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For Questions 1-4, considering a piece of semiconductor, where E_v is the valence band edge energy, E_g is the bandgap of the material, E_c is the conduction band edge energy and E_f is the Fermi-level.

1. Which one of the followings gives the "electron affinity"?

- (A) $E_{vac} - E_c$; (B) $E_{vac} - E_v$; (C) $E_{vac} - E_g$; (D) $E_c - E_v$.

2. Which one of the followings gives the "ionization energy"?

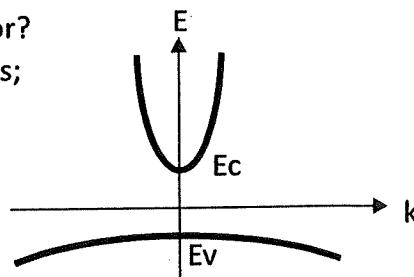
- (A) $E_{vac} - E_g$; (B) $E_c - E_v$; (C) $E_{vac} - E_v$; (D) $E_{vac} - E_c$.

3. At room temperature, which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A) In an intrinsic semiconductor, Fermi-level is between E_c and E_v ;
 (B) Valence band is fully occupied;
 (C) E_g will widen in heavy doped samples;
 (D) The probability of an electron with energy higher than E_f is zero.

4. The E-k diagram of a material is shown below, where N_c is the density of states in the conduction band, while N_v is the density of states in the valence band. At thermal equilibrium, which is true for this intrinsic semiconductor?

- (A) Effective mass of electrons is larger than that of holes;
 (B) Electron density higher than that of holes;
 (C) $N_c > N_v$;
 (D) $E_f = (E_v + E_c)/2$.



5. At room temperature, a few electrons are excited into the conduction band, which eventually fall back down to a vacant state in the valence band, re-emitting the excess energy as heat or light, generating "X", and "Y", respectively.

- (A) X are photons, Y are phonons.
 (B) X are photons, Y are photons.
 (C) X are phonons, Y are phonons.
 (D) X are phonons, Y are photons.

6. In a material with a bandgap of 1.55 eV, an electron in the conduction band falls back down to the valence band without any heat loss. What is the closest wavelength of the emitted light?

- (A) 400 nm; (B) 800 nm; (C) 1000 nm; (D) 1500 nm

7. Which is closest to the energy gap between conduction band and valence band of a semiconductor which emits light of 400 nm wavelength at room temperature?

- (A) 0.7 eV; (B) 1.1 eV; (C) 2.3 eV; (D) 3.1 eV.

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8. Which statement is correct?

- (A) In an isolator, the valence band is empty of electrons, while the conduction band is filled with electrons.
- (B) In a metal, the valence band is filled with electrons, while the conduction band is empty of electrons.
- (C) For an intrinsic semiconductor at 0 degree Kelvin, the valence band is filled with electron, while the conduction band is empty
- (D) In an intrinsic semiconductor, electron density raises faster than that of holes with increasing temperature.

9. Under low electric field, the electron's mobilities in n-type material are affected by? (i) impurity concentration. (ii) electric field. (iii) temperature. (iv) mean free time between collisions.

- (A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv); (B) (i), (iii), (iv); (C) (ii), (iii), (iv); (D) (i), (ii).

10. For a piece of p-type silicon with a doping level of 10^{18} cm^{-3} , when temperature increases from 300K to 350K, which is correct?

- (A) Hole density decreases drastically;
- (B) Electron density is independent of temperature;
- (C) Majority carrier density remains almost the same;
- (D) None of the above.

11. Which of the following is false in describing a degenerately-doped p+ Silicon?

- (A) Fermi-level is inside conduction band;
- (B) Energy bandgap narrows;
- (C) Acceptor states fold into bands;
- (D) Density of electron is much lower than that of holes.

12. Which is true on the describing the carrier mobilities in Silicon?

- (A) Comparing to that at 300K, mobilities of both carriers increase in cryogenic state;
- (B) Mobility of the minority carriers is always lower than that of the majority carriers;
- (C) At high temperature regime, impurity scattering dominates;
- (D) In heavily doped sample, phonon scattering dominates.

