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**FINAL EXAMINATION**  
**JULY 2010 SESSION**

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**SUBJECT CODE** : FLB30203  
**SUBJECT TITLE** : POWER ELECTRONICS  
**LEVEL** : BACHELOR  
**DURATION** : 12.30pm – 3.30pm  
( 3 HOURS )  
**DATE / TIME** : 08 NOVEMBER 2010

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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1. Please read the instructions given in the question paper **CAREFULLY**.
  2. This question paper is printed on both sides of the paper.
  3. Please write your answers on the answer booklet provided.
  4. Answer should be written in blue or black ink except for sketching, graphic and illustration.
  5. This question paper consists of **TWO (2)** sections. Section A and B. Answer all questions in Section A. For Section B, answer two (2) question only.
  6. Answer all questions in English.
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## SECTION A (Total: 40 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Answer ALL questions.

Please use the answer booklet provided.

## Question 1

- (a) Give the definition of variable frequency drive and draw the basic block diagram of the system.

(3 marks)

- (b) Figure 1 shows a typical power diode with a forward voltage drop of  $V_d = 1.3 \text{ V}$  at  $I_d = 300 \text{ A}$ . By applying the Shockley equation under a DC steady-state operation, find the diode reverse saturation current (leakage current),  $I_s$  given that the diode emission coefficient is  $n = 2$  and the thermal voltage is  $V_t = 26.7 \text{ mV}$ .

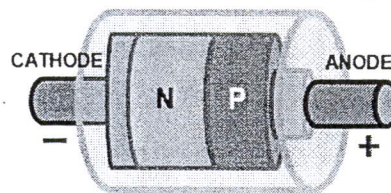


Figure 1

(5 marks)

- (c) A single phase half-wave rectifier is supplied with sinusoid source voltage of  $220 \text{ V}_{\text{rms}}$  at a frequency of  $60 \text{ Hz}$ . Given the load is  $5 \Omega$ , determine:

- i. The average load current
- ii. The average power absorbed by the load
- iii. The power factor of the circuit

(6 marks)

- (d) Briefly explain the characteristic of the following inverters.

- i. Voltage-Fed-Inverter (VFI)
- ii. Current-Fed-Inverter (CFI)
- iii. Variable DC Linked Inverter

(6 marks)

**Question 2**

- (a) A single-phase diode bridge rectifier shown in Figure 2 has a purely resistive load of  $15\Omega$ . Given the source voltage is  $V_S = 300 \sin 314 t$ , determine:
- i. The efficiency of rectification
  - ii. The form factor
  - iii. The ripple factor

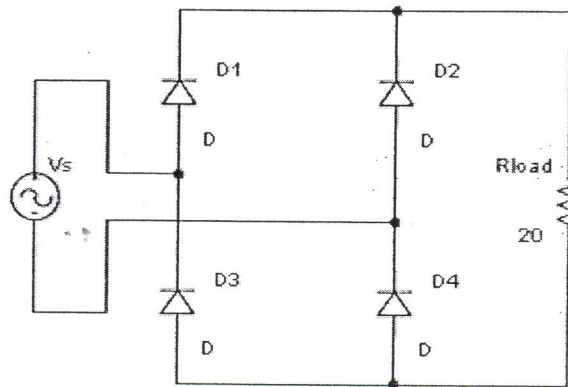


Figure 2

(6 marks)

- (b) A single-phase half-wave thyristor converter is supplied with source voltage of 240V 60Hz. Determine the power absorbed by the resistive load and the power factor given that the circuit produced an average voltage of 40V across a  $100\Omega$  load.

(8 marks)

- (c) Based on voltage and current flow diagram, explain the characteristics of the following converters.

- i. First Quadrant Converter
- ii. Second Quadrant Converter
- iii. Third and Fourth Quadrant Converter

(6 marks)

SECTION B (Total: 60 marks)

INSTRUCTION: Answer TWO (2) questions only.

Please use the answer booklet provided.

Question 3

- (a) Figure 3 shows circuit of a three-phase bridge rectifier with purely resistive load. Calculate the peak value of the phase voltage given the rectifier delivers an output voltage of  $V_{dc} = 280.7V$ .

