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**General Instructions**

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
  2. This question paper consists of **Eight (8)** questions in **Six (6)** pages.
  3. Answer any **Five (5)** questions only. All questions carry equal marks.
  4. Answer for each question should commence from a new page.
  5. This is a Closed Book Test (CBT).
  6. Answers should be in clear hand writing.
  7. Do not use Red colour.
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Q1

- a. What is the resistance range of a resistor displaying colour bands Green, Violet, Red, Silver?

(3 marks)

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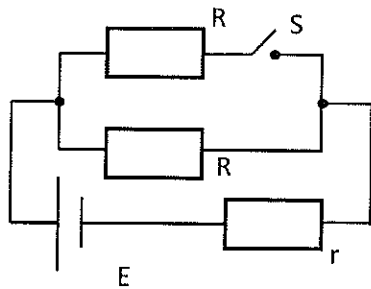


Figure 1A

A simple device consists of two resistors of value  $R$ , one of which can be switched on or off. When connected to a source with resistance  $r$ , as in Figure 1A, it is found that the power delivered to the device does not depend on whether the switch  $S$  is opened or closed.

Derive an expression for  $R$  in terms of  $r$ .

(8 marks)

c.

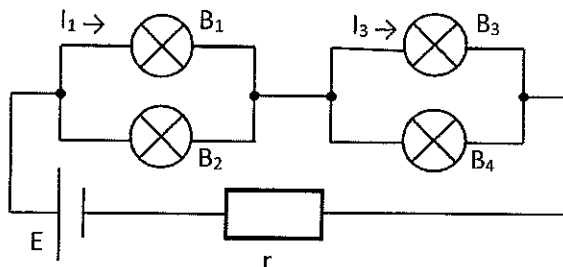


Figure 1B

Four bulbs  $B_1 \dots B_4$  are connected to a cell with internal resistance  $r$  as shown in figure 1B.

- i) When bulb ratings are given as  $B_1$  is 4V/4W,  $B_2$  is 4V/8W,  $B_3$  is 4V/2W, with  $r = 0.5 \Omega$ ,  $I_1 = 360 \text{ mA}$ , and  $I_3 = 540 \text{ mA}$ , calculate the values of  $B_4$ , and cell emf  $E$ . [ $B_4$  is also rated relative to 4 V]
- ii) What is the total power dissipated by the circuit?

(9 marks)

Q2

a.

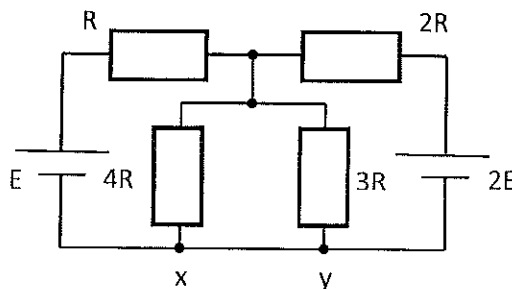


Figure 2

If  $R = 1 \text{ k}\Omega$  and  $E = 25 \text{ V}$  in figure 2, determine, using Kirchhoff's laws the currents through the resistors

(13 marks)

- b. State the superposition principle. (3 marks)
- c. Sketch the sub-circuits that can be used to analyse the circuit in figure 2 with superposition principle. (4 marks)

Q3

- a. State Gauss's Law. (2 marks)
- b. A small conducting sphere of radius  $a$  is concentric with a larger insulating spherical shell with inner radius  $b$  and outer radius  $c$  as in figure 3. The inner sphere has total charge  $+2q$ , and the outer shell has total charge  $-4q$ . Assume uniform charge distribution in insulating material.

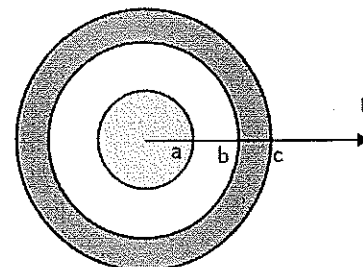


Figure 3

State the electric field (magnitude and direction) in terms of  $q$  and the distance  $r$  from the common centre for

