

Subject: MICROWAVE THEORY AND TECHNIQUES

Time: 3 Hours

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Max. Marks: 100

NOTE: There are 9 Questions in all.

- Question 1 is compulsory and carries 20 marks. Answer to Q.1 must be written in the space provided for it in the answer book supplied and nowhere else.
- The answer sheet for the Q.1 will be collected by the invigilator after half an hour of the commencement of the examination.
- Out of the remaining EIGHT Questions answer any FIVE Questions. Each question carries 16 marks.
- Any required data not explicitly given, may be suitably assumed and stated.

Q.1 Choose the correct or the best alternative in the following: (2×10)

a. A waveguide section in a microwave circuit will act as a:

- (A) High pass filter (B) Low pass filter  
(C) Band pass filter (D) Band stop filter

b. X-band microwave frequency range is defined as

- (A) 8-12 GHz (B) 4-6 GHz  
(C) 18-25 GHz (D) 1-2 GHz

c. The phase velocity  $v_p$  and the group velocity  $v_g$  in a waveguide, and velocity  $c$  of light are related as follows

- (A)  $v_p + v_g = c$  (B)  $v_p / v_g = \text{a constant}$   
(C)  $v_p v_g = c^2$  (D)  $v_p + v_g = c^2$

d. When a transmission line is terminated by its characteristic impedance it represents

- (A) An infinite line (B) A mismatched line  
(C) It is high VSWR line (D) It is a finite line

e. The dominant mode in a rectangular waveguide is

- (A)  $TE_{10}$  mode (B)  $TM_{11}$  mode  
(C) TEM mode (D)  $TE_{11}$  mode

f. A magic T is a microwave junction having

- (A) 4 ports (B) 6 ports  
(C) 2 ports (D) 5 ports

- g. In a microstrip line the propagating mode is
- (A) a pure TEM mode                      (B) a quasi TEM mode  
(C) a TE mode                                (D) a TM mode
- h. In a Hybrid Ring (rat-race circuits), when a wave is fed into port 1, it will not appear at port 3 because the difference of phase shift for the waves travelling in the clockwise and anticlockwise directions is
- (A) zero                                        (B) 180°  
(C) 360°                                        (D) 90°
- i. A transmission line has characteristic impedance of  $50 + j0.01 \Omega$  and is terminated in a load impedance of  $73 - j42.5 \Omega$ . The VSWR is
- (A) 0.38                                        (B) 0.4524  
(C) 2.21                                        (D) 0.2262
- j. An IMPATT diode has the following parameters:  
Carrier drift velocity  $v_d = 2 \times 10^7$  cm/s; Drift region length  $L = 6 \mu\text{m}$  ;  
 $V_{o \text{ max}} = 100$  V;  $I_{\text{max}} = 200$  mA;  $\eta = 15$ ;  $V_{\text{od}} = 90$  V. The resonant frequency in giga hertz is
- (A) 1.667 GHz                                (B) 1.5 GHz  
(C) 166.7 GHz                                (D) 16.67 GHz

**Answer any FIVE Questions out of EIGHT Questions.  
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- Q.2** a. Why a conventional open wire line is not suitable for microwave transmission? Indicate the different types of transmission lines commonly used with mode of transmission used in each case. (5)
- b. Write the characteristics of smith chart and describe the steps involved in determination of normalized impedance using smith chart. (6)
- c. Find the input impedance of a line, given a line of characteristic impedance  $100 \Omega$  and  $\frac{1}{3}\lambda$  long. If this line is terminated in a load which has an impedance  $150 + j60$ ; what is its input impedance (use smith chart) (5)
- Q.3** a. Derive the wave equation for TM wave and obtain all the field components in a rectangular waveguide. (10)
- b. An air filled rectangular waveguide of inside dimension  $7 \times 3.5$  cms operates in the dominant  $TE_{10}$  mode as shown in Fig.1.

Find (i) cut off frequency (ii) Determine phase velocity of the wave in the guide at a frequency of 3.5 GHz (iii) Determine the guide wave length at the same frequency. (6)

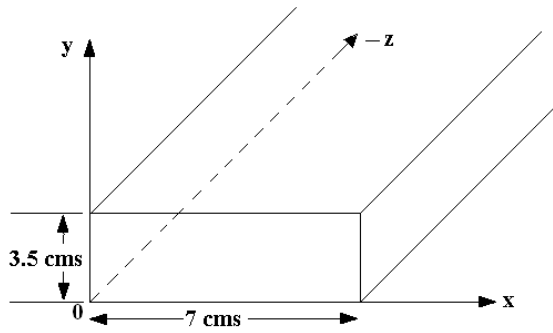


Fig.1

**Q.4** a. The impedance matrix of a certain damped element network is given by  $z = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Determine the scattering matrix. (6)

b. Write a short note on the following with neat diagram.  
 (i) circulator (ii) isolator. (3+3)

c. Explain magic-T with neat diagram. Write S-matrix representation of it. (4)

**Q.5** a. What is transfer electron effect. Explain how this is used in solid-state device in generating micro wave oscillations. (6)

b. Explain Gunn effect and discuss the different modes of oscillations in Gunn diode. (10)

**Q.6** a. What are the high frequency limitations of vacuum tubes? How they overcome in microwave tubes. (4)

b. With the help of a neat diagram explain the principle of Reflex klystron. Illustrate velocity modulation with the help of Applet gate diagram and obtain an expression for output power and efficiency of it. (8)

- c. An IMPATT diode has the following parameters:
- (i) Carrier drift velocity  $v_d = 4 \times 10^7$  cms/s;
  - (ii) Drift region length  $L = 6 \mu m$ .
  - (iii) Maximum operating voltage  $V_{max} = 100 V$ ;
  - (iv) Maximum operating current  $I_{0 max} = 200 mA$ ;
  - (v) Efficiency  $\eta = 15\%$ ;
  - (vi) Breakdown voltage  $V_{bd} = 90$  Volts.

Compute (i) maximum CW output power in watts (ii) resonant frequency in giga hertz. (4)

**Q.7** a. Explain equations of electron motion in a cylindrical magnetron. (6)

b. A X band pulsed cylindrical magnetron has the following operating parameters:

Anode voltage  $V_0 = 26$  kVolts; Beam current  $I_0 = 27$  Amps; Mag. flux  $B_0 = 0.336$  Watts/m<sup>2</sup>; radius of cathode cylinder  $a = 5$  cms; Radius of vane edge to centre  $b = 10$  cms. Compute the following:  
 (i) The cyclotron angular frequency (ii) The cut off voltage for a fixed  $B_0$ . (6)

c. Explain forward wave crossed field amplifier with a diagram. (4)

**Q.8** a. A certain microstrip line has the following parameters:  
 (i)  $\epsilon_r$  (= relative dielectric constant of the board material) = 5.23  
 (ii) Height from the microstrip line to ground = 7 mils  
 (iii) Thickness of the microstrip line = 2.8 mils  
 (iv) Width of the microstrip line = 10 mils.  
 Calculate the characteristic impedance of the line. (4)

b. Explain microstrip line with diagrams. What are the losses associated with it? (6)

c. Write explanatory note on:  
 (i) Coplanar strip lines (ii) Shielded strip lines (3+3)

**Q.9** a. What are the fabrication steps involved in manufacturing of MMICs? (6)

b. Give a brief comparison between discrete circuit and integrated MIC. (6)

c. Write a short note on Hybrid Integrated Circuit fabrication (4)