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Name of the Course : **B.Sc. (H) Electronics (Core)**

Semester : VIII (Under NEP UGCF Mode)

Duration : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 90

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. There are **seven** questions in all, out of which you have to attempt any **five** questions.
3. **All** questions carry equal marks.
4. Use of non-programmable Scientific Calculator is allowed.
5. Question No. **1** is Compulsory.

1. a. How will you get EGS from MGS? 3
b. What is dry etching and wet etching? Differentiate them. 3
c. Define contact and proximity printing with diagram? 3
d. What do you mean by a positive and negative resist? Explain. 3
e. Describe the typical material composition of a photo-mask used in UV 3
lithography.
f. Briefly describe the "Buried Layer" (n+) used in BJT fabrication and its role in 3
reducing collector resistance.
2. a. Derive an expression for the effective segregation coefficient for single crystal 6
growth using CZ technique.
b. Explain the Float Zone (FZ) crystal growth technique for producing high-purity 6
silicon with advantages.
c. At 300 K, the molecular diameter of oxygen is $3.64 \text{ \AA}$, and the number of 6
molecules per unit area N_s is $7.54 \times 10^{14} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. Find the time required to form a
monolayer of oxygen at pressure of $1, 10^{-4}$ and 10^{-8} Pa .
3. a. Discuss the kinetics of thermal oxidation of silicon and obtain expressions for 6
parabolic rate constant and linear rate constant.
b. Describe the Chemical Vapour Deposition (CVD) process for silicon oxide. 6
Explain its advantages and applications in semiconductor fabrication.
c. Assume 100-keV boron implants on a 200-nm silicon wafer at a dose of 5×10^{14} 6
ions/ cm^2 . Calculate the peak concentration and the required ion beam current for
1 minute of implantation.

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4. a. Discuss the important properties of silicon oxide (SiO_2) and explain why it is widely used in semiconductor device technology. 6
b. Explain wafer cleaning technology in semiconductor fabrication. Briefly describe wet cleaning and dry cleaning techniques. 6
c. Explain oxide quality, step coverage and P-glass (phosphosilicate glass) flow in semiconductor fabrication. 6
5. a. Explain the process of thermal diffusion in semiconductors. Derive the diffusion expression for a constant surface concentration and plot the resulting diffusion profile. 6
b. Provide a detailed step-by-step account of the photolithographic process, starting from wafer cleaning to the final stripping of the photoresist. 6
c. Why is a "Clean Room" environment essential for lithography? Explain the classification system (e.g., Class 10 vs. Class 100) and the specific types of contaminants that must be filtered out. 6
6. a. Describe the mechanism of Sputtering for metal deposition. Discuss the role of inert gas (like Argon) and the advantages of sputtering in terms of "step coverage." 6
b. What is BiCMOS technology? Explain the rationale behind integrating both Bipolar and CMOS devices on a single chip and the trade-offs involved in terms of fabrication cost. 6
c. Outline the major process steps involved in fabricating a NMOS structure. Use a neat cross-sectional diagram to show the sequence. 6
7. a. How are passive components like resistors and capacitors are fabricated in monolithic IC's? 6
b. Explain the process of Ion Implantation for dopin a semiconductor material. Describe the steps and discuss parameters such as implantation range and channelling effects. 6
c. Compare the structural fabrication complexities of Bipolar Junction Transistors (BJT) and MOSFETs. Why is CMOS technology currently more dominant in digital logic than Bipolar technology? 6