

Unit 4 - Week 3 : Carrier transport, generation and recombination in semiconductors

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Assignment-3

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.
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Due on 2020-02-19, 23:59 IST.

1) Consider a n-type semiconductor with conductivity 10^3 (Ohm-cm)⁻¹. It has electron mobility of 2000 cm²/V-s and a hole mobility of 500 cm²/V-s. Determine the donor concentration. **1 point**

- 12.50x10¹⁸ m³
 4.17x10¹⁸ cm³
 6.25x10¹⁸ m³
 12.50x10¹⁸ cm³

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
12.50x10¹⁸ cm³

2) Shallow trap levels in p-type semiconductor reside at which position within the band gap? **1 point**

- Deep below valence band
 Just above valence band
 Just below conduction band
 above valence band but closer to Fermi level

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Just above valence band

3) Where do R-G centers lie within the bandgap of n-type semiconductor? **1 point**

- Above valence band
 Closer to mid-gap states
 Below conduction band
 Deep below the valence band

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Closer to mid-gap states

4) Which of the following is invalid for R-G center recombination process? **1 point**

- Radiative recombination
 Non-radiative recombination
 Shockley read hall recombination
 Photon release after recombination

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Radiative recombination

5) Carrier life time in a semiconductor increases with **1 point**

- decreasing impurity concentration
 increasing trap density
 decreasing trap density
 increasing donor concentration

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
decreasing impurity concentration
decreasing trap density

6) For a n-type semiconductor under perturbation (light or thermal), under steady state condition, which of the following is likely to be true (Δp =steady state excess minority (hole) charge carrier concentration)? **1 point**

- $\Delta n < 0$
 $\Delta p > 0$
 $\Delta p = 0$
 $\Delta n = 0$

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
 $\Delta p = 0$
 $\Delta n = 0$

7) For low level injection in an p-type semiconductor at transient conditions, which is most likely to happen? (Δn =equilibrium excess minority charge carrier concentration, Δn_0 =equilibrium excess minority charge carrier concentration on n side) **1 point**

- $\Delta n_0 \gg \Delta p_0$
 $\Delta n_0 = 0$
 $\Delta p_0 \sim 0, \Delta n_0 \ll p_0$
 $\Delta n_0 \ll \Delta n_0$

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
 $\Delta p_0 \sim 0, \Delta n_0 \ll p_0$
 $\Delta n_0 \ll \Delta n_0$

8) Which of the following statements is(are) false? **1 point**

- Direct bandgap semiconductors have larger absorption coefficient.
 Absorption in direct bandgap semiconductors involves only photons.
 Absorption in indirect band gap involves only photon absorption or emission.
 Both energy and momentum are required to conserved during the process of absorption.

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Absorption in indirect band gap involves only photon absorption or emission.
Both energy and momentum are required to conserved during the process of absorption.

9) In the continuity equation for minority carriers, which of the following is correct (dn/dt = rate of change of electron concentration)? **1 point**

$$dn/dt = (1/q)VJ_N + (dn/dt)_{\text{thermal R-G}} + (dn/dt)_{\text{others}}$$

- $(1/q)VJ_N$ depicts change of electron diffusion and drift current
 If $(dn/dt)_{\text{thermal}} \neq 0$, shallow traps recombination dominates over deep trap recombination
 $(1/q)VJ_N$ depicts electron drift current change due to the electric field only
 It is for a p-type semiconductor.

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
 $(1/q)VJ_N$ depicts change of electron diffusion and drift current
It is for a p-type semiconductor.

10) Which of the factors does not affect surface recombination? **1 point**

- Surface trap density
 Capture cross section
 Thermal velocity
 Carrier diffusivity

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Carrier diffusivity

11) Absorber layer in solar cell is p-type and is heavily doped, free from any traps and is exposed to 1 Sun irradiation such that $\Delta n \ll p_0$. Carrier lifetime will be dependent on which of the following processes? **1 point**

- Radiative and SRH recombination
 Radiative recombination only
 Auger recombination and radiative recombination
 SRH, auger and radiative recombination

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Auger recombination and radiative recombination

12) Si is doped with Nitrogen such that majority charge carrier concentration becomes 10^{14} cm⁻³. It is irradiated with light such that excess minority charge concentration is 10^9 cm⁻³. Minority charge carrier concentration (cm⁻³) is: **1 point**

- 10⁹
 10⁸
 10⁷
 10⁶

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
10⁶

13) For a semiconductor with non-uniform grading, say highest at the surface to lowest at the bottom, which is likely to happen when a band diagram is drawn? **1 point**

- Fermi level will vary as a function of depth
 Conduction band edge will vary as a function of depth
 Valence band edge will vary as a function of depth
 Intrinsic Fermi level will vary as a function of depth.

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Conduction band edge will vary as a function of depth
Valence band edge will vary as a function of depth
Intrinsic Fermi level will vary as a function of depth.

14) Electron drift current in a semiconductor is due: **1 point**

- Carrier concentration gradient
 Electric field
 Both concentration and electric field
 Defects

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
Electric field

15) Which of the following are direct bandgap semiconductors: **1 point**

- Si
 GaAs
 CdTe
 Ge

No, the answer is incorrect.
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:
GaAs
CdTe