

Internal Assessment Test 1 – Sept. 2020 (Scheme & Solution)

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Sem/Sec:	VII A,B,C,&D				OBE

Answer any FIVE FULL Questions

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1 Give the characteristics features of following devices with symbols

- i) IGBT    ii) TRIAC    iii) MOSFET    iv) MCT**  
**v) LASCR**

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Devices	Symbols	Characteristics
Diode		
Thyristor		
SITH		
GTO		
MCT		
MTO		
ETO		
IGCT		
TRIAC		
LASCR		
NPN BJT		
IGBT		
N-Channel MOSFET		
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Each characteristics=1 mark, Each Symbol= 1 mark; 2\*5=10 marks.

2 With a neat diagram and waveforms, explain the steady state characteristics of BJT.

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- There are 3 possible configurations – Common Collector, Common Base & Common Emitter.
- The Common Emitter, shown in Figure 4.28a for an NPN transistor is generally used in switching applications.
- The typical input characteristics of base current  $I_B$  against base-emitter voltage  $V_{BE}$  are shown in Figure 4.28b.
- Figure 4.28c shows the typical output characteristics of collector current  $I_C$  against collector-emitter voltage  $V_{CE}$ .
- For a PNP-transistor, the polarities of all currents and voltages reversed.

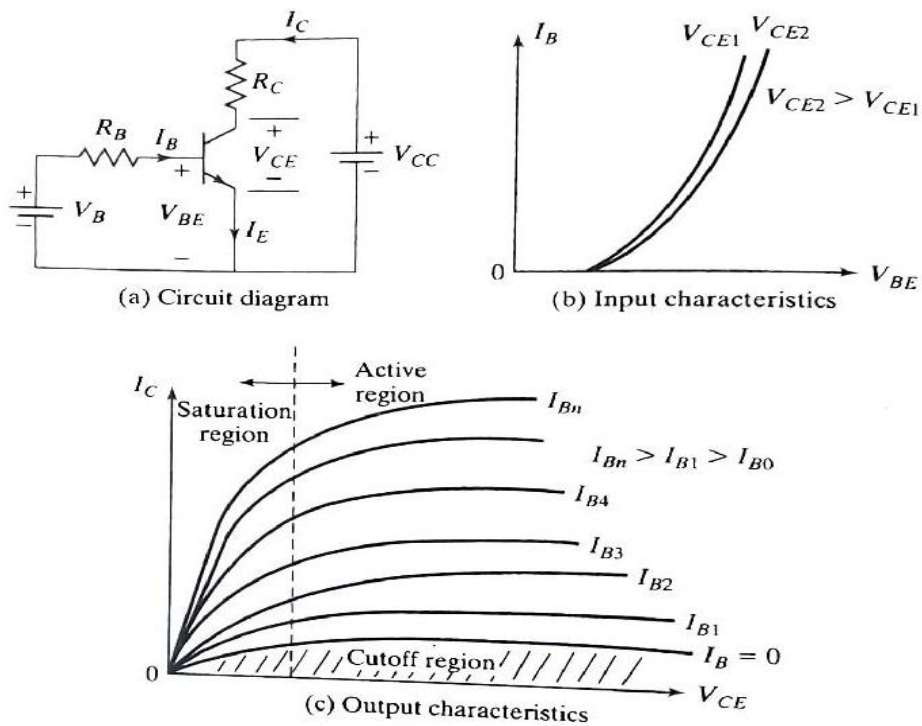


FIGURE 4.28  
Characteristics of NPN-transistors.

