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**ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING FOR MECHATRONICS**  
**MODULE NO: MEC6005**

Date: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

There are FIVE questions.

Answer ANY FOUR questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

Marks for parts of questions are shown in brackets.

This examination paper carries a total of 100 marks.

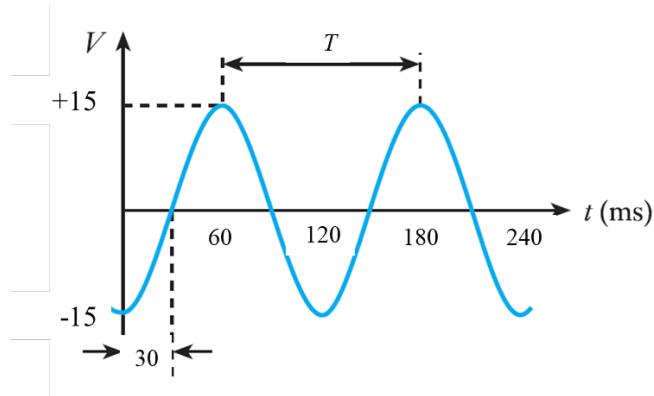
Formulae sheet is attached at the end of the paper.

All working must be shown. A numerical solution to a question obtained by programming an electronic calculator will not be accepted.

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### Question 1

a) Based on the waveform below in Fig. Q1a, work out the following terms

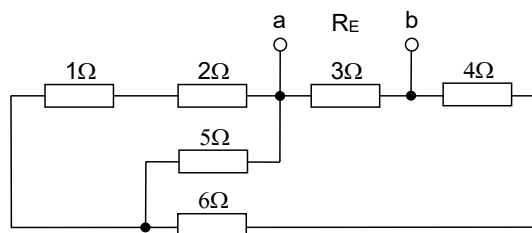


**Fig. Q1a Waveform of voltage signal**

- i. Period
- ii. Frequency
- iii. Peak to peak value
- iv. RMS value
- v. The equation of this voltage signal

**[10 marks]**

b) For the diagram in Fig.Q1b, calculate the equivalent resistance  $R_E$  between terminals  $a$  and  $b$ .



**Fig. Q1b Circuit diagram to calculate equivalent resistance**

**[8 marks]**

c) An AC ammeter reads 8 A rms current through a resistive load, and a voltmeter reads 230 V rms drop across the load.

(i) What are the peak value of the alternating current, and the average value of the alternating voltage? **[5 marks]**

(ii) Calculate the load resistance.

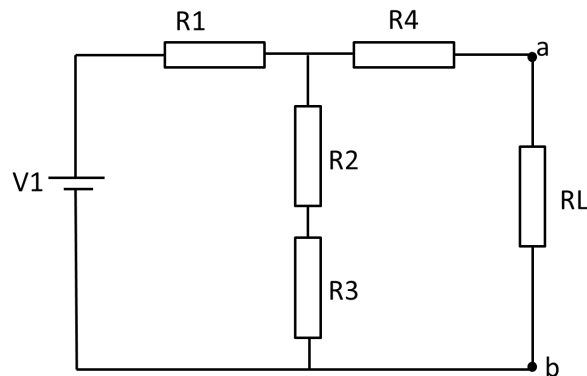
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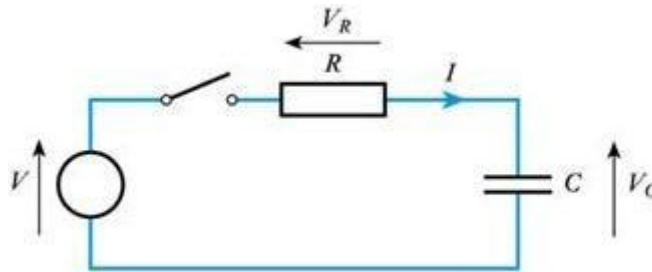
### Question 2

- a) For the circuit shown below (Fig. Q2a), considering the  $R_{Load}$  as the load resistance,  $V_1 = 1V$ ,  $R_1 = 100\Omega$ ,  $R_2 = 47\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 22\Omega$ ,  $R_4 = 100\Omega$ ,  $R_L = 47\Omega$ .



