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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

You should have the following for this examination:

Answer booklet;

Scientific calculator;

Drawing instruments.

This paper consists of **TWO** sections; **A** and **B**.

Answer **FIVE** questions by choosing at least **TWO** questions from each section.

All questions carry equal marks.

Maximum marks for each part of a question are indicated.

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

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

Candidates should answer the questions in English.

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: APPLIED SCIENCE

Answer at least TWO questions from this section.

1. (a) (i) Define the following:

- (I) pressure;
- (II) density.

(2 marks)

(ii) State three characteristics of pressure in liquids.

(3 marks)

(b) With the aid of a diagram, explain the principle of transmission of pressure in a hydraulic brake.

(8 marks)

(c) Convert standard atmospheric pressure from mmHg to:

- (i) Newtons per metre square;
- (ii) bar.

(7 marks)

(a) Define the following:

- (i) specific heat capacity;
- (ii) heat capacity;
- (iii) latent heat of fusion.

(3 marks)

(b) A piece of iron of mass 50g and specific heat capacity of 460 J/kg is cooled from 80 °C to 20 °C. Determine the heat produced.

(5 marks)

(c) (i) State the laws of reflection.

(2 marks)

(ii) Explain the following methods of heat transfer:

- (I) radiation;
- (II) convection.

(4 marks)

(iii) In an isothermal process, 0.55 m<sup>3</sup> of air at a pressure of 101 kN/m<sup>2</sup> and temperature of 25 °C is compressed to 909 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. Taking the characteristic gas constant, R = 0.288 kJ/kgK, determine the:

- (I) mass of the gas compressed;
- (II) final volume of the gas.

(6 marks)

(a) Define the following:

- (i) mechanical advantage;
- (ii) velocity.

(2 marks)

(b) Derive an expression of kinetic energy of a body of mass, M, moving from rest to a final velocity, V.

(6 marks)

(c) A load of 1.26 kN is lifted by means of a pulley block system consisting of three pulleys in the upper block and two pulleys in the lower block. The efficiency of the system at this load is 84%. Determine the:

Effic  $\Rightarrow \frac{M.A}{V.R} \times 100\%$

- (i) velocity ratio;  $\overset{V.R \approx}{=} 3 \frac{1}{2} = 5$
- (ii) mechanical advantage;  $M.A = \frac{1}{5}$
- (iii) effort required to lift the load.

(6 marks)

(d) Table 1 shows data obtained from an experiment carried out on a machine to determine the effort (E) required to lift the load (W) for the range of values shown.

Table 1

W (kN)	0	1	2	4	6	8	10
E (kN)	0.11	0.33	0.59	0.11	1.61	2.07	2.62
$\frac{W}{E}$	0	3.03	3.39	36.36	984	3.86	3.82

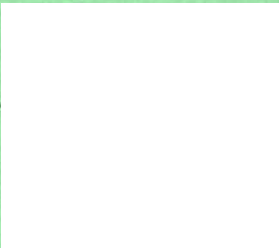
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- (i) complete table 1;
- (ii) plot the graph of E against W.

(2 marks)  
(4 marks)

(a) Define the following:

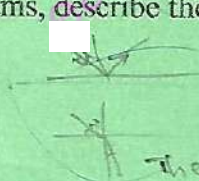
- (i) atomic number;  $\rightarrow$
- (ii) mass number;  $\rightarrow$
- (iii) isotope.  $\sim$  This is



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atomic number but  
mass number. (3 marks)

(b) With the aid of diagrams, describe the following:

- (i) reflection;
- (ii) refraction.



reflect incident ray, normal and  
reflected ray lie in the plane of  
the point of incidence.  
The angle of incidence, normal and  
(8 marks)

(c) A screw jack has a single start thread with a pitch of 3 mm. The load to be raised is 1 tonne. The efficiency at this load is 18%. Determine the torque required at the jack handle to raise the load.