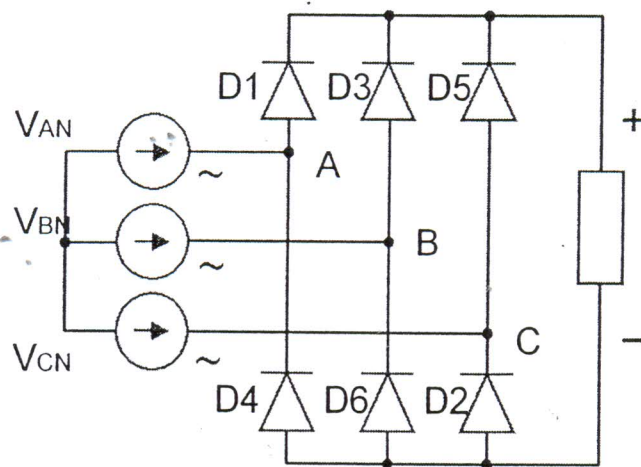


Figure 3

(6 marks)

- (b) A DC chopper is used to charge a 240V battery from 600V DC source. The average battery current is 20A with a peak-to-peak ripple of 2A. Calculate the duty cycle, switch ON time interval and the inductor inductance of the DC chopper given the chopper frequency is 200 Hz.

(6 marks)

- (c) A 200V DC source is connected to a 4-quadrant switching converter operating at a carrier frequency of 8 kHz. It is required to generate a sinusoidal voltage with an effective value of 240V at a frequency of 60 Hz and a phase angle of  $35^\circ$  lagging. Calculate the value of the amplitude modulation ratio, the frequency modulation ratio, and derive an expression for the duty cycle.

(6 marks)



- (d) A rectifier shown in Figure 4 has load of  $R=15 \Omega$  and,  $V_s=220 \sin 314 t$  and unity transformer ratio. If it is required to obtain an average output voltage of 70 % of the maximum possible output voltage, calculate:
- The delay angle
  - The rectification efficiency
  - The ripple factor

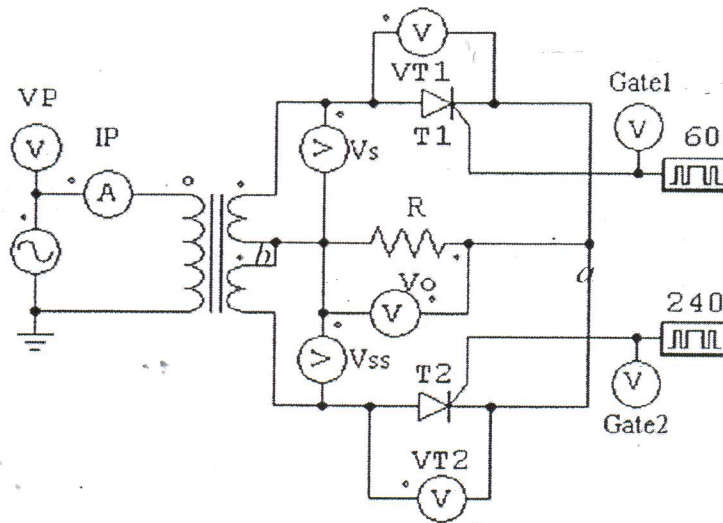


Figure 4

(12 marks)

**Question 4**

- (a) A free-wheeling diode circuit shown in Figure 5 has an AC source of  $V_m = 100V$  60Hz with resistive load of  $2\Omega$  and inductive load of 25mH. Determine:
- The average output voltage and output current
  - The AC voltage amplitudes
  - The Fourier impedance
  - Power absorbed by the resistive load

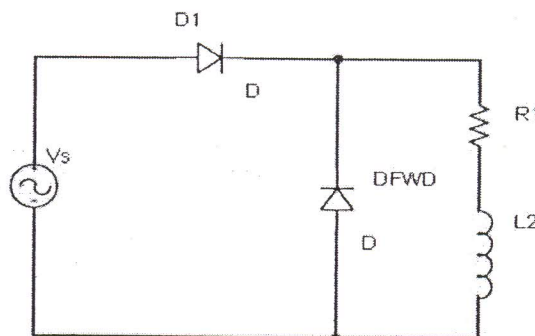


Figure 5

(15 marks)

(b) A general form of the Fourier series is given as

$$v_o(\omega t) = V_o + \sum_{n=1,2,\dots}^{\infty} (a_n \cos n\omega t + b_n \sin n\omega t)$$

Express the output voltage waveform of the square-wave inverter shown in Figure 6 as a Fourier series.