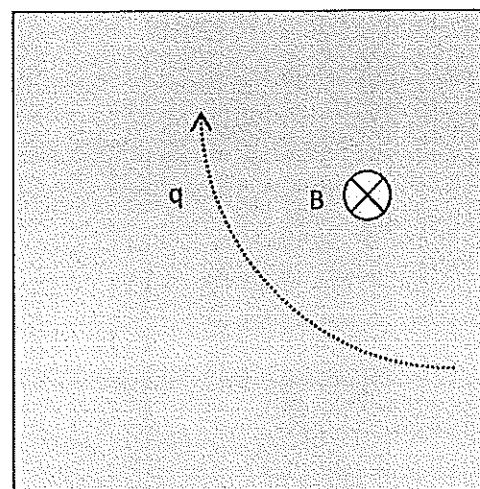
- i)  $r < a$ ;      ii)  $a < r < b$ ;      iii)  $b < r < c$ ;      iv)  $r > c$
- v) Show your results in a graph of the radial component of  $E$  as a function of  $r$ . (12 marks)
- c. Consider the situations when, for the same total charges,
- vi) both sphere and shell are filled with conducting material
- vii) both sphere and shell are filled with insulating material
- Sketch a new graph each for the above scenarios. (6 marks)

Q4

- a. A charged particle  $q$  enters a uniform magnetic field  $\mathbf{B}$ , directed into the page, and follows the circular path shown in figure 4A.
- i) Is the particle positively or negatively charged? Explain.
- ii) The speed of the particle is  $140 \text{ m/s}$ , the magnitude of the magnetic field is  $0.48 \text{ T}$ , and the radius of the path is  $960 \text{ m}$ . If magnitude of  $q = 8.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ C}$ , calculate the mass of the particle.

Figure 4A

*You may neglect any other effects on the charge*



(10 marks)

- b. The triangular loop of wire shown in figure 4B carries a current  $I = 5 \text{ A}$  in the direction shown. The loop is in a uniform magnetic field that has magnitude  $B = 3 \text{ T}$  and the same direction as the current in the side PQ of the loop.  $PQ = 0.6 \text{ m}$ ,  $PR = 0.8 \text{ m}$

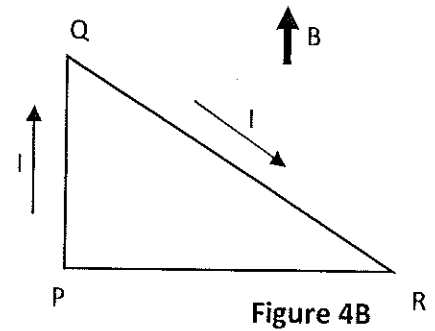


Figure 4B

- iii) Find the force exerted by the magnetic field on each side of the triangle.  
iv) What is the net force on the loop?

(10 marks)

Q5

- a. The current in an ac power line changes direction 100 times per second, and its average value is zero. Explain how it is possible for energy to be transmitted in such a system.

(2 marks)

- b. In the circuit of figure 5, it is given that  $L = 250 \text{ mH}$ ,  $C = 2 \mu\text{F}$ , and  $R = 250 \Omega$ . The voltage across the inductor is found to be  $v_L = 34 \sin 2000t \text{ V}$ .

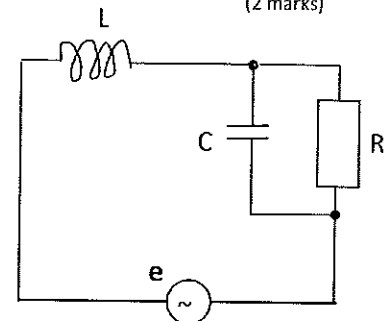


Figure 5

- i) Calculate the currents through the  $L$ ,  $R$  and  $C$  in time domain (in the form  $i = I_m \sin(\omega t \pm \phi)$ ), taking  $V_L$  as reference.  
ii) Calculate the supply voltage, and express it in the time domain (in the form  $e = V_m \sin(\omega t \pm \phi)$ ).

- Calculate  
iii) power dissipated from the circuit and  
iv) its power factor.

- v) Sketch the phasor diagram for the circuit taking  $V_L$  as reference. [Draw  $V_L$  in positive-x (left-to-right) direction]

(18 marks)

Q6

- a. What is the characteristic of a (portion of a) circuit at resonance? Give the primary characteristic only. *Incorrect answers may be awarded negative marks.*
- b. The circuit in figure 5 is brought to resonance with components remaining unchanged. The amplitude of the input voltage remains fixed at  $34 \text{ V}$ . Calculate currents through all the components in this situation. Show all intermediate calculations to gain the marks.
- c. Sketch the corresponding phasor diagram for part b.