(9 marks)

$\frac{18}{100} = \frac{1000}{x}$

$(8x = (100 \times 1000))$

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## SECTION B: ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES

Answer at least **TWO** questions from this section.

5. (a) Define the following:  
 (i) resistivity;  
 (ii) conductivity. (2 marks)
- (b) Two copper wires are used to connect a d.c supply to a motor which is 150 m away. The total resistance of the wire used is  $0.722 \Omega$  and the resistivity of copper is  $1.7 \times 10^{-8} \Omega - m$ . Determine the diameter of the wire. (5 marks)
- (c) With the aid of a diagram, explain the method of minimizing armature reaction using compensating windings. (7 marks)
- (d) **Figure 1** shows an A.C. series circuit. Determine the impedance of the circuit. (6 marks)

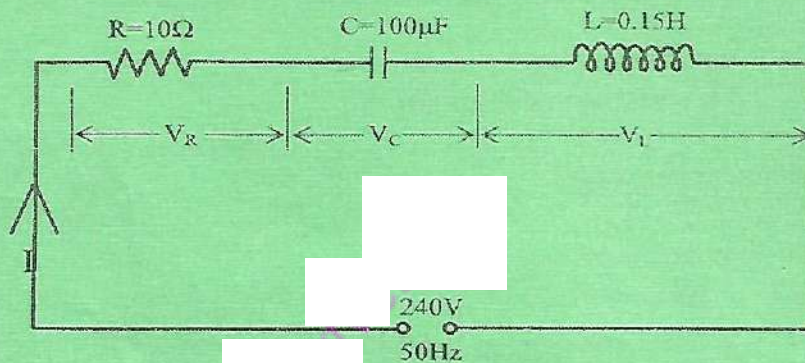


Fig. 1

6. (a) With the aid of chemical equations, describe the process of charging and discharging a lead acid battery. (9 marks)
- (b) **Figure 2** shows three capacitors connected in series to a d.c supply. Determine the:  
 (i) total capacitance;  
 (ii) charge stored on each capacitor;  
 (iii) p.d across capacitor  $C_2$ ;  
 (iv) energy stored in capacitors  $C_3$ . (8 marks)

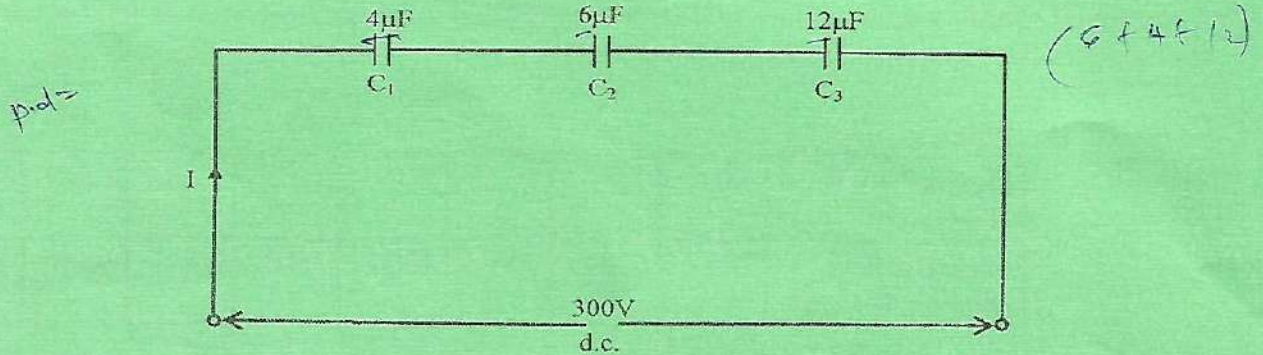


Fig. 2

(c) Table 2 shows the bands of a colour coded resistor. Determine its resistance.

Table 2

1 <sup>st</sup> Band	2 <sup>nd</sup> Band	3 <sup>rd</sup> Band	4 <sup>th</sup> Band
Yellow	Violet	Black	Gold

(3 marks)

7. (a) Table 3 shows magnetic quantities. Complete the table.

