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QUESTIONS ONLY  
SECTION B: ANSWER THE **COMPULSORY**  
QUESTION

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## SECTION A: ANSWER THREE(3) QUESTIONS ONLY

- Q1** (a) Point out **FOUR(4)** applications of fiber optic and list **THREE(3)** main types of information that are usually carried by fiber optic cable.  
(7 marks)
- (b) Draw a basic fibre optic communication system and briefly explain its operation.  
(6 marks)
- (c) **THREE(3)** pieces of fibre optic cables, which the first cable has an attenuation of 0.5. The second and third cable have a similar attenuation of 0.65. All the cables are connected together each in series.
- (i) Draw and label the block diagram.  
(2 marks)
- (ii) Find the total loss in dB.  
(2 marks)
- (iii) If a 17 mW signal is desired at the output cable, how much signal in dBm should be injected at the input?  
(2 marks)
- (d) The electric field of an electromagnetic wave is described by  $E = 40\sin [(1.36 \times 10^{14})t - (9.66 \times 10^6)z]$  volt/m.
- (i) Write down and analyze the general expression of the electric field of an electromagnetic wave.  
(2 marks)
- (ii) Determine the frequency.  
(2 marks)
- (iii) Calculate the wavelength.  
(2 marks)

- Q2** (a) Attenuation coefficient can be expressed by the unit Neper/km or dB/km. Prove that  $1 \text{ dB/km} = 4.34 \text{ Neper/km}$ . (6 marks)
- (b) Fibre dispersion can severely limit the useful bandwidth of the fibre. Several important dispersion parameters can cause the spreading of light pulse in time as it propagates down the fibre. With the aid of suitable diagrams, explain modal dispersion and show the related formula. (7 marks)
- (c) A silica fibre optical cable has a core with refractive index of 1.49 and a cladding with refractive index of 1.47. A light ray is injected into the core and its propagates along the cable. Determine :
- (i) the critical angle at the core-cladding interface; (2 marks)
  - (ii) the Numerical Aperture (NA) for the fibre; and (2 marks)
  - (iii) the acceptance angle. (2 marks)
- (d) A beam of light is incident on a boundary between two dielectrics. The refractive indices are  $n_1 = 1.48$  and  $n_2 = 1.46$ . If the light travel from  $n_1$  to  $n_2$  plot the transmitted angle as a function of the incident angle for incident angles from  $0^\circ$  to  $90^\circ$ . Refer to the graph that you've plotted, give comment. (6 marks)

- Q3** (a) A continuous 10 km long fiber link has a loss of 12 dB.
- (i) Calculate the minimum optimum power level that must be launched into the fiber to maintain an optical power level of  $0.25 \mu\text{W}$  at the receiving end.  
(2 marks)
  - (ii) Refer to **Q3(a)(i)**, find output power  $P_{\text{OUT}}$  in dBm if only 60 % of the source power enter the fibre optic cable.  
(3 marks)
  - (iii) Refer to **Q3(a)(i)**, determine the required input power if the fiber has an attenuation coefficient of 2.0 dB/km.  
(2 marks)
- (b) Describe with the aid of diagram the two processes that are inherent to laser operation listed below:
- (i) stimulated emission; and  
(3 marks)
  - (ii) population inversion.  
(3 marks)
- (c) A Fabry Perot laser active region has a reflective index of 3.66 and a cavity length of 1.55 mm. If the laser has a dominant mode output of 7mW and a secondary mode output of 1mW, determine:
- (i) mode separation ; and  
(3 marks)
  - (ii) mode suppression ratio.  
(3 marks)

- (d) Light Emitting Diode (LED) guiding region emits 9 mW and has a refractive index of 3.61 at the operating wavelength. For a diode current of 20 mA, determine:
- (i) the external quantum efficiency; (2 marks)
  - (ii) the power leaving the LED surface; and (2 marks)
  - (iii) the responsivity. (2 marks)

- Q4** (a) Give the **THREE (3)** advantages and disadvantages of laser diode (LD) compare to light emitting diode (LED).  
(6 marks)
- (b) A silicon photodetector has the following specifications: responsivity is 0.5 A/W and the 3 dB bandwidth is 500 MHz. Determine:
- (i) the current which will be produced when the photodetector is incident by a ray of -45 dBm; and  
(3 marks)
- (ii) the rise time of the photodetector.  
(4 marks)
- (c) Photons of  $3 \times 10^{11}$  each with a wavelength of 0.85  $\mu\text{m}$  are incident on a photodiode resulting an average of  $1.2 \times 10^{11}$  electrons are being collected at the terminals of the device. Determine :
- (i) the quantum efficiency; and  
(3 marks)
- (ii) the responsivity of the photodiode.  
(3 marks)
- (d) A 2x2 four-port biconical tapered coupler has an input power of 20 mW and output powers of 8 mW and 9 mW at Port 3 and Port 4 respectively. If the power at port 2 is 2 mW, determine:
- (i) the insertion loss at Port 4;  
(2 marks)
- (ii) the coupling ratio; and  
(2 marks)
- (iii) the excess loss.  
(2 marks)

**SECTION B: ANSWER THE COMPULSORY QUESTION**

**Q5** (a) MBO company will construct a telecommunication infrastructure of 10 Gbps using 40 km optical fiber link. As an engineer in this company, you are assigned to design the link based on the available components as shown in **Table Q5**. Fiber splice will be used to join the optical fiber. The splice loss is 0.2 dB/splice. Connectors are required at transmitter and receiver. Suggest your setup based on the provided components by considering power and rise time budget if non return zero (NRZ) modulation is used. The power margin of 6 dB should be added in your estimation.

