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**TRADE DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

(ELECTRONICS/INSTRUMENTATION; COMPUTER/CONTROL; & TELECOMMUNICATION/NETWORKING;  
ELECTRICAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY)

**STAGE 4**

**EEE509 – POWER CONTROL ELECTRONICS.**

**FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER 2 - 2015.**

**TIME ALLOWED : 2:10HRS**

**DAY/DATE: As per Timetable    TIME: As per Timetable    ROOM: As per time table.**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS'**

1. *You are allowed 10 minutes Extra reading time during which you are NOT to write.*
2. *Begin each answer on a fresh page and use both sides of the sheet.*
3. *Write your candidate-number at the top of each attached sheet*
4. *Insert all written foolscaps, graph paper, drawing paper, etc. in their correct sequence and secure with string*
5. *For all sheets of paper on which rough/draft work has been done, cross it though and you MUST ATTACH to your answer scripts.*
6. *Write clearly the number(s) of the question(s) attempted on the top of each sheet.*
7. **ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.**
8. *Show all workings where necessary.*
9. *Do not use programmable calculators, especially the ones that does the conversions of number systems.*
10. ***ALWAYS CHECK YOUR WORK BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE ROOM!***

**QUESTION 1: [All PARTs are compulsory (25 marks)]**

**PART 1: MULTIPLE CHOICE**

*Instructions: Select the appropriate answers of each question by identifying the suitable alphabet(s).*

1. In variable speed applications, a dc motor operates in what mode:
  - (a) Motoring
  - (b) Regenerative Braking
  - (c) Dynamic Braking
  - (d) All of the above
  
2. The speed of a dc motor can be varied by controlling
  - (a) The armature voltage
  - (b) The field current
  - (c) The armature current
  - (d) All of the above
  
3. In dc motor, for operation in the reverse direction;
  - (a) The field excitation must be reversed
  - (b) Change it to full wave converter
  - (c) The plugging must be reversed
  - (d) Increase the field current
  
4. AC motors have advantage over DC motor because of
  - (a) High Speed
  - (b) Are in expensive
  - (c) Lighter in weight
  - (d) Answer b and c
  
5. One of the function of Unijunction transistor is to provide
  - (a) Rectification
  - (b) Transformation
  - (c) Relaxation oscillator
  - (d) Amplification
  
6. Silicon control Switch can be turned on
  - (a) By a negative pulse at the cathode
  - (b) By a negative and positive pulse at the anode
  - (c) By a positive pulse at the anode
  - (d) By a positive pulse at the cathode or negative pulse at the anode.
  
7. A positive pulse applied to the gate of an SCR triggers it into conduction until
  - (a) pulse is reduced to 0.3V
  - (b) the anode to cathode voltage drops to 0.3V
  - (c) pulse is reduced to zero
  - (d) the anode to cathode voltage drops to zero

8. SCR is essentially a
  - (a) zener diode with an extra terminal added
  - (b) rectifier diode with extra terminal added
  - (c) schokley diode with extra terminal added
  - (d) varactor diode with extra terminal added
  
9. A triac has similar operation as a back to back connected
  - (a) diode
  - (b) SCR
  - (c) transistor
  - (d) diac
  
10. To trigger an SCR, the voltage must be applied between
  - (a) anode and gate
  - (b) anode, gate and cathode
  - (c) gate and cathode
  - (d) anode and cathode
  
11. The function of a process control is to keep the controlled variable constant when it tends to be changed by a
  - (a) Measurement
  - (b) Disturbances
  - (c) Component
  - (d) Chemical
  
12. When rectifying a polyphase alternating current, it gives
  - (a) a much smoother dc waveform
  - (b) fluctuating dc waveform
  - (c) a much smoother ac waveform
  - (d) fluctuating ac waveform
  
13. Thyristors are best described as :
  - (a) Amplifying devices
  - (b) Voltage switch control
  - (c) Power supply rectifiers
  - (d) Signal generator
  