(3 marks)

(12 marks)

(5 marks)

Q7

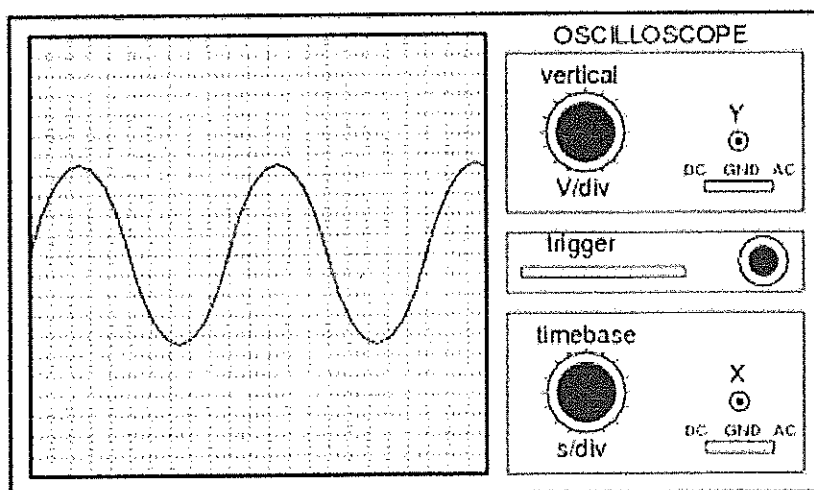


Figure 7A

- a.
- State 3 steps to follow to get a stable image on the oscilloscope screen.
  - Assuming the vertical sensitivity control is set to 0.5 volts per division, and the timebase control is set to 2.5 ms per division, calculate the amplitude of the sine wave of figure 7A (in volts peak, volts peak-to-peak, and volts RMS) as well as its frequency.

(8 marks)

b.

Figure 7B

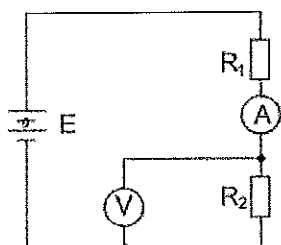
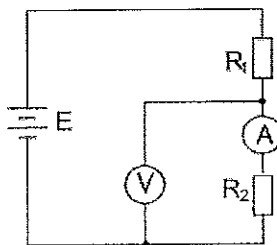


Figure 7C



The adjoining circuit is set up to measure the current and voltage of  $R_2$  using voltmeter V and ammeter A, either short shunt or long shunt, as shown in figures 7B and 7C respectively. The ammeter displays the current flowing through it, and the voltmeter shows the potential difference between its terminals.

For  $E = 7\text{ V}$ ,  $R_1 = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ , and  $R_2 = 400\text{ }\Omega$ , calculate the readings of V and A when

- V, A ideal – short shunt
- V, A ideal – long shunt
- V, A real – short shunt
- V, A real – long shunt

The real voltmeter V with an internal resistance  $r_V$  of  $500\text{ k}\Omega$  and the real ammeter A with an internal resistance  $r_A$  of  $50\text{ }\Omega$  respectively. The source can be considered ideal.

- Based on above results, which configuration would you recommend for use for the measurements with real meters when measuring  $R_2$ ?

(12 marks)

Q8

- a. Sketch and describe behaviour of diode in a circuit using I-V curve. (5 marks)
- b. Sketch the design for a diode-clipper circuit that clips the input sinusoidal 12 V maximum at 8V in the positive half and 6V in the negative half. Assume use of ideal diodes. Show all relevant calculated values on the sketch. (9 marks)
- c. You are given 3 common LEDs of Red, Green and Blue colours. Devise a simple circuit to light up all 3 diodes when they are connected in series. The voltages needed to light up the LEDs are given as 1.8 V, 2.1 V and 3.3 V respectively. Recommended maximum current rating for the diodes is 30 mA.  
Draw the circuit and calculate a suitable resistor to construct a circuit to light up these LEDs simultaneously using a 10 V ideal DC source. (6 marks)