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**INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS N4**

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**This question paper consists of 6 pages and 1 formula sheet.**

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TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100

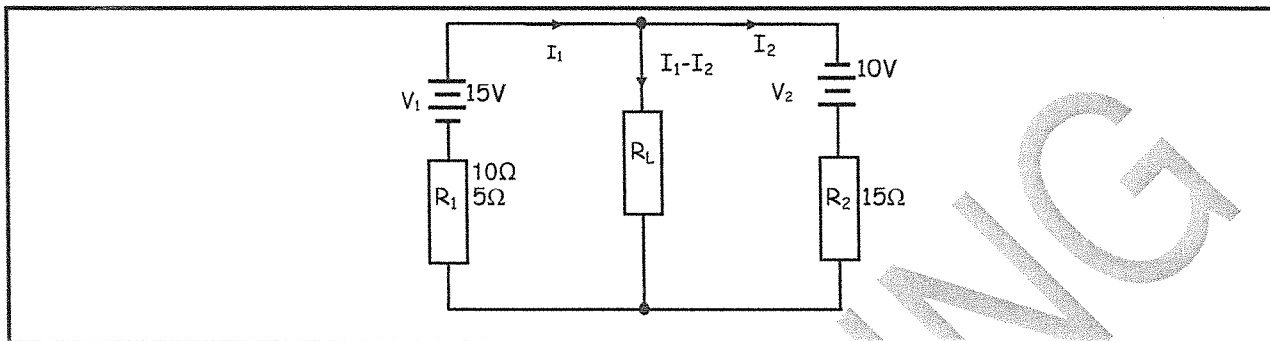
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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer ALL the questions.
  2. Read ALL the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Start each answer on a NEW page.
  5. ALL calculations must be shown.
  6. ALL final answers must be approximated accurately to THREE decimal places.
  7. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

Use Thevenin's theorem to calculate the current flowing through the load resistor in FIGURE 1 below.

**FIGURE 1****[10]****QUESTION 2**

A circuit consists of TWO branches connected in parallel. A total voltage of  $120\angle 10^\circ$  V is applied to this circuit. The current in the respective branches are  $15\angle 20^\circ$  A and  $20\angle 30^\circ$  A.

Calculate the following:

- 2.1 The total impedance of each branch (4)
- 2.2 The total impedance of the circuit (4)
- 2.3 The total current of the circuit (2)

**[10]****QUESTION 3**

3.1 Answer the following questions on the varactor diode:

- 3.1.1 State TWO of its uses. (2)
- 3.1.2 Draw its characteristic curve. (3)
- 3.1.3 Explain its operation. (2)

3.2

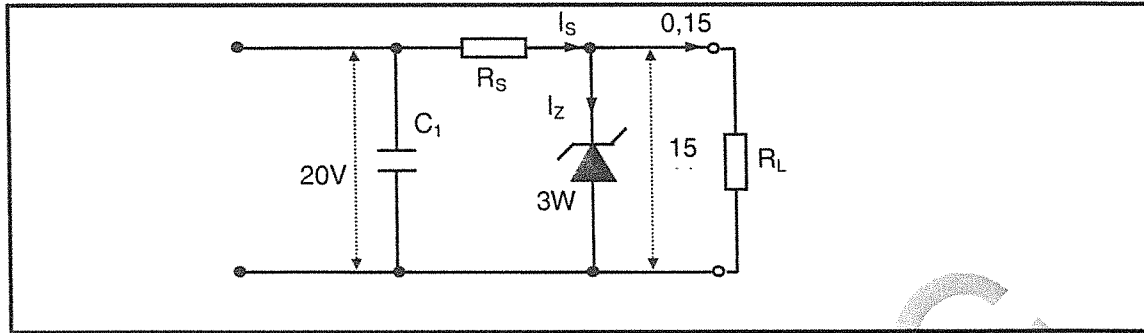


FIGURE 2

Consider FIGURE 2 above and calculate the following:

3.2.1 The value of the series resistor ( $R_s$ ) (4)

3.2.2 The value of the load resistor ( $R_L$ ) (2)

3.3 Give TWO disadvantages of a half-wave rectifier. (2)  
[15]

#### QUESTION 4

4.1 Demonstrate, by means of neat, labelled diagrams the THREE different transistor configurations. (3 x 3) (9)

4.2 A common emitter amplifier produces an output voltage of 8 V with an input voltage of 6 V. The output current changes with 6 mA by means of 4  $\mu$ A input current.

Calculate the following:

4.2.1 The input impedance

4.2.2 The forward-current gain

4.2.3 The output impedance

(3 x 2) (6)  
[15]

**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 Calculate the input resistance of a non-inverting amplifier if the following information is given:
- Input voltage = 2 V
  - Output voltage = 5 V
  - Feedback resistance = 2 k $\Omega$
- (4)
- 5.2 Name FIVE characteristics of an ideal operational amplifier. (5)
- 5.3 Draw a neat, labelled circuit diagram of an operational amplifier connected as an inverter and calculate the output voltage if the following information is given:
- Feedback resistance = 1 k $\Omega$
  - Input voltage = 1 V
  - Input resistance = 500  $\Omega$
- (5)
- 5.4 An operational amplifier has the ability to handle both alternating-current and direct-current signals. (TRUE or FALSE) (1)
- [15]

**QUESTION 6**

- 6.1 Demonstrate, with the aid of a labelled characteristic curve, the principle of operation of the following thyristors:
- 6.1.1 LASCR (3)
- 6.1.2 Triac (3)
- 6.2 Give THREE applications of an SCR. (3)
- 6.3 Draw a neat, labelled block diagram of a closed-loop motor speed-control system and explain the function of a comparator. (6)
- [15]

**QUESTION 7**

- 7.1 What is the basic function of a potentiometer as a transducer? (2)
- 7.2 Draw and explain the operation of a transducer that is used to monitor the speed of rotation of a shaft. (8)
- [10]

**QUESTION 8**

Choose a description from COLUMN B that matches an item in COLUMN A. Write only the letter (A–E) next to the question number (8.1–8.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
8.1	Power supply	A	produces two simultaneous output waveforms and applied to the horizontal plates
8.2	Function generator	B	supplies a saw tooth voltage to the horizontal deflection plates of a CRO
8.3	Time-base generator	C	consists of high voltage to operate the CRT and low voltage to supply the other electronic circuitry
8.4	Synchronisation	D	used to supply waveforms to test the operation of electronic circuits
8.5	Horizontal amplifier	E	causes the display to drift across the screen making measurement difficult

(5 x 2)

**[10]****TOTAL: 100**

## INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS N4

## FORMULA SHEET

$$^{\circ}C = \frac{5}{9} (^{\circ}F - 32)$$

$$^{\circ}F = \left( ^{\circ}C \times \frac{9}{5} \right) + 32$$

$$K = 273,15 + ^{\circ}C$$

$$W = \sigma T^4$$

$$W = \epsilon \sigma T^4$$

$$W = \epsilon \sigma (T_b^4 - T_a^4)$$

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

$$R_t = R_o (1 + \alpha t + \beta t^2)$$

$$I_s = \frac{1}{S} = \frac{V}{R} \rightarrow S = \frac{R}{V}$$

$$R_{sc} = \frac{V_{sc}}{I_s}$$

$$R_{cj} = R_o + \Delta R$$

$$R_z = \frac{V_{\min}}{I_s} + R_{cj}$$

$$R_s = \frac{R_{sw} \times R_t}{R_{sw} - R_t} \rightarrow R_t = \frac{V_{\max} - V_{\min}}{I_s}$$

$$R_u = \frac{V_{sc} - V_{\max}}{I_s}$$