14. Invertors provides the conversion process from
  - (a) DC to AC
  - (b) AC to AC
  - (c) DC to DC
  - (d) AC to DC
  
15. In Process control system, the process of comparing the information from a sensor to a reference is called
  - (a) Error condition
  - (b) Process load
  - (c) Set point
  - (d) Evaluate condition

16. The difference between the sensor and the set point reference is called
- (a) Error condition
  - (b) Process load
  - (c) Set point
  - (d) Evaluate condition
17. Static ac switches eliminates
- (a) Bounce
  - (b) Contact sticking
  - (c) Wear
  - (d) All of the above
18. One of the advantages of Bridge Rectifier is
- (a) Uses large transformer
  - (b) It has high PIV rating per diode
  - (c) It is suitable for high – voltage applications
  - (d) It uses centre tap transformer
19. A motor soft starter is a device used to
- (a) Temporarily reduce the load and torque
  - (b) Oppose load and torque
  - (c) Reduce torque
  - (d) Reduce load
20. Light dimmers work by essentially
- (a) fully utilizing ac voltage
  - (b) Chopping parts out of the ac voltage
  - (c) Inverting parts of the ac voltage
  - (d) Step up ac voltage
21. If an equipment is to be tested with manufacturers specifications, it should be tested with
- (a) modified square wave
  - (b) True sine wave
  - (c) modified sine wave
  - (d) true square wave
22. In process control, the controller is the
- (a) control element
  - (b) microprocessor-based system
  - (c) measuring element
  - (d) controlled variable
23. In process control, the control element is the device
- (a) that determines the physical amplitude of a parameter of a material
  - (b) that compare the set point to the sensed signal
  - (c) that determines the difference between the amplitude of the measured variable

- (d) that controls the incoming material to the process
24. For symmetrical firing, triac is always connected with
- (a) diac
  - (b) diode
  - (c) capacitor
  - (d) resistor
25. State way of switching off Silicon control rectifier
- (a) removing the gate pulse
  - (b) anode current interruption
  - (c) forced commutation
  - (d) both answers in b and c

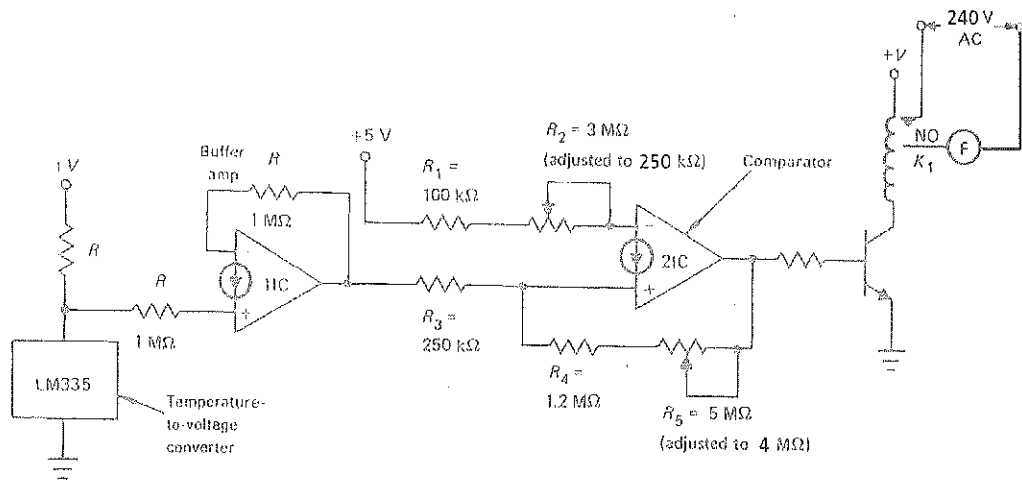
**QUESTION 2: [Definitions, statement of facts and formulars (20 marks)]**

1. Using expressions, define the following parameters in relation to rectifiers:
  - a) DC output power (1.5 marks)
  - b) Efficiency (1.5 marks)
  - c) Ripple factor (1.5 marks)
  - d) Transformer Utilization Factor (1.5 marks)
  
