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**EIGHTH SEMESTER B.TECH. (ENGINEERING) DEGREE  
EXAMINATION, JUNE 2006**

**EC 2K 802—OPTICAL COMMUNICATION**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

*Answer all questions.*

- I. (a) What is normalized frequency ? Explain its significance.  
(b) Explain the features of DSF.  
(c) Explain the concept of line width in LASER spectrum.  
(d) Explain the need for pre-amplifiers in detail.  
(e) What are Coherent and non-Coherent fiber bundles ? Explain. Give their applications.  
(f) Justify the statement : "Dispersion limits the Information carrying capacity of the fiber".  
(g) What is an optical repeater ? Explain in detail its features.  
(h) What is WDM ? Explain its types.

(8 × 5 = 40 marks)

II. (a) (i) Explain in detail the following :—

- 1 Numerical Aperture.
- 2 Acceptance cone.
- 3 Mode field diameter.

(7 marks)

(ii) Compare the parameters of single mode and multi-mode glass fibers.

(8 marks)

*Or*

(b) (i) Explain how attenuation limits the information carrying capacity of optical fibers with equations.

(7 marks)

(ii) Explain the non-linear self phase modulation effect in single mode fibers.

(8 marks)

III. (a) (i) Explain the principle of operation of semiconductor LASER diode with a neat sketch.

(7 marks)

(ii) Explain the requirements of an ideal optical source and an ideal optical detector.

(8 marks)

*Or*

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- (b) Draw neat sketches of pin photodetector and APD. Explain their detection principle in detail. (15 marks)

IV. (a) (i) Explain :

1 Meridional Ray.

2 Skew Ray.

(7 marks)

(ii) Explain the need for equalization in optical fibers.

(8 marks)

Or

(b) (i) Differentiate :

1 Coherent from non-coherent optical bundles.

(7 marks)

2 Homodyne from heterodyne systems.  
(8 marks)

V. (a) Draw a neat diagram of EDFA. Explain its principle of operation.

(15 marks)

Or

(b) Write short notes on :

1 Intermodulation effects in optical amplifiers.

(7 marks)

2 Wavelength range of operation of optical amplifiers.

(8 marks)

[4 × 15 = 60 marks]