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**This question paper consists of 5 pages and a formula sheet.**



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TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100

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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer ALL the questions.
  2. Read ALL the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 State THREE factors that determine the strength of an electromagnet. (3)
- 1.2 Draw a sine wave and show the peak-to-peak value on the sine wave. (2)
- 1.3 State ONE advantage of the following:
  - 1.3.1 Primary cells (1)
  - 1.3.2 Secondary cells (1)
- 1.4 State TWO disadvantages of the following:
  - 1.4.1 Primary cells (2)
  - 1.4.2 Secondary cells (2)

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- 1.5 Refer to FIGURE 1 and calculate the value of the load resistor,  $R_L$ .

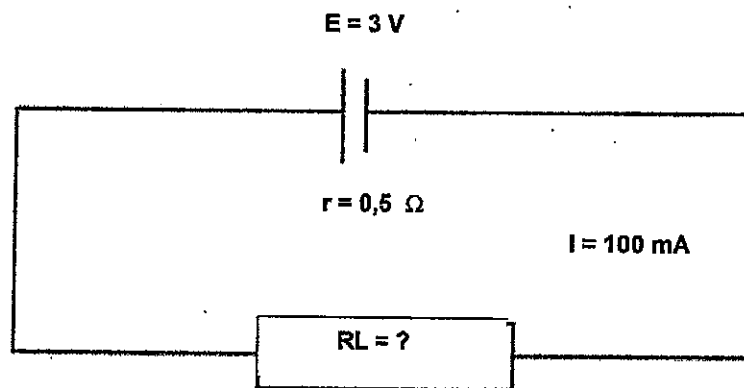


FIGURE 1

- 1.6 Choose the correct word(s) from those given in brackets. Write only the word(s) next to the question number (1.6.1 - 1.6.10) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.6.1 Magnetic lines of force flow from (N - S/S - N) inside a bar magnet. (1)
- 1.6.2 Like poles (attract/repel) each other. (1)
- 1.6.3 A capacitor will (block/pass) direct current. (1)
- 1.6.4 Capacitors connected in parallel (increase/decrease) the total capacitance. (1)
- 1.6.5 If a neutral atom gains electrons, it becomes a (negative/positive) ion. (1)
- 1.6.6 Holes are (negative/positive) charge carriers. (1)
- 1.6.7 A transistor can be used as (an electronic switch/a relay). (1)
- 1.6.8 A transistor is made of (three/two) elements. (1)
- 1.6.9 The junction voltage of a silicon diode is (0,2 V/0,6 V). (1)
- 1.6.10 An anode of a diode is formed from (N/P) type semi-conductors. (1)

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**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 A copper conductor is 150 m long and has a cross-sectional area of  $6 \text{ mm}^2$ . The resistivity of copper is  $1,728 \times 10^{-6} \Omega\text{m}$ . Determine the resistance of the conductor. (3)
- 2.2 A tube filled with mercury has a resistance of  $9 \Omega$  at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . If the tube is heated up to  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , what will be the mercury resistance? Take the coefficient of resistance of mercury as  $0,0042 \Omega/^\circ\text{C}$ . (3)
- 2.3 FOUR resistors with values of  $72 \Omega$ ,  $36 \Omega$ ,  $24 \Omega$  and  $12 \Omega$  respectively are connected in parallel across a  $30 \text{ V DC}$  supply.
- 2.3.1 Sketch the complete circuit diagram. (1)
- Calculate the following:
- 2.3.2 The total resistance of the circuit (4)
- 2.3.3 The total current flow through the circuit (3)
- 2.3.4 The voltage drop across the  $36 \Omega$  resistance (1)
- 2.3.5 The power consumed by the  $24 \Omega$  resistance (4)
- 2.3.6 The colour code for the  $72 \Omega$  resistor with a tolerance of 10% (4)
- 2.4 Make a sketch to illustrate how a voltmeter is connected over a load resistor (RL), in a circuit. (2)
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**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Three capacitors with values of  $3 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $6 \mu\text{F}$  and  $9 \mu\text{F}$  respectively are connected in series.
- Calculate the following:
- 3.1.1 The total capacitance of the circuit (4)
- 3.1.2 The charge across the circuit with an applied voltage of  $1 \text{ kV}$  (3)
- 3.2 Sketch the IEC symbols of the following components:
- 3.2.1 A diode (1)
- 3.2.2 An N-P-N transistor (1)
- 3.2.3 An inductor (1)
- 3.2.4 A transformer (1)
- 3.2.5 A variable resistor (1)
- 3.2.6 An electrolytic capacitor (1)
- 3.2.7 A saw-tooth wave (1)

- 3.3 Describe the effect that a diode will have on a direct current. (1)
- 3.4 Describe the effect that the following components will have on an alternating current:
- 3.4.1 A transformer (2)
- 3.4.2 A diode (2)
- 3.5 Explain what effect the following will have on the resistance of a conductor:
- 3.5.1 The length of the conductor (2)
- 3.5.2 The cross-sectional area of the conductor (2)
- 3.5.3 The temperature of the conductor (2)
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#### QUESTION 4

- 4.1 The primary voltage of a transformer is 220 V and the secondary voltage is 24 V. Calculate the secondary current if the primary current is 4 mA. (4)
- 4.2 Name the type of transformer in QUESTION 4.1. (1)
- 4.3 Show, by means of a sketch, the construction of a P-N-P transistor. (3)
- 4.4 State Lenz's law. (3)
- 4.5 State THREE factors that determine the capacitance of a capacitor. (3)
- 4.6 State FOUR advantages of a digital multimeter. (4)
- 4.7 Describe a P-type semi-conductor material. (2)
- 4.8 Construct a half-wave rectifier circuit. (3)
- 4.9 Sketch the input and output wave forms of the circuit in QUESTION 4.8. (2)
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**TOTAL: 100**

**INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS N1****FORMULA SHEET**

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$I = \frac{E}{R + r}$$

$$P = V \times I$$

$$R_t = R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_n$$

$$\frac{1}{R_t} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{R_n}$$

$$C_t = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n$$

$$\frac{1}{C_t} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{C_n}$$

$$Q = C \times V$$

$$L_t = L_1 + L_2 + \dots + L_n$$

$$\frac{1}{L_t} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{L_n}$$

$$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{I_s}{I_p}$$

$$R_t = R_o(1 + \alpha_o t)$$

$$R = \frac{\rho \ell}{A}$$