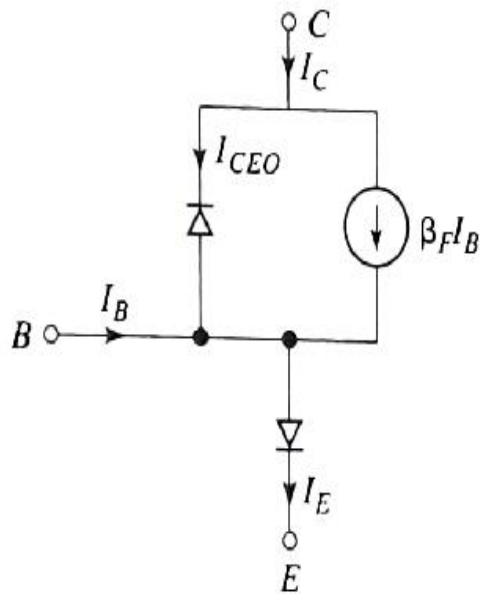


FIGURE 4.30  
Model of *NPN*-transistors.

- There are 3 operating regions of a transistor : Cutoff, Active Saturation.
- In the cutoff region, the transistor is off.
- The base current is not enough to turn it on & hence both junctions are reverse biased.
- In the active region, the transistor acts as an amplifier, where the base current is amplified by a gain.
- The collector-emitter voltage decreases with the base current.
- The CBJ (Collector to Base Junction) is reverse biased & the BEJ (Base to Emitter Junction) is forward biased.
- In the saturation region, the base current is sufficiently high.
- The collector-emitter voltage is low, & the transistor acts as a switch.
- Both junctions (CBJ & BEJ) are forward biased.
- The transfer characteristic, which is a plot of  $V_{CE}$  against  $I_B$  shown in Figure 4.29.

- The model of an NPN transistor is shown in Figure 4.30 under large-signal dc operation.
- The equation relating the currents is

$$I_E = I_C + I_B \quad (4.14)$$

- The base current is effectively the input current & the collector current is the output current.
- The ratio of the collector current  $I_C$  to base current  $I_B$  is known as the forward **current gain**,  $\beta_F$  :

$$\beta_F = h_{FE} = \frac{I_C}{I_B} \quad (4.15)$$

- The collector current has 2 components : one due to base current & the other is the leakage current of the CBJ. [10]

$$I_C = \beta_F I_B + I_{CEO} \quad (4.16)$$

- Where  $I_{CEO}$  is the collector-to-emitter leakage current with base open circuit & can be considered negligible compared to  $\beta_F I_B$ .
- From Eqs. (4.14) and (4.16), we have

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$$I_E = I_B(1 + \beta_F) + I_{CEO} \quad (4.17)$$

$$\approx I_B(1 + \beta_F) \quad (4.18)$$

$$I_E \approx I_C \left(1 + \frac{1}{\beta_F}\right) = I_C \frac{\beta_F + 1}{\beta_F} \quad (4.19)$$

Because  $\beta_F \gg 1$ , the collector current can be expressed as

$$I_C \approx \alpha_F I_E \quad (4.20)$$

where the constant  $\alpha_F$  is related to  $\beta_F$  by

$$\alpha_F = \frac{\beta_F}{\beta_F + 1} \quad (4.21)$$

or

$$\beta_F = \frac{\alpha_F}{1 - \alpha_F} \quad (4.22)$$

Let us consider the circuit of Figure 4.31, where the transistor is operated as a switch.

$$I_B = \frac{V_B - V_{BE}}{R_B} \quad (4.23)$$

$$V_C = V_{CE} = V_{CC} - I_C R_C = V_{CC} - \frac{\beta_F R_C}{R_B} (V_B - V_{BE})$$

$$V_{CE} = V_{CB} + V_{BE} \quad (4.24)$$

or

$$V_{CB} = V_{CE} - V_{BE} \quad (4.25)$$

Figures & Waveforms= 5 marks, Explanation & Eqns.= 5 marks.

3 Explain control characteristics of SCR, BJT, MCT and GTO.

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Soln.

a)

- **Power Electronics** may be defined as the application of solid electronics for the control & conversion of electric power.
- Also, it can be defined as the art of converting electrical energy one form to another in an **efficient, clean, compact & robust** manner for the energy utilization to meet the desired needs.
- The interrelationship of power electronics with power, electronics, and control is shown in Figure 1.1.