Suppose the intrinsic carrier concentration of Si at $T=300$ K is $n_i=1.5 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm}^{-3}$.

Silicon has a relative dielectric constant of 11.7.

The permittivity of free space ϵ_0 is $8.85 \times 10^{-14} \text{ F/cm}$.

For Questions 13-15, an abrupt Si pn junction under zero bias at $T=300$ K has doping concentrations of $N_a=N_d=2 \times 10^{16} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Find the following quantities:

13. The built-in potential barrier V_{bi} of the junction is

- (A) $\frac{kT}{e} \ln \left(\frac{N_a N_d}{n_i^2} \right) \text{ eV}$; (B) $\frac{kT}{e} \ln \left(\frac{N_a N_d}{n_i^2} \right) \text{ V}$; (C) $\frac{kT}{e} \ln \left(\frac{N_a N_d}{n_i} \right) \text{ V}$; (D) $\frac{kT}{e} \ln \left(\frac{N_a N_d}{n_i} \right) \text{ eV}$.

14. The depletion region width of the junction is

- (A) larger on the p-side;
(B) larger on the n-side;
(C) twice the depletion width on each side;
(D) undetermined.

15. The electric field in the depletion region is

- (A) uniformly distributed;
(B) parabolically distributed;
(C) linearly distributed with a single slope;
(D) linearly distributed with two slopes.

For Questions 16-18, suppose a metal is deposited on n-type Si ($N_d=5 \times 10^{15} \text{ cm}^{-3}$) to form a Schottky junction whose Schottky barrier height ϕ_{B0} is 0.65 V at $T=300$ K. The effective density of states in the conduction band of Si at $T=300$ K is $N_c=2.8 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$. Answer the following questions.

16. What is the value of the built-in potential barrier V_{bi} of this Schottky junction?

- (A) 0.724 V; (B) 0.426 V; (C) 0.654 V; (D) 0.65 V.

17. If the doping concentration of the Si is doubled, what does the value of the built-in potential barrier become?

- (A) 0.414 V; (B) 0.65 V; (C) 0.444 V; (D) 0.654 V.

18. And how does this concentration doubling make the value of Schottky barrier height change?

- (A) Doubled accordingly; (B) Increased a little; (C) Decreased; (D) Unchanged.

For Questions 19-21, Two diodes of the same area value are manufactured on an n-type Si wafer. One of the two diodes is a one-sided (p^+n) junction diode and the other is a Schottky diode.

19. Which diode has a larger built-in potential barrier?

- (A) The p^+n diode; (B) The Schottky diode; (C) Same value;
(D) Unable to judge without further information.

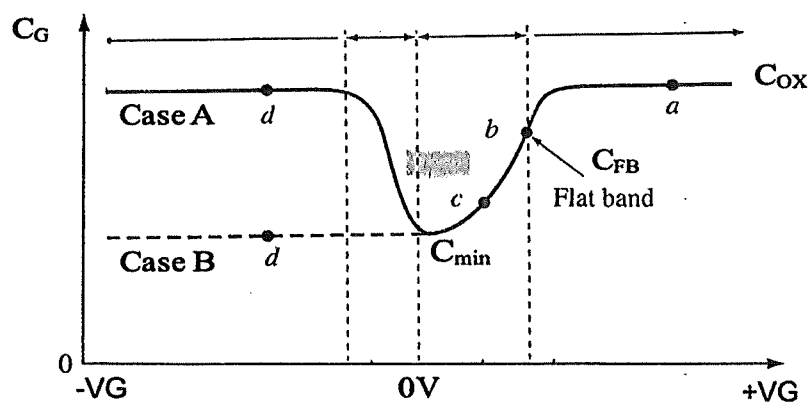
20. Which diode has a larger reverse current before breakdown?

