

**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/MANAGEMENT/
COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, APRIL – 2025**

OPTICAL COMMUNICATION AND NETWORKING

[Maximum marks: 75]

[Time: 3 Hours]

PART A

I. Answer all the following questions in one word or one sentence. Each question carries 1 mark

(9 x 1 = 9 Marks)

		Module outcome	Cognitive level
1	List the fiber modes based on refractive index profile.	M1.03	R
2	If a light ray is incident on glass-air interface with an angle of incidence 25° and angle of refraction 32° , calculate the refractive index of glass.	M1.01	A
3	Define Population inversion.	M2.01	R
4	List any two optical detectors.	M2.03	R
5	State any one difference between PIN diode and Avalanche diode.	M2.04	R
6	Name any two optical amplifiers.	M3.01	R
7	State the basic cause for scattering loss in optical fiber.	M3.02	R
8	Write the function of an optical isolator.	M4.02	R
9	State the expanded form of SDH.	M4.04	R

PART B

II. Answer any eight questions from the following. Each question carries 3 marks.

(8 x 3 = 24 Marks)

		Module outcome	Cognitive level
1	Explain Total Internal Reflection in an optical fiber with diagram.	M1.01	U
2	Speed of light in water is reduced by a factor of 1.3 compared to the speed of light in air. Calculate the speed of light in water (Speed of light in air = 3×10^8 m/s)	M1.01	A
3	Define refraction of light. State Snell's law for refraction of light and also express it mathematically.	M1.01	R
4	Explain Multimode and Single mode fibers with figure.	M1.03	U
5	Draw the structure of a laser diode.	M2.01	R
6	Outline the block diagram of an optical receiver.	M3.03	U
7	Draw the functional diagram of a circulator.	M4.02	R

8	State the function of the following optical elements in one sentence. (i) Optical coupler (ii) Beam splitter (iii) Optical modulator.	M4.02	R
9	Outline a Wavelength Routed Network.	M4.04	U
10	Explain SONET.	M4.04	U

PART C

Answer all questions. Each question carries seven marks

(6 x 7 = 42 Marks)

		Module outcome	Cognitive level
III	Explain numerical aperture, acceptance angle and refractive index with mathematical expressions. OR	M1.02	U
IV	Explain any five advantages of optical fiber.	M1.03	U
V	Explain the theory of LASER action with energy band diagrams. OR	M2.01	U
VI	Explain the principle of operation of LED with energy band diagram.	M2.01	U
VII	Outline the structure of a Surface Emitting LED. OR	M2.01	U
VIII	Illustrate the working principle of an Avalanche Photo Diode.	M2.04	U
IX	Describe the working of EDFA with diagram. OR	M3.01	U
X	Explain Wavelength Division Multiplexing with diagram. Mention the significance of DWDM in optical communication.	M3.04	U
XI	Explain intra and inter mode dispersion losses in Optical fibers. OR	M3.02	U
XII	Outline the block diagram of an optical transceiver.	M3.03	U
XIII	Outline the Basic concepts in optical networking. OR	M4.03	U
XIV	Describe a Broadcast-and-select Network with diagram.	M4.04	U