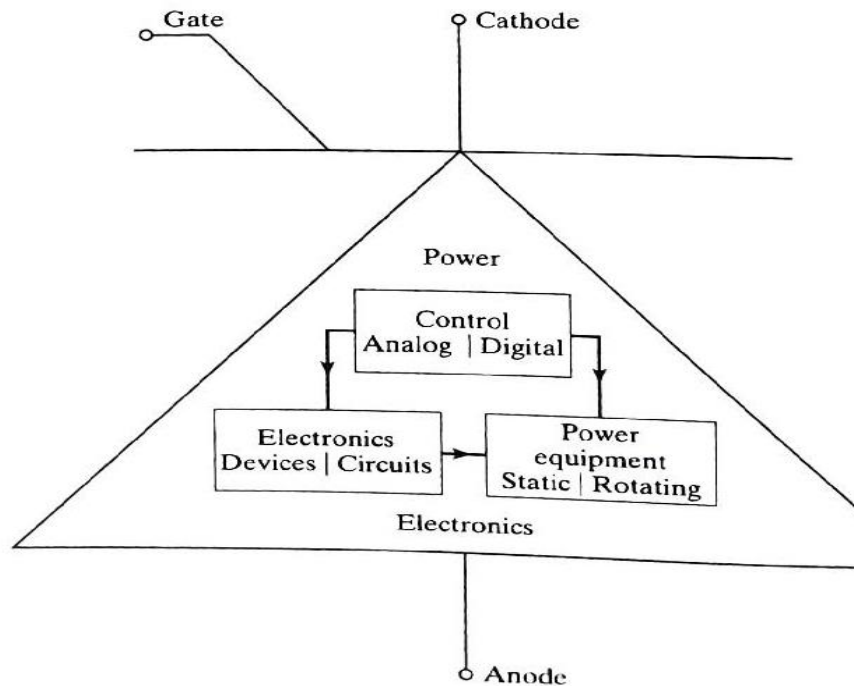


FIGURE 1.1

Relationship of power electronics to power, electronics, and control.

- The arrow points to the direction of current flow from anode to cathode (K).
- It can be turned on & off by a signal to the gate terminal (G).
- Without any gate signal, it normally remains in the off-state, behaving as an open circuit, and can withstand a voltage across the terminals K.
- Power electronics has revolutionized the concept of power control.
- Power control is used for power conversion and for control of electric motor drives.
- For many years, there was demand for control of electric power.
- This electric power was to be used for motor drive systems in industrial controls.
- This demand gave rise to early development of the Ward-Leonard system.

- The Ward-Leonard system is used to obtain a variable dc voltage control of dc motor drives.  
(5 marks)

b)

Soln.

- The operations of the power converters are based mainly on the switching of power semiconductor devices.
- This introduces current & voltage harmonics into the supply system on the output of the converters.
- These can cause problems of :
  - Distortion of the output voltage
  - Harmonic generation into the supply system
  - Interference with the communication & signaling circuits.
- It is normally necessary to introduce filters on the input & output converter system.
- This reduces the harmonic level to an acceptable magnitude.
- Figure 1.11 shows the block diagram of a generalized power converter.
- The application of power electronics to supply the sensitive electronic loads poses a challenge on the power quality issues.
- The input & output quantities of converters could be either ac or dc.
- Factors which are measures of the quality of a waveform are,
  - Total Harmonic Distortion (THD).
  - Displacement Factor (DF).
  - Input Power Factor (IPF).
- To determine these factors, finding the harmonic content of the waveforms is required.
- To evaluate the performance of a converter, the input & output voltages & currents of a converter are expressed in a Fourier series.
- The quality of a power converter is judged by the quality of its voltage & current waveforms.
- The control strategy for the power converters plays an important part in minimizing the harmonic generation & output waveform distortion.
- This control strategy can be aimed to minimize or reduce the above problems.
- The power converters can cause radio-frequency interference & electromagnetic radiation.
- This causes gating circuits to generate erroneous signals.
- This interference can be avoided by **grounded shielding**.  
(3 marks)



