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Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of FIVE questions. Attempt **ANY THREE Questions**

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

(a)(i) State any TWO advantages of using thyristor for motor speed control.

(ii) Draw a three phase controlled convertor circuit diagram and explain the process of regenerative braking of a d.c motor. **(8marks)**

(b)(i) Explain the principle of operation of a basic D.C chopper circuit.

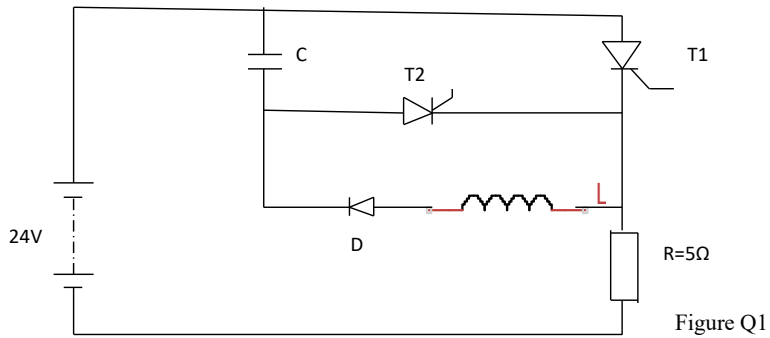
(ii) For the chopper circuit of figure Q1 employing parallel-capacitor commutation and operating at 200Hz, determine:-

I the thyristors T1 and T2 ratings

II its capacitor value

III the value of the inductance

(12marks)



Question TWO

(b) (i) Draw the circuit diagram of a single phase cycloconverter using a centre-tapped transformer and explain its working **(6marks)**

(ii) Draw the output waveforms of the circuit b(i) above. **(3marks)**

c) A cycloconverter designed for industrial application starts conducting from

$$\left\{ \frac{-\pi}{P} + \alpha \right\} \text{ to } \left\{ \frac{+\pi}{P} + \alpha \right\}$$

Given the general equation for a cycloconverter to be:

$$V_o = \frac{1}{\frac{2\pi}{P}} \int V_{max} \cos wt \, dwt$$

Derive the expression for the mean voltage. **(5marks)**

(a) An inverter supplies a 4-pole cage induction motor rated at 240V, 50Hz. If the motor speed is 900rev/s, Determine the inverter output frequency **(6marks)**

Question THREE

(a) Explain the following power conversions done by power converters

(i) Rectifiers

(ii) Inverters

(iii) Cycloconverters

(6marks)

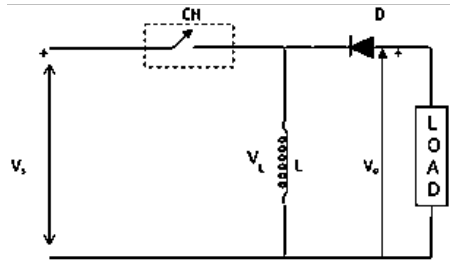


Fig Q3

- (b) Identify Fig **Q3** and explain with the aid of waveforms how it works **(8marks)**
- (c) By use of waveforms describe how power control is achieved in Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) highlighting its advantages over phase controlled techniques **(6marks)**

Question FOUR

- a) (i) Explain the FOUR basic elements of industrial robots
- (ii) With the aid of a block diagram describe the CAPP(Computer Aided Part Program) system in a manufacturing industry **(8marks)**
- (b) (i) Explain the THREE main techniques used in programming industrial robots **(6marks)**
- (ii) State:
- I. Any TWO advantages of computer aided design (CAD)
 - II. The main roles of the following in CAD:-
 - Computer
 - Designer
- (6marks)**

Question FIVE

- (a) Sketch the relationship of the characteristic impedance and the frequency of the following networks:
- i. π - filter
 - ii. T-filter
- (4marks)**
- (b) (i) For the T-section of **figure Q5a** define the characteristic impedance Z_{OT} of the section and show that:-

$$\text{Cosh } P = 1 + \frac{Z_1}{2Z_2} \quad \textbf{(7marks)}$$

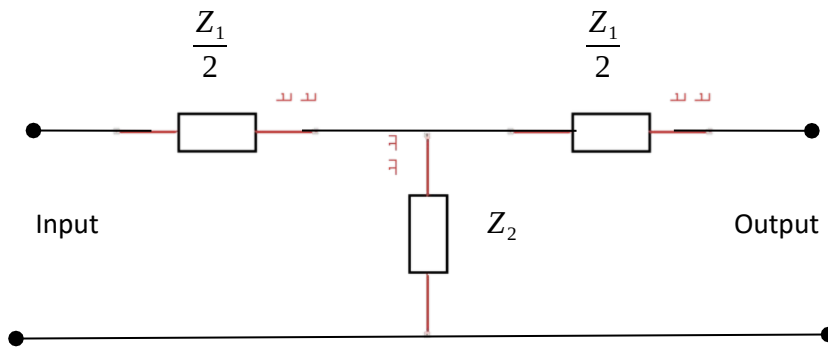


Figure Q5a

(ii) Deduce the relationship between the impedance of a symmetrical π -network and that of the equivalent T-network (3marks)

c) For the circuit of figure Q5c determine from the first principles the iterative impedance of the equivalent T-network for a frequency of 1kHz (6marks)

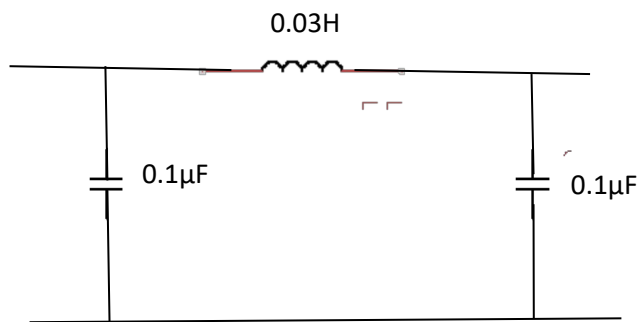


figure Q5c