2. This question is related to inverters.
  - a) Why is there a need for astable multivibrator in an inverter circuit? (1 mark)
  - b) Briefly explain the three criteria of selecting a suitable inverter. (3 marks)
  
3. This question is related to Process controls systems;
  - a) What is process control (2 marks)
  - b) Explain the 2 basic mode of process control (3 marks)
  
4. This question refers to DC Motors and AC motors
  - a) Name three classification of dc drives (3 marks)
  - b) Name two types of ac drives (2 marks)

**QUESTION 3: [Analysis and Calculations (35 marks)]**

1. With the following information given below; the transistor is specified to have Beta ( $\beta$ ) in the range 10 – 50. The load resistance is  $R_C = 10\Omega$ . The dc supply voltage is 150V and the input voltage to the base circuit is  $V_B = 12V$ . If  $V_{CE(sat)} = 1.0$  Volt and  $V_{BE(sat)} = 1.5$  Volts.
  - a. Sketch the bipolar power transistor circuit (3 marks)
  - b. Find the value of  $R_B$  that result in saturation with an overdrive factor of 5. (3 marks)
  
2. A three – phase, 460V, 60Hz, six pole, Y – Connected cylindrical rotor synchronous motor has a synchronous reactance of  $X_s = 2.5\Omega$  and the armature resistance is negligible. The load torque, which is proportional to the speed squared, is  $T_L = 398N.m$  at 1200 rpm. The PF is maintained at unity by field control and the voltage – to – frequency ratio is kept constant at the rated value. If the inverter frequency is 36Hz and the motor speed is 720 rpm, calculate
  - a) The input voltage  $V_a$  (1 mark)
  - b) The armature current  $I_a$  (2 marks)
  - c) The excitation voltage  $V_f$  (2 marks)
  - d) The torque angle  $\delta$  (1 mark)
  - e) The pull – out torque  $T_p$  (2 marks)

3. Given the CDA differential – gap controller in Figure 3.2 below with  $R_2$  set to  $250\text{k}\Omega$  and  $R_5$  set to  $4\text{M}\Omega$ , find
- The upper and the lower trip points (3 marks)
  - The temperatures that trip the comparator and the differential gap in temperature and voltage (2 marks)