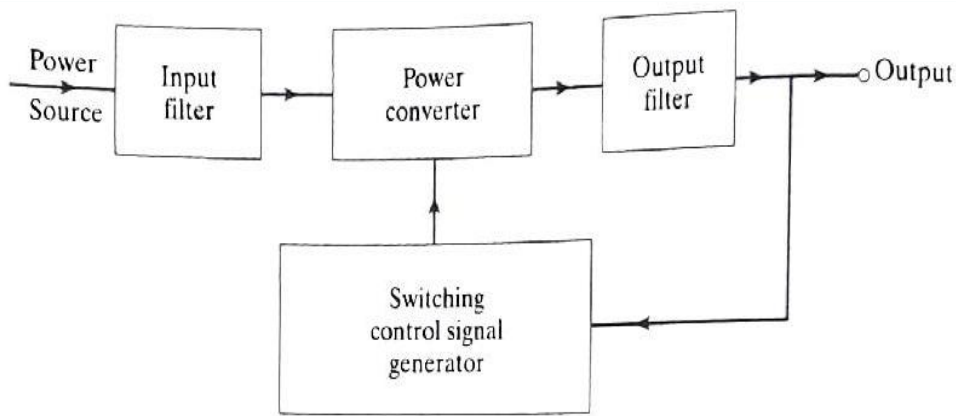


FIGURE 1.11

Generalized power converter system.

(2 marks)

- 6 With a neat circuit diagram and wave form , explain operation of power MOSFET and IGBT. [10]

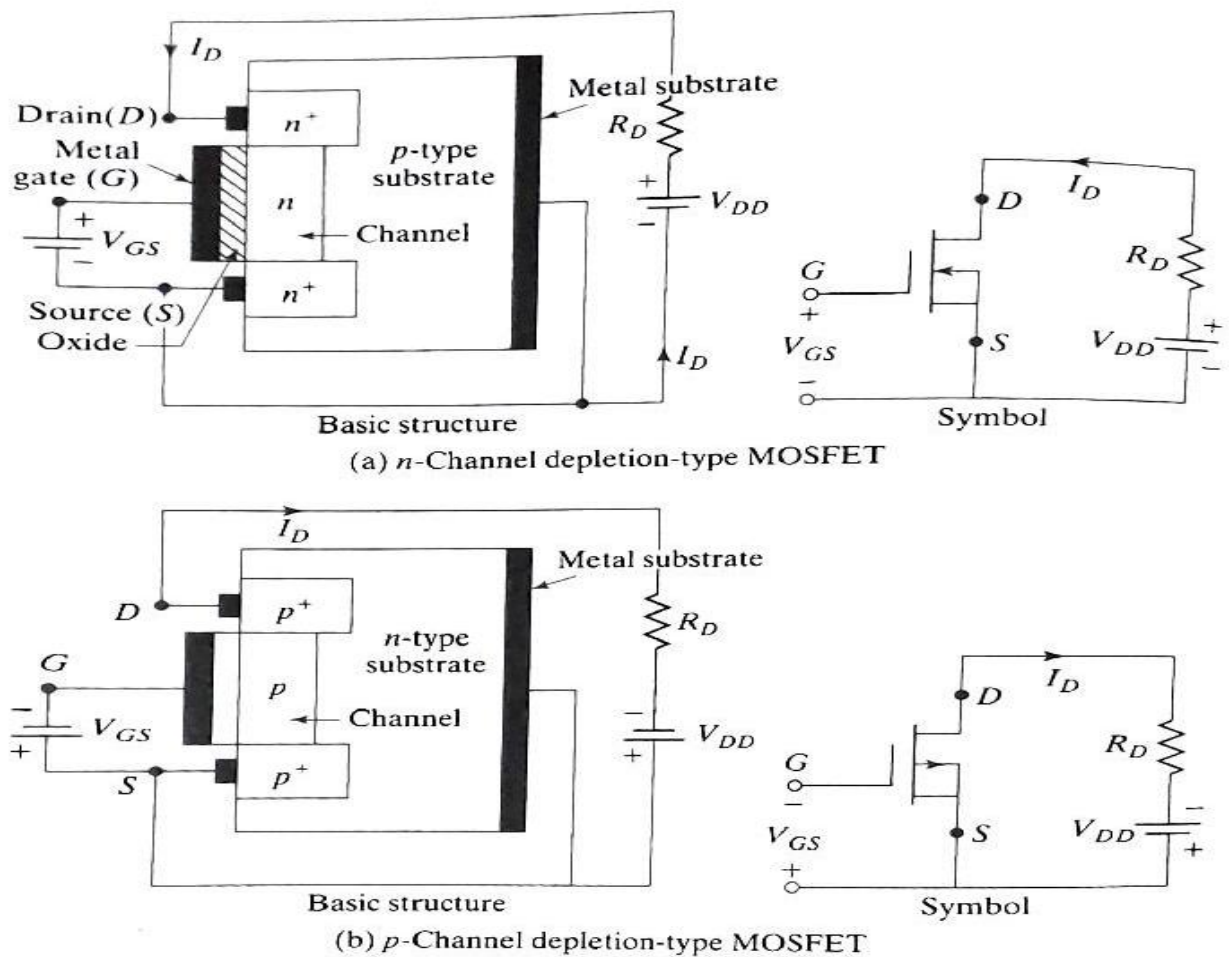
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Power MOSFET (Circuit & explanation) = 5marks.