- (A) The p^+n diode; (B) The Schottky diode; (C) Same value;
(D) Unable to judge without further information.

21. Which diode has a slower switching speed?

- (A) The p^+n diode; (B) The Schottky diode; (C) Same value;
(D) Unable to judge without further information,

Consider a CV of MOS capacitor with n+ Si gate and $T_{ox}=5$ nm as shown the figure below, answer Questions 22-26:



22. Which region is at inversion state?

- (A) region a; (B) region b; (C) region c; (D) region d.

23. What is the substrate type?

- (A) n-type; (B) p-type; (C) intrinsic (D) cannot decide in the CV curve

24. Increase the substrate dopant concentration, what happen to C_{min} and C_{FB} ?

- (A) C_{min} becomes larger and C_{FB} slightly shifts to left;
(B) C_{min} becomes larger and C_{FB} slightly increases;
(C) C_{min} becomes smaller and C_{FB} has no change;
(D) C_{min} becomes smaller and slightly shifts to right.

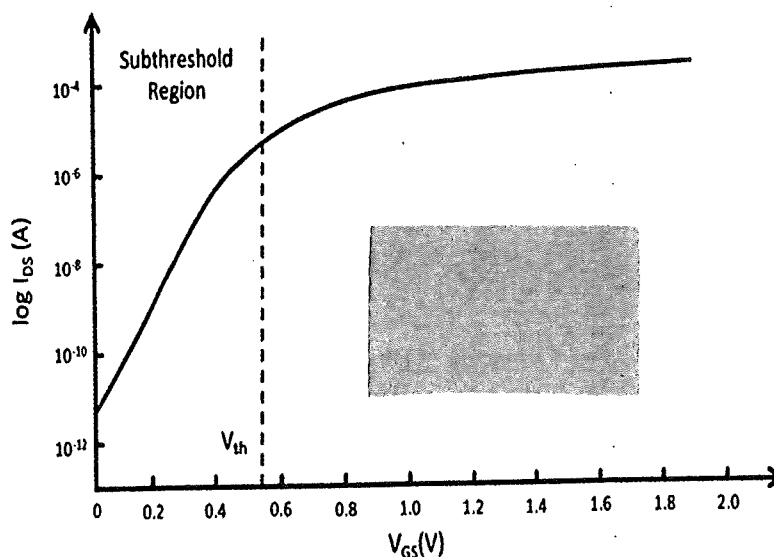
25. Use p+ Si gate instead of n+ Si gate, what will be the CV curve?

- (A) CV curve is left and right reversed: region a to d and region d to a;
- (B) CV curve has no change;
- (C) CV curve is shifted toward left;
- (D) CV curve is shifted toward right.

26. Add fixed positive charges in gate oxide, what happen to the CV curve?

- (A) CV curve has no change, but C_{FB} shifts to right;
- (B) CV curve has no change, but C_{FB} shifts to left;
- (C) CV curve becomes flatter, and C_{min} slightly larger;
- (D) CV curve becomes flatter, and C_{FB} shifts to right.

For Questions 27-30, the subthreshold I_{DS} - V_{GS} curve of n+ gate nMOSFET with $T_{ox}=5\text{nm}$ at 300K is shown in the figure below,



27. What is the subthreshold swing (mV/dec)?

- (A) 200; (B) 30; (C) 60; (D) 90.

28. Increase the T_{ox} to 8nm, what will be the subthreshold swing (mV/dec)?

- (A) larger; (B) no change; (C) smaller; (D) cannot decide.

