6$

The quantum efficiency is given by:

$$\eta = \frac{\text{No. of e - h pairs generated}}{\text{No. of incident photons}}$$

$$\eta = \frac{5.4 \times 10^6}{6 \times 10^6}$$

$$\eta = 0.9 = 90 \%$$

Ans ...

**Q.4 (a)** A double heterojunction InGaAsP LED operating at a wavelength of  $1310 \text{ nm}$  has radiative and non-radiative recombination life times of minority carriers in the active region of a are 30 nsec and 100 nsec respectively. The current injected is 40 mA. Calculate:

i) Bulk recombination life time.

ii) Internal quantum efficiency.

iii) Internal power level.

**[10 marks]**

$$\lambda = 870 \text{ nm} = 0.87 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}$$

$$\tau_r = 30 \text{ ns}$$

$$\tau_{nr} = 100 \text{ ns}$$

$$I = 40 \text{ mA} = 0.04 \text{ Amp}$$

i) Bulk recombination life time  $\tau$

$$\frac{1}{\tau} = \frac{1}{30} + \frac{1}{100} = 0.043$$

$$\tau = 23.077 \text{ n sec}$$

ii) Internal quantum efficiency ( $\eta_{int}$ )

$$\eta_{int} = \frac{\tau}{\tau_r}$$

iii) Internal power level ( $P_{int}$ )

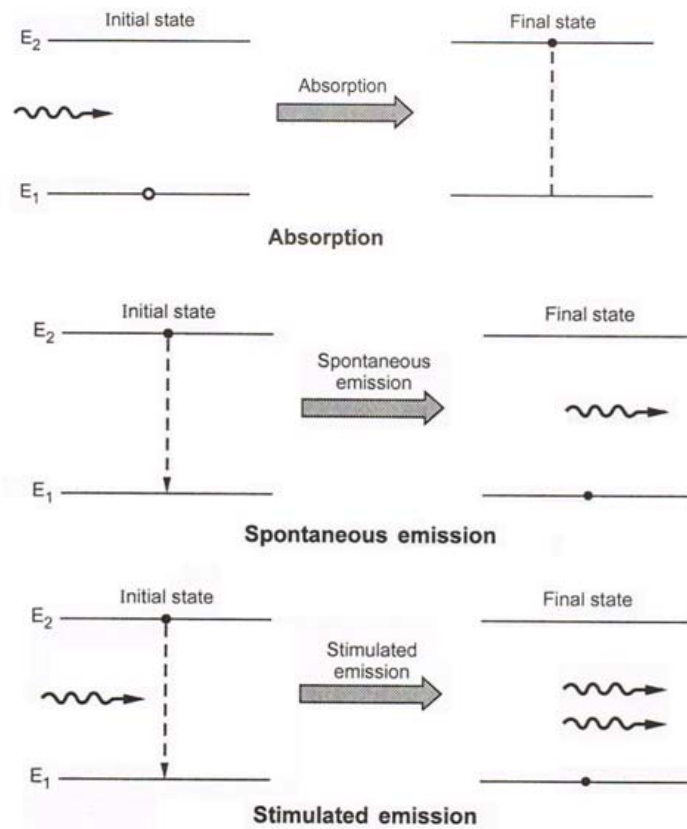
$$P_{int} = 0.769 \times$$

$$P_{int} = 29.145 \text{ mW}$$

(b) Draw the three key transition processes involved in laser action. [4 marks]

Ans. : 1. Absorption 2. Spontaneous emission 3. Stimulated emission.

And:



**Q.5: a) Photons having energy  $1.53 \times 10^{-19}$  Joules are incident on a photodiode having responsivity of 0.65 A/W. If output power is 10  $\mu$ W. Find the generated photocurrent. [4 marks]**

**Solution :**  $\mathfrak{R} = 0.65 \text{ A/W}$

$$P_0 = 10 \text{ } \mu\text{W}$$

Responsivity is given as -

$$\mathfrak{R} = \frac{I_p}{P_0}$$

$$I_p = \mathfrak{R} P_0$$

$$I_p = 0.65 \times 10$$

$$I_p = 6.5 \text{ } \mu\text{A}$$

... Ans.

**(b) Compare LED and LASER diode in a table (write only five points). [10 marks]**

	LED	LD
1. Principle of operation:	spontaneous emission	stimulated emission
2. Output beam:	non – coherent	coherent
3. Spectral width:	broad spectrum (20-100 nm)	much narrower (1-5 nm)
4. Data rate:	low	very high
5. Transmission distance	smaller	greater

**Q.6 (a)** The bandgap energy in a direct bandgap material can be controlled by x and y parameters, related to two expressions:

$$E_g = 1.424 + 1.266 x + 0.266 x^2, \quad E_g = 1.35 - 0.72 y + 0.12 y^2$$

Assuming an  $In_{0.74}Ga_{0.26}As_{0.57}P_{0.43}$  alloy to be used in LED, find the wavelength emitted by this LED source. [4 marks]

**Solution :** Comparing the alloy with the quaternary alloy composition.

$\text{In}_{1-x}\text{Ga}_x\text{As}_y\text{P}_{1-y}$  it is found that

$$x = 0.26 \text{ and}$$

$$y = 0.57$$

Using

$$E_g = 1.35 - 0.72y + 0.12y^2$$

$$E_g = 1.35 - (0.72 \times 0.57) + 0.12 \times 0.57^2$$

$$E_g = 0.978 \text{ eV}$$

Now

$$\lambda = \frac{1.24}{E_g}$$

$\therefore$

$$\lambda = \frac{1.24}{0.978} = 1.2671 \mu\text{m} = 1.27 \mu\text{m}$$

... Ans.

**b) Choose the Correct Answer:**

**[10 marks]**

1- The optical fibers are made of:

- (a) metallic conductor
- (b) plastic doped with metallic impurities
- (c) dielectric material
- (d) magnetic oxide

2- When V parameter is less than 2.405, then the fiber will support

- (a) one mode
- (b) two modes
- (c) three modes
- (d) infinite modes

3- The jacket of an optical fiber enables

- (a) to prevent from mechanical abrasions
- (b) to prevent interaction with internal atmosphere
- (c) to prevent moisture trapping
- (d) all of the above

4- Attenuation in an optical fiber is measured by

- (a)  $loss = -10 \log_{10} \frac{P_o}{P_i}$
- (b)  $loss = 10 \log_{10} P_i$
- (c)  $loss = -10 \log_{10} \frac{P_o}{P_i}$
- (d)  $loss = -10 \log_{10} \frac{P_i}{P_o}$

5- Spectral width and modulation capabilities in LED and laser diodes are determined by:

- d) (a) Device structure
- (b) Bias network
- e) (c) Output light intensity
- (d) both (a) and (b).