IGBT (Circuit & explanation) = 5 marks.

- A power MOSFET is a voltage-controlled device and requires only a small input current.
  - The switching speed is very high and the switching times are of the order of nanoseconds.
  - Power MOSFETs find increasing applications in low-power high-frequency converters.
  - MOSFETs do not have the problems of second breakdown phenomena as do BJTs.
  - But, MOSFETs have the problems of electrostatic discharge & require special care in handling.
  - In addition, it is relatively difficult to protect them under short-circuited fault conditions.
- The 2 types of MOSFETs are :
- 1) Depletion MOSFETs and
  - 2) Enhancement MOSFETs
- An n-channel depletion-type MOSFET is formed on a p-type silicon substrate as shown in Figure 4.1a.
  - It has 2 heavily doped n+ silicon sections for low resistance connections.
  - The gate is isolated from the channel by the thin oxide layer.
  - The 3 terminals are called **gate, drain, & source**.
  - The substrate is normally connected to the source.



**FIGURE 4.1**  
Depletion-type MOSFETs.

- An IGBT combines the advantages of BJTs & MOSFETs.
- An IGBT has high input impedance, like MOSFETs, and low on-state conduction losses, like BJTs.
- However, there is no second breakdown problem, as with BJTs.
- By chip design & structure, the equivalent drain-to-source resistance  $R_{DS}$  is controlled to behave like that of a BJT.
- The silicon cross section of an IGBT is shown in Figure 4.39a, which is identical to that of an MOSFET except for the  $p^+$  substrate.
- The performance of an IGBT is closer to that of a BJT than an MOSFET.
- This is due to the  $p^+$  substrate, which is responsible for the minority carrier injection into the *n*-region.
- The equivalent circuit is shown in Figure 4.39b, which can be simplified to Figure 4.39c.

