

The Open University of Sri Lanka  
 B.Sc/B.Ed Degree Programme  
 Closed Book Test (CBT) 2010/2011  
 Level 05 - Applied Mathematics  
 AMU 3185/AME 5185 – EM Theory & Special Relativity



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Time:- 4.00 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Answer All Questions

01. State Biot-Savart's law for steady currents.

A cable  $AB$  of length  $l$  of uniform wire develops a leak at a certain point  $P$  through which current leaks to earth. To locate the fault two observations are made. The resistance between  $A$  and the earth through the cable when  $B$  is earthed is observed to be that of a length  $a$  of the wire, and that between  $B$  and the earth when  $A$  is earthed to

be that of a length  $b$ . Show that the point  $P$  intersects  $AB$  in the ratio  $\left[ \frac{a(l-b)}{b(l-a)} \right]^{1/2}$ , and

find the resistance of the leak as a measure of the length of the wire.

02. (a) Define the following terms.

- (i) Resistivity
- (ii) Flux density
- (iii) Charge density
- (iv) Potential

(b) A uniform volume charge distribution of  $-10^{-8}$  coulomb/(metre)<sup>3</sup> occupies the region between two co-axial conducting cylinders of radii 20 mm and 50 mm. If the electric field and potential are both zero on the inner cylinder, find the potential on the outer cylinder.

(Hint: Use the Poisson's equation.)

03. State Kirchoff's law.

Figure shows a capacitor  $C$ , initially uncharged, that is connected at time  $t = 0$  to a voltage source  $V$  through a resistor  $R$ .

Find the voltage across the capacitor by using Kirchoff's law.