Magnetic Quantity	Electric Quantity
Reluctance	
Permeability	
Flux density	

(3 marks)

(b) Figure 3 shows the configurations of a magnetic circuit. The limb has a cross-sectional area of 10 cm<sup>2</sup>. The air-gap is 1.2 mm long. The coil has 500 turns and the flux in the air-gap is  $1 \times 10^{-3}$  Wb. Determine the:

- (i) magnetic flux density in the air-gap;
- (ii) magnetic field strength in the air-gap;
- (iii) mmf in the air-gap.

(6 marks)

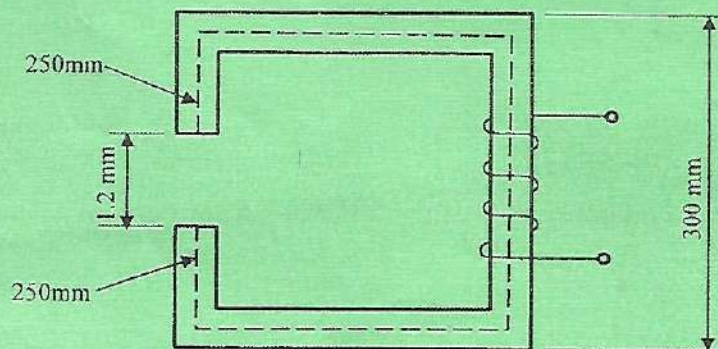


Fig. 3

- (c) **Table 4** shows values of flux density (B) and magnetic field strength (H) obtained from an experimental setup.

**Table 4**

Flux density B (Tesla)	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.35	1.42	1.45	1.5	1.55
Magnetic field strength, H (A/M)	200	450	700	1000	1500	200	3000	4500

Plot the B - H curve using the values in **table 4**. (4 marks)

- (d) With the aid of a diagram, describe the construction of a single phase shell type transformer. (7 marks)

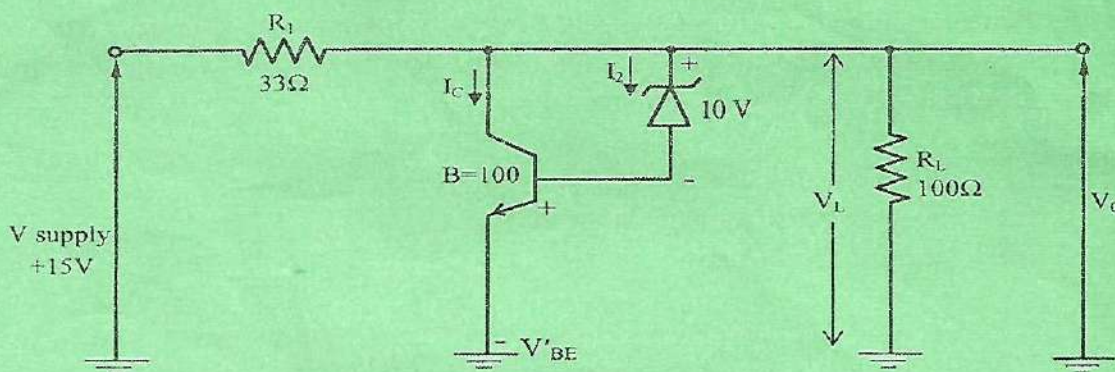
8. (a) Distinguish between the following giving an example in each case:

- (i) N-type semi-conductor;
- (ii) P-type semi-conductor. (4 marks)

- (b) With the aid of a diagram, explain the operation of a reverse biased P-N junction diode. (6 marks)

- (c) **Figure 4** shows a silicon transistor regulator. Determine the:

- (i) load voltage;
- (ii) load current;
- (iii) current through  $R_1$ . (6 marks)



**Fig. 4**

- (d) Sketch the output signals of the following amplifiers for a sinusoidal input voltage:

- (i) class A;
- (ii) class B. (4 marks)

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