29. Increase the substrate dopant concentration, what happen the subthreshold swing (mV/dec)?

- (A) larger; (B) no change; (C) smaller; (D) cannot decide

30. Decrease the operation temperature to 77K, what happens to the subthreshold swing (mV/dec)?

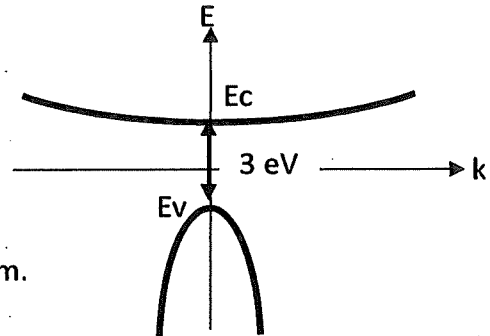
- (A) larger; (B) no change; (C) smaller; (D) cannot decide

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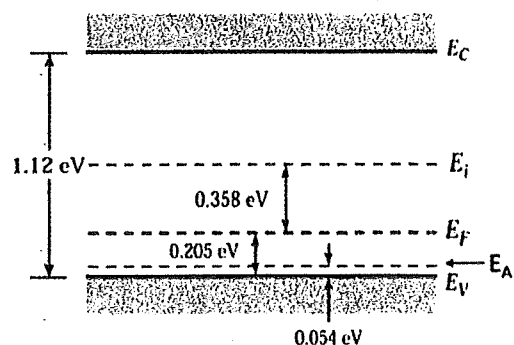
31. For a intrinsic material with E-k band diagram as below, where E_V is the valence band edge energy, E_C is the conduction band edge energy. N_C is the density of states in the conduction band, while N_V is the density of states in the valence band. Which of the following statements are correct ?(6%)

- (A) Direct bandgap material;
- (B) Fermi level $> (E_V + E_C)/2 > 0$;
- (C) $N_C < N_V$;
- (D) Electron effective mass $>$ hole effective mass;
- (E) Can directly absorb light with wavelength of 700 nm.



32. For a region of Si with compensation doping, its energy band diagram is below, Let n_0 and p_0 be the electron and hole densities at thermal equilibrium, N_D and N_A are the donor and acceptor concentrations, respectively, while n_i is the intrinsic carrier density. Which are true? (6%)

- (A) It's considered as degenerately-doped;
- (B) $n_0 < p_0$;
- (C) $N_D > N_A$;
- (D) $n_0 \cdot p_0 = n_i^2$;
- (E) $n_0 = N_D + N_A$.



33. Which ones of the following items can affect the common-base current gain α of an NPN BJT?

- (A) Base doping concentration;
- (B) Emitter doping concentration;
- (C) Emitter width;
- (D) Collector width;
- (E) Base width.

34. What will be increased if the base doping concentration of a BJT is reduced by half?

- (A) Emitter injection efficiency;
- (B) BV_{CEO} ;
- (C) Base transit time;
- (D) Current gain;
- (E) Base resistance R_B .

35. What will be increased by reducing the base width of a BJT?

- (A) Emitter injection efficiency;
- (B) BV_{CEO} ;
- (C) Base transit time;
- (D) Current gain;
- (E) Early voltage.

36. Which in the following are majority carrier devices?

- (A) BJT;
- (B) MOSFET;
- (C) PN junction diode;
- (D) MS junction diode;
- (E) Semiconductor resistor.

For Questions 37-40, consider a n+ Si gate nMOSFET with $T_{ox}=5\text{nm}$ at 300K,

37. Which factors will lower the channel mobility?

- (A) reduce operation temperature;
- (B) add substrate dopant;
- (C) rise the gate voltage;
- (D) increase the drain voltage;
- (E) increase the oxide thickness.

38. Which parameters will increase the body effect?

- (A) reduce operation temperature;
- (B) add substrate dopant;
- (C) use p+ Si gate instead of n+ Si gate;
- (D) use SOI (Silicon on Insulator) wafer;
- (E) decrease the oxide thickness.

39. Which factors will increase the early voltage

- (A) reduce the channel length;
- (B) add substrate dopant;
- (C) rise the gate voltage;
- (D) increase the drain voltage;
- (E) use thinner gate oxide.

40. Which factors will increase the drain-induced barrier lowering (DIBL)?

- (A) reduce the channel length;
- (B) add substrate dopant;
- (C) applied negative substrate bias;
- (D) increase the drain voltage;
- (E) use thicker gate oxide.