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040-33 - ELECTROTECHNOLOGY

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0915 - 1215 hrs

Materials to be supplied by examination centres.

Candidate's examination workbook  
Graph paper

Examination Paper Inserts

1. Examinations administered by the SQA on behalf of the Maritime & Coastguard Agency.
2. Candidates should note that 96 marks are allocated to this paper. To pass, candidates must achieve 48 marks.
3. Non-programmable calculators may be used.
4. All formulae used must be stated and the method of working and all intermediate steps must be made clear in the answer.

## ELECTROTECHNOLOGY

Attempt SIX questions only.

All questions carry equal marks.

Marks for each part question are shown in brackets.

1. Fig Q1 represents a ring main system of total length 1300 m and resistance (go + return) of  $0.002 \Omega/\text{m}$ .

Calculate EACH of the following:

- (a) the cable resistances for AC, CD, DE, and EB; (4)
- (b) the current at EACH end of the feeder; (6)
- (c) the voltage at each load point; (5)
- (d) show that the voltage at B equals 240 V. (1)

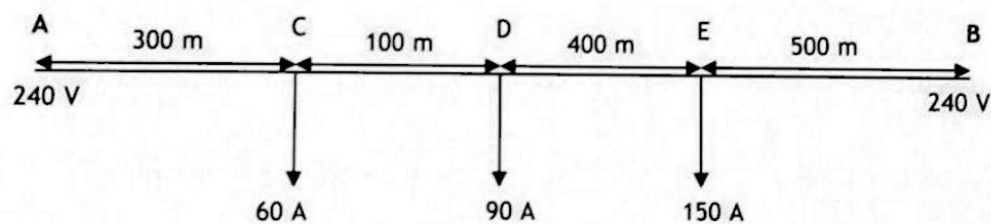


Fig Q1

*Not to scale*

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2. A d.c. relay coil has an inductance of 400 mH and a time-constant of 1.6 ms. The current rises to 86.5 mA after 3.2 ms from switch on.

Calculate EACH of the following:

- (a) the coil resistance; (2)
- (b) the maximum current; (3)
- (c) the supply voltage; (2)
- (d) the current 4 ms after switch on; (3)
- (e) the time taken for the current to reach 70 mA; (4)
- (f) the final value of the stored energy. (2)

3. A three-phase 4-wire unbalanced system has a current in the *R* phase of 5 A U.P.F. and a current in the *S* phase of 8 A lagging by  $30^\circ$ .

(a) If the current in the neutral line is 1.93 A in phase with  $V_{RS}$ , calculate EACH of the following:

- (i) the *T* phase current; (9)
  - (ii) the phase angle of the *T* phase current with respect to the *T* phase voltage. (3)
- (b) Calculate the total power drawn by the three-phase system if the phase voltage is 240 V. (4)

4. A three-phase, induction motor is operating at the following parameters:

| Parameter         | Value   | Parameter       | Value      |
|-------------------|---------|-----------------|------------|
| Supply voltage    | 440 V   | Number of Poles | 8          |
| Supply frequency  | 60 Hz   | Output power    | 7 kW       |
| Power factor      | 0.8 lag | Speed           | 14.4 rev/s |
| Rotational losses | 0.4 kW  | Stator loss     | 0.6 kW     |

(a) Determine EACH of the following:

- (i) the slip; (2)
- (ii) the frequency of the rotor emf; (2)
- (iii) the input power to the motor; (7)
- (iv) the motor line current. (2)

(b) Sketch a labelled power-flow diagram for the motor indicating kW value at EACH stage. (3)

5. Two, six-pole, three-phase a.c. generators operating in parallel supply a total load of 2000 kVA at a power factor of 0.8 lagging.

The generator load characteristics are linear with the test results given in Table Q5.

| Generator | Speed/kW   | Voltage/kVAR                           |
|-----------|--|--|
| No. 1     | 1440 rev/min on No-load<br>1200 rev/min on 1200 kW | 500 V on No-load<br>415 V on 1000 kVAR |
| No. 2     | 1360 rev/min on No-load<br>1180 rev/min on 900 kW  | 490 V on No-load<br>425 V on 800 kVAR  |

Table Q5

Determine EACH of the following:

- (a) the supply frequency; (6)
- (b) the bus-bar voltage; (6)
- (c) the kVA output of each generator; (2)
- (d) the operating power factor of each generator. (2)

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6. (a) State the disadvantages of operating electrical circuits at a lower power factor. (2)
- (b) A three-phase, 6600 V/440 V, 80 kVA transformer supplies a unity power factor load of 15 kW and an inductive load of 55 kW at 0.67 power factor. Determine the minimum kVAR rating of a capacitor bank to ensure that the supply transformer is not overloaded. (7)
- (c) Calculate the value of output current for the transformer in Q6(b) before and after power factor correction being applied. (7)
7. With reference to shipboard three-phase generators:
- (a) describe, with the aid of a sketch, EACH of the following:
- (i) an insulated neutral distribution system; (3)
- (ii) an earthed neutral distribution system. (3)
- (b) explain the effect of a single earth fault on each of the systems in Q7(a); (6)
- (c) state TWO causes of earth faults. (4)
8. With reference to a three-phase, cage rotor induction motor:
- (a) sketch a labelled cross-section of the motor; (8)
- (b) describe how the motor develops torque; (5)
- (c) explain why the motor cannot run at synchronous speed. (3)



9. A single-phase, 230 V, 50 Hz, 3:1 step-down transformer has a secondary winding resistance of  $1 \Omega$  and supplies a half-wave rectifier circuit. The rectifier circuit has a resistive load of  $680 \Omega$  and the diode has a forward resistance of  $14 \Omega$ .

(a) Sketch EACH of the following:

(i) the circuit diagram; (3)

(ii) the load voltage waveform indicating maximum and average voltage levels. (3)

(b) Calculate EACH of the following load values:

(i) the maximum current; (4)

(ii) the average current; (3)

(iii) the average voltage. (3)