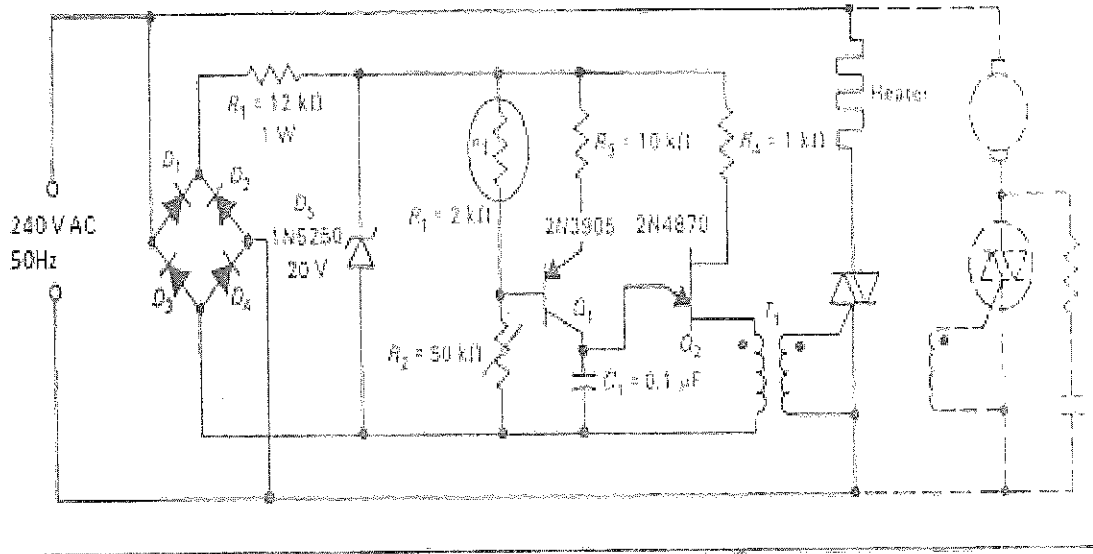


**Figure 3.2 - Op-Amp Differential Gap on – off Controller**

- A separately excited DC generator has armature circuit resistance of  $0.2\ \Omega$  and the total brush drop is  $3\text{V}$ . When running at  $1000\ \text{rpm}$ , it delivers a current of  $200\text{A}$  at  $350\text{V}$  to a load of constant resistance. If the generator speed drops to  $600\text{rpm}$  with the field current unaltered, find the new armature current. (5 marks)
- A dc – dc converter is used in regenerative braking of a series dc motor. The dc supply is  $600\text{V}$ . The armature resistance is  $R_a = 0.02\ \Omega$  and the field resistance is  $R_f = 0.03\ \Omega$ . The back emf constant is  $K_v = 15.27\text{mV/A rad/s}$ . The average armature current is maintained constant at  $I_a = 250\text{A}$ . The armature current is continuous and has negligible ripple. If the duty cycle of the dc – dc converter is  $60\%$ , determine:
  - The average voltage across the dc – dc converter,  $V_{ch}$  (1 mark)
  - The power regenerated to the dc supply,  $P_g$  (1 mark)
  - The equivalent load resistance of the motor acting as a generator,  $R_{eq}$  (1 mark)
  - The minimum permissible braking speed,  $\omega_{min}$  (1 mark)
  - The maximum permissible braking speed,  $\omega_{max}$  (1 mark)
  - The motor speed,  $E_g$  (2 marks)
- A single phase full wave rectifier supplies power to a  $1\text{kW}$  load. The ac voltage applied to the diode is  $300 - 0 - 300\text{V(rms)}$ . If diode resistance is  $25\ \Omega$  and the transformer secondary is negligible, determine:
  - Average load current (1 mark)
  - Average value of load voltage (1 mark)
  - rms value of ripple (1 mark)
  - Efficiency (1 mark)

**QUESTION 4: [Diagram and Applications (20marks)]**

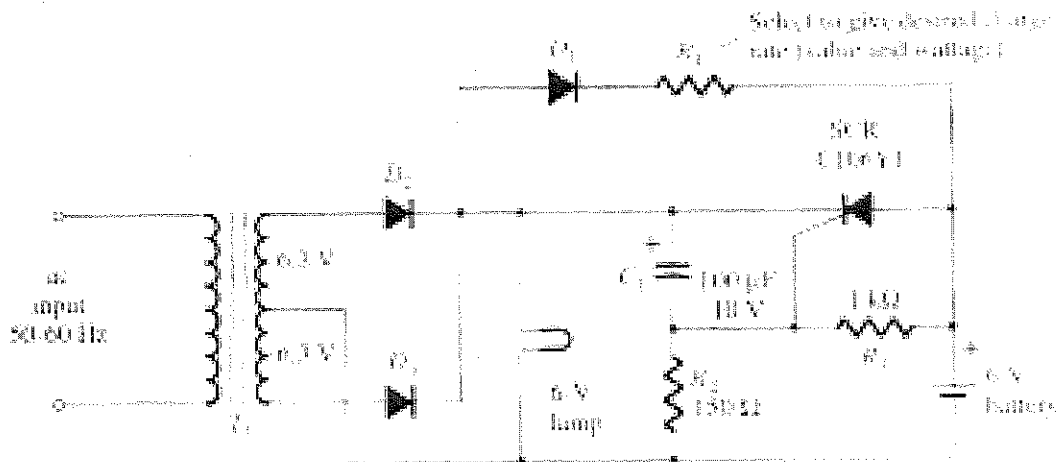
1. Refer to diagram for question below:



- a. Identify the circuit above. (1 mark)
- b. Draw the block diagram of the circuit above. (3 marks)
- c. Identify and explain the function of the following components:
  - i.  $D_5$  (1 mark)
  - ii.  $R_T$  (1 mark)
  - iii.  $Q_2$  (1 mark)
  - iv.  $T_1$  (1 mark)

- 2. Draw the following block diagram and briefly explain the operation:
  - a) Open Loop control System (3 marks)
  - b) Closed loop control system (3 marks)

3.



