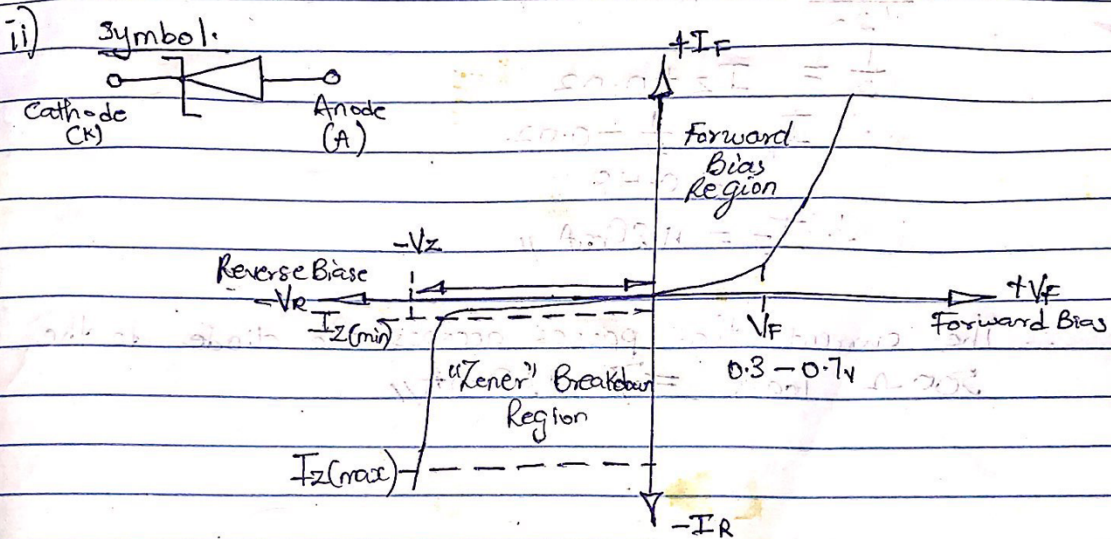


ASSIGNMENT

1) i) A Zener diode is a diode similar to the standard PN junction diode but are specially designed to have a low and specified Reverse Breakdown Voltage. It is also known as Breakdown Diode. It is the simplest type of voltage regulator and the point at which a Zener diode breaks down or conducts is called "Zener Voltage" (V_z)



2) (i) (*) First Voltage of Zener diode \Rightarrow

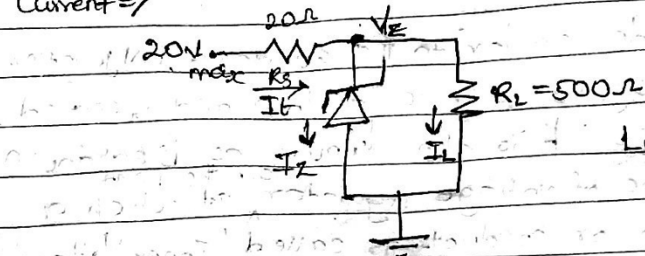
$$V = \frac{\text{Watts}}{\text{Current}} = \frac{5}{500\text{mA}} = 10\text{V}$$

This minimum value \Rightarrow

$$R_s = \frac{V_s - V_z}{I_z} = \frac{20 - 10}{500\text{mA}}$$

$$R_s = 20\ \Omega //$$

II) If for load Resistance of 500Ω connected across the diode, Then Current \Rightarrow



Load Current, $I_L = \frac{V_Z}{R_L}$

$= \frac{10}{500} = 0.02$

$I_L = 20\text{mA} //$

Recall $I_T = I_Z + I_L$

$\frac{20 - 10}{20} = I_Z + 20 \times 10^{-3}$

$\frac{1}{2} = I_Z + 0.02$

$\therefore I_Z = \frac{1}{2} - 0.02$
 $= 0.48$

$\therefore I_Z = 480\text{mA} //$

∴ The current that passes across the diode to the 500Ω load $\Rightarrow 480\text{mA} //$

