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MODULE I

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You should have the following for this examination:

Answer booklet;

Drawing instruments;

Mathematical tables

Non-programmable scientific calculator.

This paper consists of EIGHT questions in TWO sections; A and B.

Answer FIVE questions by choosing TWO questions from section A, TWO questions from section B and ONE question from either section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as indicated.

Candidates should answer the questions in English.

Take: $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$;

$\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$;

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$.

This paper consists of 6 printed pages.

Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.

SECTION A: MECHANICAL SCIENCE I

Answer at least TWO questions from this section.

1. (a) Distinguish between power and work as used in mechanics stating the units for each. (4 marks)

(b) A body of mass 5 kg is initially at rest on a horizontal frictionless surface. A force of 15 N is applied and accelerates it to a final velocity of 12 m/s. Calculate the:

- (i) distance travelled;
- (ii) workdone by the force;
- (iii) final kinetic energy of the body.

(8 marks)

(c) (i) Differentiate between centrifugal and centripetal forces.

(ii) A car whose wheels diameter is 600 mm travels at 64.8 km/h. Determine the angular velocity of the wheels in:

- (I) rad/s;
- (II) rev/min.

(8 marks)

2. (a) State:

- (i) three laws of friction;
- (ii) second law of motion.

(5 marks)

(b) A beam AB measures 150 cm and weighs 1.6 N. It is placed on two supports C and D such that they are 20 cm from each end of the beam. A 0.3 N weight hangs on the beam 40 cm from C and a 0.7 N weight hangs 50 cm from D respectively towards the centre.

- (i) Sketch the beam indicating the forces;
- (ii) Determine the reactions at the supports.

(11 marks)

(c) State:

- (i) the principle of moments;
- (ii) moments of a couple.

(4 marks)

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3. (a) Differentiate between potential energy and kinetic energy. (4 marks)
- (b) A car hauls a trailer at 90 km/h when exerting a steady pull of 600 N. Calculate the:
- (i) work done in 30 minutes;
 - (ii) power required.
- (10 marks)
- (c) A motor supplies a constant force of 1 kN which is used to move a load to a distance of 5 m. The force is then changed to a constant of 5000 N and the load is moved a further 15 m.
- (i) Draw the force-distance graph for the operation;
 - (ii) from the graph, determine the work done by the motor.
- (6 marks)
4. (a) Define each of the following terms:
- (i) speed;
 - (ii) velocity.
- (2 marks)
- (b) A vehicle is accelerated uniformly at 1.5 m/s^2 from a speed of 27 km/h to 81 km/h. Determine the:
- (i) time required to attain the final speed;
 - (ii) distance travelled.
- (6 marks)
- (c) A machine exerts a force of 240 N to move an object at a constant speed through a distance of 600 cm in 2 minutes. Determine its power. (4 marks)

(d) **Figure 1** shows a force system at equilibrium. Determine:

- (i) force A;
- (ii) force B.

(8 marks)

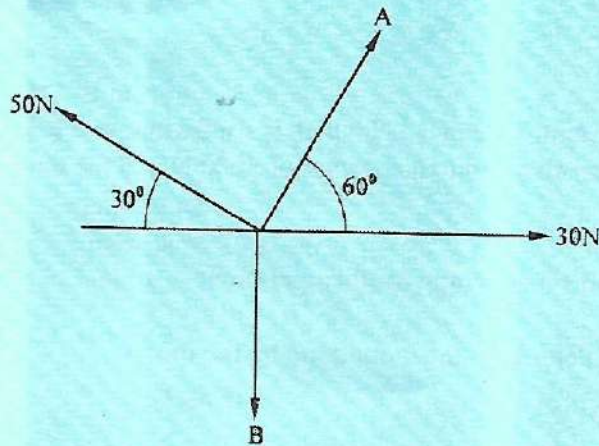


Fig. 1

SECTION B: ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES

Answer at least TWO questions from this section.

5. (a) State the **two** Faraday's laws of electromagnetic induction. (4 marks)
- (b) Outline **three** characteristics of a parallel resistive d.c. circuit. (3 marks)
- (c) **Figure 2** is a series - parallel electric circuit. Determine the:
- (i) supply voltage (V);
 - (ii) supply current (I);
 - (iii) power dissipated by resistor R_1 .