- a. Identify the circuit given above (1 mark)
- b. Explain what type of rectifier is used. (1 mark)



c. Briefly explain the operation of the circuit.

(4 marks)

**THE END**

**TOTAL MARKS = 100**

Candidate No: .....

**Section A**

**Multiple-Choice Matrix**

[25 marks]

Circle correct letter (A, B, C or D) against each of numbers 1 through 20.  
Remove and attach to your Answer Booklet.

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|-----|---|---|---|---|
| 1.  | A | B | C | D |
| 2.  | A | B | C | D |
| 3.  | A | B | C | D |
| 4.  | A | B | C | D |
| 5.  | A | B | C | D |
| 6.  | A | B | C | D |
| 7.  | A | B | C | D |
| 8.  | A | B | C | D |
| 9.  | A | B | C | D |
| 10. | A | B | C | D |
| 11. | A | B | C | D |
| 12. | A | B | C | D |
| 13. | A | B | C | D |
| 14. | A | B | C | D |
| 15. | A | B | C | D |
| 16. | A | B | C | D |
| 17. | A | B | C | D |
| 18. | A | B | C | D |
| 19. | A | B | C | D |
| 20. | A | B | C | D |
| 21. | A | B | C | D |
| 22. | A | B | C | D |
| 23. | A | B | C | D |
| 24. | A | B | C | D |
| 25. | A | B | C | D |

## Formulas

$$E_g = V + I_a R_a$$

$$E_b = V - I_a R_a$$

$$\text{Motor input current} = \frac{P}{\text{efficiency} \times V}$$

$$I_{\text{shunt}} = \frac{V}{R_f}$$

$$E_b = V - (I_a \times R_a)$$

$$T_d = K_t I_f I_a$$

$$T_d = B\omega + T_l$$

$$I_f = \frac{V_f}{R_f}$$

$$T_d = K_t I_f I_a$$

$$I_a = \frac{T_d}{K_t I_f}$$

$$E_g = K_v \omega I_f$$

$$V_a = R_a I_a$$

$$I_{cs} = \frac{V_{cc} - V_{ce(sat)}}{R_c}$$

$$UTP = \frac{V_{ref}}{R1 + R2} \times R3$$

$$I_{bs} = \frac{I_{cs}}{\beta}$$

$$R_b = \frac{V_b - V_{be(sat)}}{I_b}$$

$$LTP = \left( \frac{V_{ref}}{R1 + R2} - \frac{V_{sat}}{R4 + R5} \right) \times R3$$

$$V_a = d\omega_s$$

$$P_o = 3V_a I_a \text{PF}$$

$$V_f = V_a < 0 - I_a(R_a + jX_s)$$

$$T_p = T_m = \frac{3V_a V_f}{X_s \omega_s}$$

$$V_{ch} = (1 - k)V_s$$

$$P_g = I_a V_s (1 - k)$$

$$R_{eq} = \frac{E_g}{I_a} = \frac{V_s}{I_a} (1 - k) + R_m$$

$$\omega_{min} = \frac{E_m I_a}{K_v I_f}$$

$$\omega_{max} = \frac{V_s}{K_v I_f} + \frac{E_m I_a}{K_v I_f}$$

$$E_g = K_v \omega_{min} I_f = R_m I_a$$

$$I_{a(max)} = \frac{2V_s}{R_a} (1 - k)$$

$$I_{a(max)} = \sqrt{I_{a1}^2 + I_{a2}^2}$$

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$$I_f = \frac{V_{ref}}{R1 + R2} - \frac{V_{sat}}{R4 + R5}$$