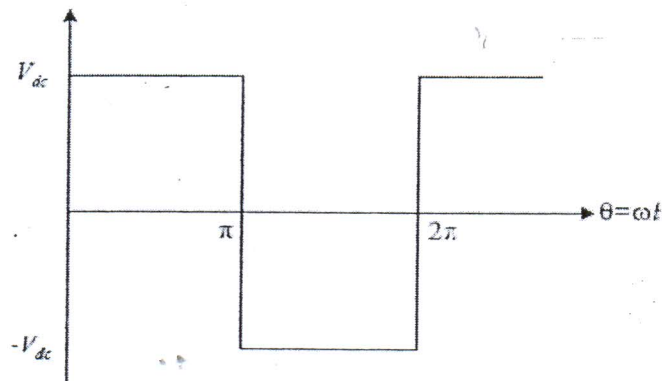


Figure 6

(12 marks)

**Question 5**

(a) A single-phase bridge rectifier shown in Figure 7 has an AC source of  $V_m = 240V$  at 60 Hz and R-L load with  $R = 10\Omega$  and  $L = 10mH$ . Determine the average current in the load, the first two higher order harmonics of the load current and the power absorbed by the load.

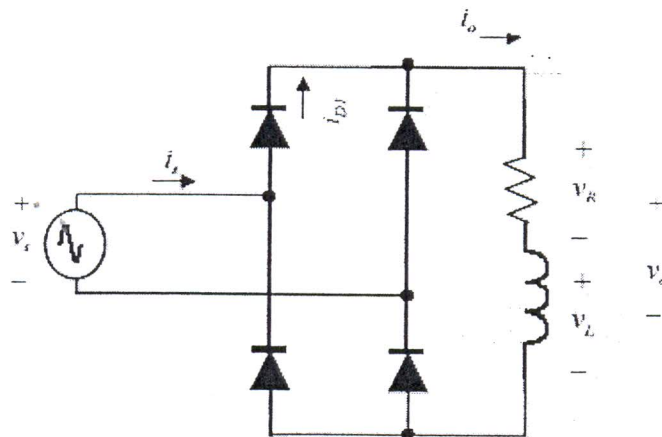


Figure 7

(12 marks)

- (b) A three-phase half wave rectifier shown in Figure 8 is operated from 460 V 50 Hz supply at secondary side and the load resistance is  $R=20\Omega$ . If the source inductance is negligible, determine:
- i. The rectification efficiency
  - ii. The form factor
  - iii. The ripple factor

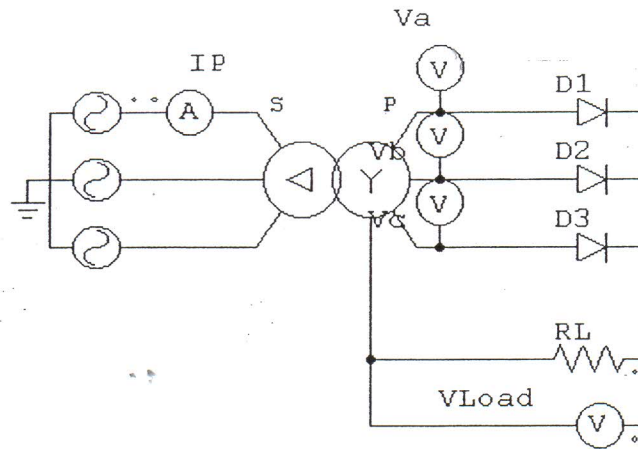


Figure 8

(12 marks)

- (c) The switch of a DC chopper shown in Figure 9 opens and closes at a frequency of 15 Hz and remains closed for 4 ms per cycle. A DC ammeter connected in series with the load indicates a current of 60 A. If a DC ammeter is connected in series with the source, what current will it indicate?

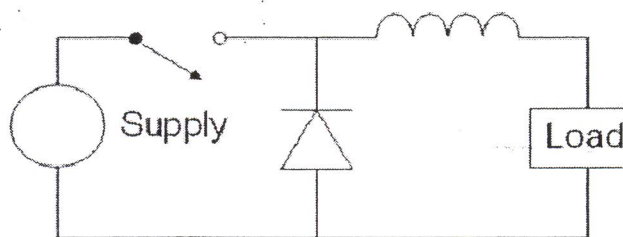


Figure 9

(6 marks)

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