(10 marks)

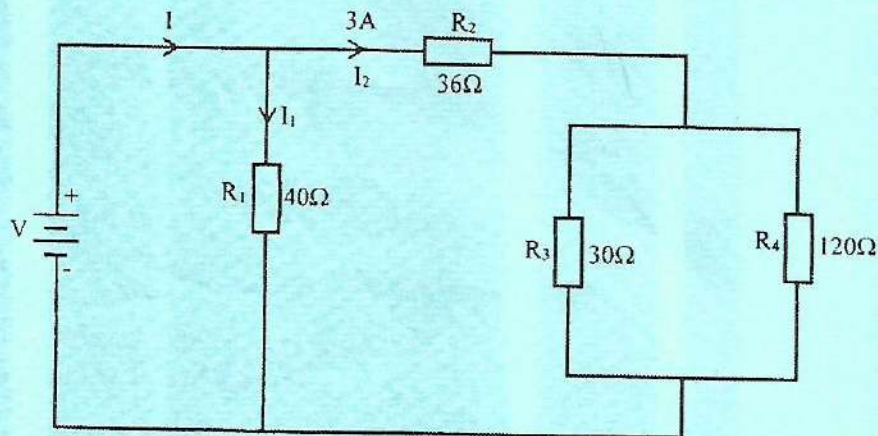


Fig. 2

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(d) Name **three** classifications of electrical materials. (3 marks)

6. (a) Define each of the following terms as used in electrostatics:

(i) capacitance;

(ii) electric flux density.

(4 marks)

(b) **Figure 3** shows an electric circuit. Determine the:

(i) total capacitance;

(ii) charge stored by the whole circuit.

(iii) voltage across capacitor C_1 ;

(iv) energy stored by capacitor C_2 .

(9 marks)

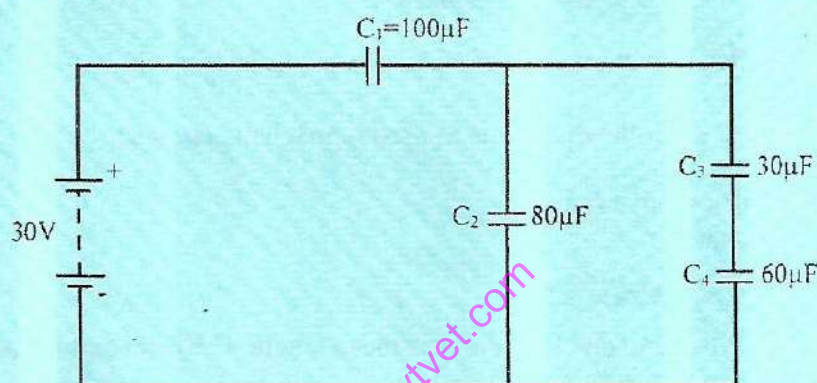


Fig. 3

(c) (i) List **three** methods of connecting cells in electrical circuits.

(ii) Four dry cells have an internal resistance of $0.8\ \Omega$ each. The e.m.f of each cell is 2 V. A load of $4\ \Omega$ is supplied by the cells while connected in parallel. Determine the:

(I) total internal resistance;

(II) voltage across the load.

(7 marks)

7. (a) Define each of the following terms with respect to alternating quantities:

(i) frequency;

(ii) power factor.

(4 marks)

(b) **Figure 4** shows an R-L-C series circuit. Determine the:

- (i) circuit impedance;
- (ii) voltage across the capacitor;
- (iii) circuit power factor;
- (iv) active (real) power.

(12 marks)

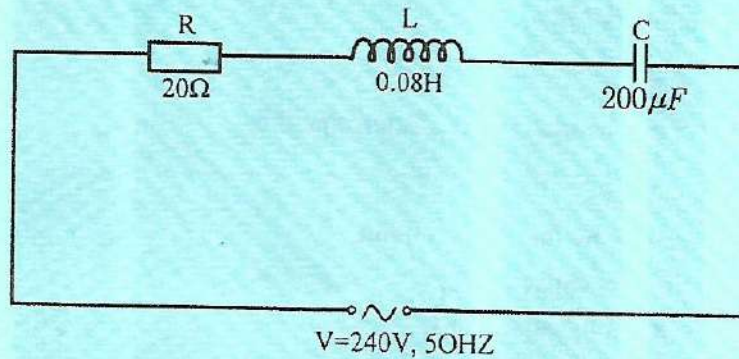


Fig. 4

(c) Draw a labelled circuit diagram of a D.C shunt motor.

(4 marks)

8. (a) Define each of the following terms as used in magnetic circuits:

- (i) magnetomotive force;
- (ii) reluctance.

(4 marks)

(b) A mild steel closed magnetic circuit has mean length of 50 mm and a cross-sectional area 480 mm^2 . A current of 0.5 A flows through the coil wound uniformly around the mild steel and a flux of $300 \mu\text{Wb}$ is established. If the relative permeability of steel is 400, calculate the:

- (i) reluctance of the magnetic circuit.
- (ii) number of turns of the coil.
- (iii) flux density.

(9 marks)

(c) A transformer has 800 turns and 50 turns on the primary and secondary sides respectively. If the primary voltage is 200 V and a current of 10 A flows on the secondary side, determine the:

- (i) secondary voltage;
- (ii) primary current;
- (iii) secondary load resistance.

(7 marks)

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