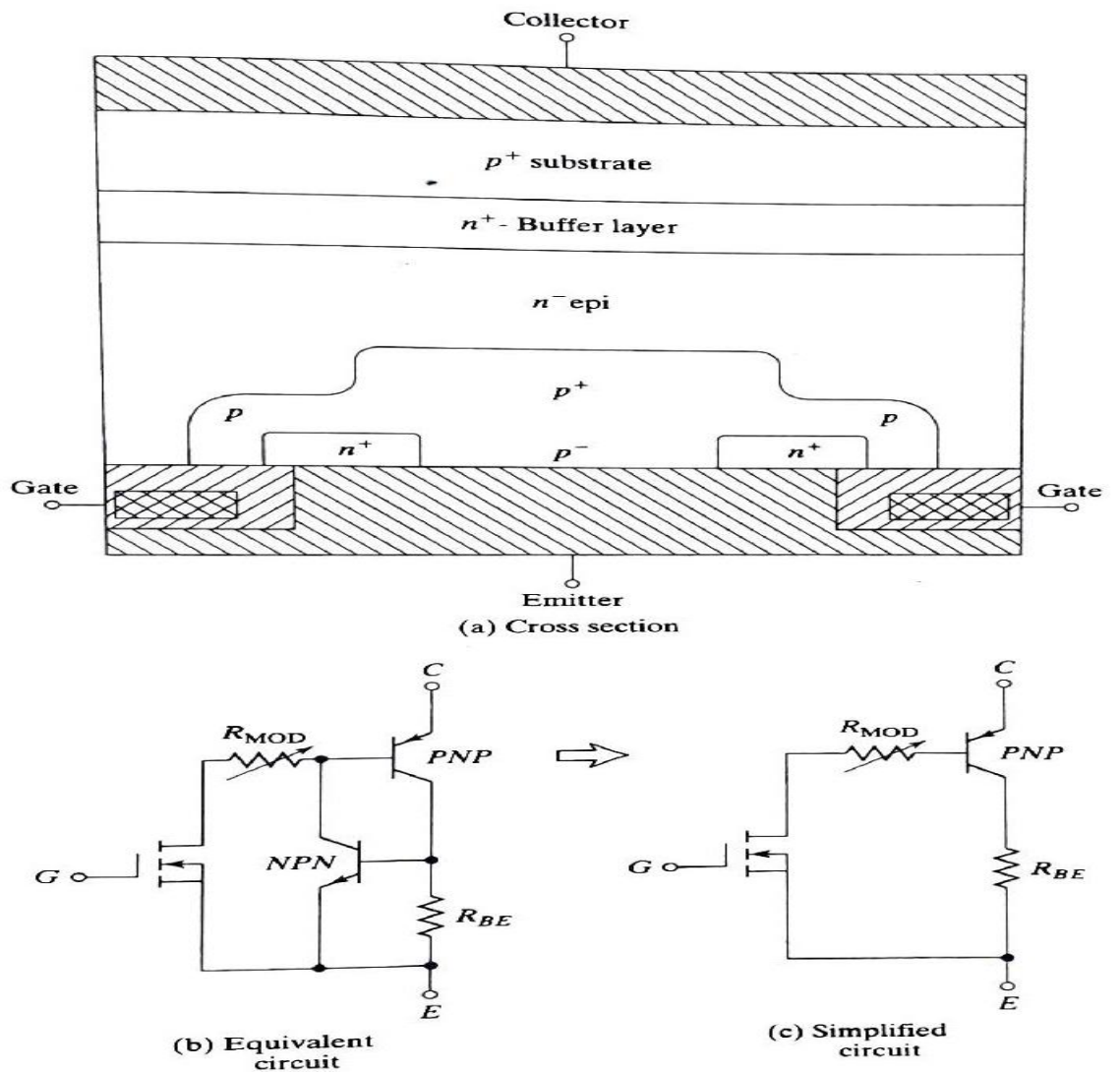


FIGURE 4.39  
Cross section and equivalent circuit for IGBTs.

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