**Fig. Q2a Circuit Diagram**

- (i) Derive the equivalent Thevenin circuit between points “a” and “b” **[10 marks]**
- (ii) Derive the equivalent Norton circuit between points “a” and “b” **[5 marks]**
- b) A  $13\ \mu F$  capacitor has  $12\ V$  across it. What quantity of charge is stored in it? **[2 marks]**
- c) For the capacitor **charging** circuit shown in Figure Q2b below, where the capacitor is initially discharged, sketch two separate graphs for the current  $I$  versus time and the capacitor voltage  $V_c$  versus time. **[6 marks]**



**Fig. Q2b An initially uncharged capacitor being charged through a resistor.**

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**Q2 continued**

- d) Explain with the assistance of a diagram what happens to the structure of the curves for  $I$  versus time and  $V_c$  versus time if the time constant  $\tau = RC$  for the circuit increases?

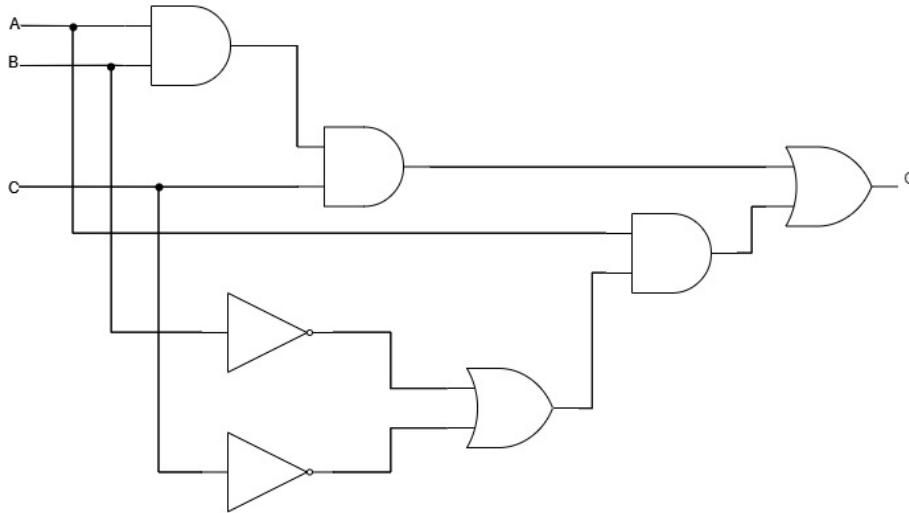
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### Question 3

a) For the combinational digital circuit shown below in Fig. Q3a:



**Figure Q3a Digital Circuit diagram with 3 inputs and 1 output**

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| i) Find out the Boolean expressions at output Q.           | <b>[5 marks]</b>  |
| ii) Simplify the expression obtained using Boolean algebra | <b>[4 marks]</b>  |
| iii) Write the truth table for this digital circuit        | <b>[10 marks]</b> |

b) Fill in the blanks by converting the following numbers into their respective missing decimal and binary equivalents:

- i)  $11000_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}_{10}$
- ii)  $1001_2 + 011_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}_{10}$
- iii)  $A_{16} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}_{10}$
- iv)  $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}_2 = 26_{10}$

**[6 marks]**

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### Question 4

For the circuit shown in Fig. Q4, calculate:

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| a) Currents $I_1$ , $I_2$ , and $I_3$                     | <b>[9 marks]</b> |
| b) Voltages across $R_1$ , $R_2$ , and $R_3$              | <b>[6 marks]</b> |
| c) Powers $P_1$ , $P_2$ , and $P_3$                       | <b>[3 marks]</b> |
| d) Draw the complete voltages and currents phasor diagram | <b>[3 marks]</b> |
| e) The peak $I_3$ current at resonance frequency          | <b>[4 marks]</b> |