(20 marks)

(b) Advance modulation technique is a potential candidate for upgrading the capacity of data transportation per channel wavelength in optical communication system. Give your opinion to support this statement.

(5 marks)

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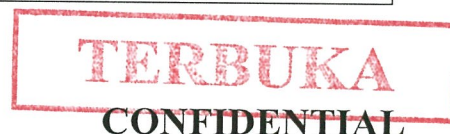
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**Table Q5: Parameters**

<b>Transmitter 1</b>	Direct modulated DFB laser $\lambda=1570$ nm output power = 1 mW rise time = 20 ps spectral width = 0.1 nm
<b>Transmitter 2</b>	Continuous wave DFB laser $\lambda=1570$ nm output power = 1 mW rise time = 20 ps spectral width = 0.01 nm
<b>Receiver 1</b>	InGaAs p-i-n rise time = 20 ps, receiver sensitivity = -17 dBm at BER of $10^{-9}$
<b>Receiver 2</b>	InGaAsAPD rise time = 25 ps, receiver sensitivity = -24 dBm at BER of $10^{-9}$
<b>Optical Modulator</b>	Insertion loss = 6 dB
<b>Fiber</b>	Single mode fiber available lengths = 5 km / drum attenuation = 0.2 dB/km at 1570 nm dispersion = 17ps/(km.nm) at 1570 nm
<b>Connector</b>	Loss = 1 dB/connector





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Constants

Planck's constant,  $h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34}$  J.s  
 Boltzmann's constant,  $K=1.381 \times 10^{-23}$  J.K<sup>-1</sup>  
 Electron charge,  $e=1.602 \times 10^{-19}$  Coulomb  
 Velocity of light in vacuum,  $c = 2.998 \times 10^8$  m/s

Formula

$V = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} a n_1 (2\Delta)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$\tau_g = \frac{1}{c} \left( n_1 - \frac{\lambda dn_1}{d\lambda} \right)$	$\tau_m = \frac{L}{c} \left( n_1 - \frac{\lambda dn_1}{d\lambda} \right)$	$\sigma_m = \frac{\sigma_\lambda L}{c} \left( \lambda \frac{d^2 n_1}{d\lambda^2} \right)$
$\tau_s = \frac{(NA)^2}{2cn_1}$	$\tau_g = \frac{n_1 \Delta^2}{8c}$	$\sigma_s = \frac{Ln_1 \Delta}{2\sqrt{3}c}$	$\sigma_s = \frac{L(NA)^2}{4\sqrt{3}n_1 c}$
$\sigma_T = (\sigma_m^2 + \sigma_s^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$B_T = \frac{0.2}{\sigma} \text{ bits/sec}$	$B_T = \frac{1}{2\tau} \text{ bits/sec}$	$BW = B_T (RZ)$
$BW = \frac{1}{2} B_T (NRZ)$	$\eta_{int} = \frac{1}{1 + \tau_r / \tau_{nr}} = \frac{\tau}{\tau_r}$	$P_{int} = \eta_{int} \frac{I_p}{e} h\nu = \eta_{int} \frac{hcI_p}{e\lambda} = \frac{P_e}{P}$ , where $P = IV$	
$\eta_{ext} = \eta_{int} FtT$	$F = \frac{n_a^2}{2n_s^2}$	$t = \frac{4n_s n_a}{(n_s + n_a)^2}$	$T = 1 - a_s$
$P_e = \frac{P_{int} F n^2}{4n_x^2}$	$r_e = \frac{I_p}{e}$	$r_p = \frac{P_o}{hf}$	$L = \frac{\lambda}{2n} q$
$\Delta\lambda = \frac{\lambda^2}{2nL}$	$\Delta f = \frac{c}{2nL}$	$R = \frac{\eta e \lambda}{hc} = \frac{I_p}{P_o}$	$i_{shot}^2 = 2eB(I_p + I_d)(A^2)$
$i_{th}^2 = \frac{4KTB}{R} (A^2)$	$SNR = \frac{S}{N} = \frac{I_p^2}{i_{shot}^2 + i_{th}^2 + i_{amp}^2}$		$SNR = \frac{S}{N} = \frac{M^2 I_p^2}{i_{shot}^2 M^{2+x} + i_{th}^2 + i_{amp}^2}$
$f_{3dB} = (2\pi R_L C_d)^{-1}$	$\tau = \frac{0.7}{B_{NRZ}}$	$\tau_{chrom} =  D  \times L \times \Delta\lambda$	$t_{PD} = 2.19 R_L C_D$
$IL = 10 \log \left( \frac{P_1}{P_4} \right)$	$CR = \left( \frac{P_3}{P_3 + P_4} \right) \times 100\%$	$CTalk = 10 \log \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)$	$EL = 10 \log \left( \frac{P_1}{P_3 + P_4} \right)$
$\tau_s = \sqrt{\tau_f^2 + \tau_{TX}^2 + \tau_{RX}^2}$	$\Lambda = \frac{\lambda_B}{2n}$	$V = \frac{2\pi a}{\lambda} \sqrt{n_1^2 - n_2^2}$	$n_1 \sin \theta_1 = n_2 \sin \theta_2$
$D(\lambda) = \frac{S_0}{4} \left( \lambda - \frac{\lambda_{ZD}^4}{\lambda^3} \right) \text{ ps/nm.km}$	$\Delta\lambda = \frac{\lambda^2}{c} \Delta f$	$OSNR = P_{in} + 58 - L_s - NF - 10 \log(N_A)$	

