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3 hours

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE

Marks for each question are indicated in the brackets
The paper consists of two sections: $\boldsymbol{A}$ and $\boldsymbol{B}$.
Answer ALL questions in Section $\boldsymbol{A}$ and any Three from section $\boldsymbol{B}$.
A separate answer booklet will be provided.
Candidate should answer the questions in English.

This paper consists of 4 printed pages
Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

SECTION A (40 marks)
Answer All the questions in this section

1. Define the following as used in basic electronics
i. Cache Memory
ii. Doping
2. Highlight any two advantages and two disadvantages of cache memory
3. Highlight four advantages of using Integrated Circuits
4. Outline any four Characteristics of Auxiliary Memory
5. Explain the two types of RAM
6. Explain any two types of ROM
7. Differentiate between the following
a) A.C and D.C currents
b) Electrolyte and Electrode
8. Explain the following as used in electronics.
a) Hole current
b) Current
c) Voltage
9. Explain the following as used in atomic structure.
a) Atom
b) Proton
c) Neutron

## SECTION B (60 marks)

Answer any THREE questions in this section
10. a) Explain the two types of Electric Circuits.
(4 Marks)
b) Calculate Voltage across $2 \Omega$ Resistor where supply $\mathrm{v}=10$ volts.


If there are 3 Resistors $R_{1}, R_{2}$ and $R_{3}$ in series and $V$ is total voltage and $I$ is total current then Voltage across $\mathrm{R}_{2}$ is?
c) Discuss any five electronic components and their functions.
11. a) List four types of number systems used in computers.
b) Convert the following Binary number to its decimal equivalent
i) $11010_{2}$.
ii) 10110.001 .
c) Convert (152A.25) ${ }_{16}$ to octal.
d) Convert $27 \mathrm{FB}_{16}$ to decimal.
e) Convert binary number 1101010 to hexadecimal number.
f) $\operatorname{Add} 10111_{2}+110001_{2}$.
12. a) Define semiconductor.
b) Outline five differences Between Intrinsic and Extrinsic Semiconductors
c) Explain the two types of extrinsic semiconductor.
d) With aid of a sketch, outline the PN junction diode showing the flow of current and depletion region formation.
13. a) With aid of a sketch, outline the configurations of PN junction diode showing both the input signal and output.
b) Discuss any six challenges of emerging trends in electronic manufacturing.

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