Where  $v = 17\cos 314t$ ,  $R_1 = R_2 = 2\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 4\Omega$ ,  $X_{L2} = j2\Omega$ ,  $X_{L3} = j6\Omega$ ,  $X_C = -j4\Omega$

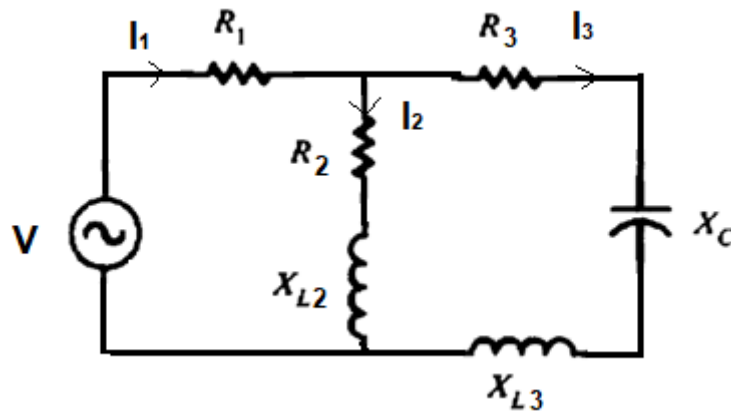


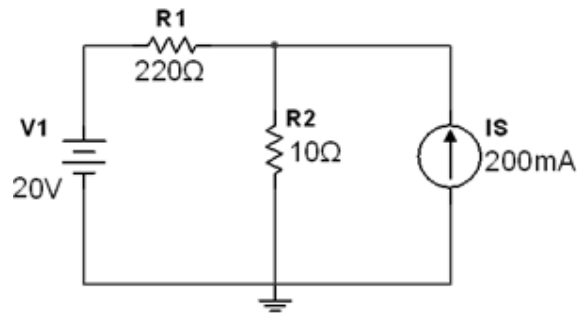
Fig. Q4 circuit diagram

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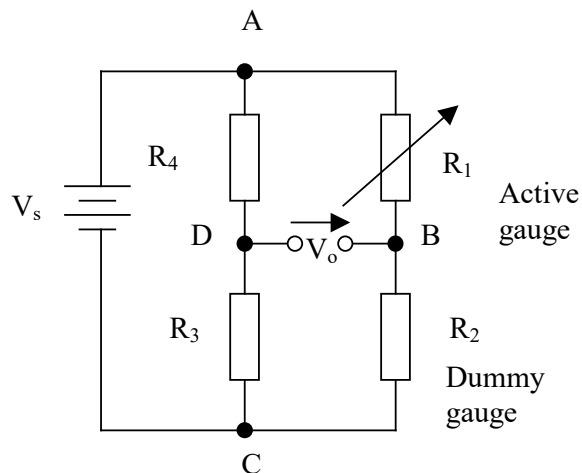
### Question 5

- a) For the following circuit (Fig. Q5a), using superposition theorem or otherwise, find out the current flowing through the  $10\ \Omega$  resistor.  
**[10 marks]**



**Fig. Q5a circuit diagram with both voltage source and current source**

- b) In a Wheatstone bridge ABCD, a galvanometer is connected between B & D, and a battery of 6V emf is connected between A & C. A resistor of unknown resistance,  $R_1$ , is connected between A & B, the resistance between B&C is  $R_2 = 50\ \Omega$ , between C&D is  $R_3 = 20\ \Omega$  and between D&A is  $R_4 = 100\ \Omega$ . When the bridge is balanced, Calculate:



**Fig. Q5b Wheatstone bridge circuit with strain gauges**

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**Q5 continued**

- (i) the value of unknown resistance between point A & B **[7 marks]**
- (ii) an applied loading causes the active strain gauge R1 to have a resistance increase of  $R = 0.5 \text{ ohm}$ . Find the bridge output voltage,  $V_o$ , under this condition.

**[8 marks]**

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**END OF QUESTIONS**

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### APPENDIX: Formula Sheet

The following symbols in the formulae have their standard meaning:

Ohm's law:  $V = IR$

Power:  $P = IV$

Magnetic flux:  $\Phi = BA$

Induced voltage:  $V = \Delta\Phi/\Delta t$

Force experienced by charged particle =  $qvB\sin\theta$

Motional emf:  $E = Blv$

$$f = \frac{pn}{120}$$

Magnitude of the Reactance of Inductor  $L$ :  $X_L = 2\pi fL$

Magnitude of the Reactance of Capacitor  $C$ :  $X_C = \frac{1}{2\pi fC}$

Pythagorean theorem:  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$

Tangent function:  $\tan A = \text{opposite/adjacent}$

$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$  ,  $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F/m}$

$$H = \frac{NI}{l}, \quad B = \mu H$$

MMF =  $NI$

$$L = \frac{\mu_0 \mu_r AN^2}{l}, \quad E = \frac{1}{2} LI^2$$

$$C = Q/V, \quad C = \frac{\epsilon A}{d}, \quad E = \frac{1}{2} CV^2$$

$$v_L = L \frac{di_L}{dt}$$

$$i_C = C \frac{dv_C}{dt}$$

$$f = \frac{pn}{120}$$

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Transformer voltage ratio:  $\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$ ,  $P = V_1 \cdot I_1 = V_2 \cdot I_2$

Multiply the Value	By	To Get the Value
Peak	2	Peak-to-peak
Peak-to-peak	0.5	Peak
Peak	0.637	Average
Average	1.570	Peak
Peak	0.707	RMS (effective)
RMS (effective)	1.414	Peak
Average	1.110	RMS (effective)
RMS (effective)	0.901	Average

**Summary Table for Series and Parallel RL Circuits**

$X_L$ and $R$ in Series	$X_L$ and $R$ in Parallel
$I$ the same in $X_L$ and $R$ $V_T = \sqrt{V_R^2 + V_L^2}$ $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X_L^2} = \frac{V_T}{I}$ $V_R$ lags $V_L$ by $90^\circ$ $\theta = \arctan \frac{X_L}{R}$	$V_T$ the same across $X_L$ and $R$ $I_T = \sqrt{I_R^2 + I_L^2}$ $Z_T = \frac{V_T}{I_T}$ $I_L$ lags $I_R$ by $90^\circ$ $\theta = \arctan \left( -\frac{I_L}{I_R} \right)$

**Summary Table for Series and Parallel RC Circuits**

$X_C$ and $R$ in Series	$X_C$ and $R$ in Parallel
$I$ the same in $X_C$ and $R$ $V_T = \sqrt{V_R^2 + V_C^2}$ $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X_C^2} = \frac{V_T}{I}$ $V_C$ lags $V_R$ by $90^\circ$ $\theta = \arctan \left( -\frac{X_C}{R} \right)$	$V_T$ the same across $X_C$ and $R$ $I_T = \sqrt{I_R^2 + I_C^2}$ $Z_T = \frac{V_T}{I_T}$ $I_C$ leads $I_R$ by $90^\circ$ $\theta = \arctan \frac{I_C}{I_R}$

Boolean algebra rules

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| 1. $A + 0 = A$            | 7. $A \cdot A = A$               |
| 2. $A + 1 = 1$            | 8. $A \cdot \overline{A} = 0$    |
| 3. $A \cdot 0 = 0$        | 9. $\overline{\overline{A}} = A$ |
| 4. $A \cdot 1 = A$        | 10. $A + AB = A$                 |
| 5. $A + A = A$            | 11. $A + \overline{A}B = A + B$  |
| 6. $A + \overline{A} = 1$ | 12. $(A + B)(A + C) = A + BC$    |

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