



DEDAN KIMATHI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING AND
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC
ENGINEERING**

SPH 1222/SPH 2174/2171 PHYSIC II

DATE: 24/9/2021

TIME: 8.30AM-10.30AM

Constants

1. Charge of an electron = 1.602×10^{-19} C
2. Speed of light $c = 3 \times 10^8$ m/s
3. Permittivity of free space = 8.854×10^{-12} F/m
4. Mass of proton = 1.007 3 a.m.u
5. Mass of Neutron = 1.0087 a.m.u
6. Mass of electron = 9.11×10^{-31} kg
7. Planck's constant $h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34}$ J.S
8. $r_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{-15}$ m
9. $R_H = 1.097 \times 10^7 / m$
10. 1 a.m.u = 1.66×10^{-27} kg
11. 1 a.m.u = 931 MeV

INSTRUCTIONS

Answers question **one** and any other **two** questions.

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

(a) Define the following terms

- (i) Binding energy.
- (ii) Potential.

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- (iii) Current density. (1 mark)
- (b) State three applications of radioactive elements. (3marks)
- (c) Differentiate between X-rays and gamma rays. (3 marks)
- (d) A capacitor of $80 \mu\text{F}$ and another of $60 \mu\text{F}$ capacitance is charged by connecting it across a 12 V d.c supply .Calculate the energy stored in the capacitor and the charge on the capacitor.(3 marks)
- (e) Show that the number of atoms N left after disintegration is always given by $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ where all the symbols have their usual meaning. (4marks)
- (f) Two charges are placed 140cm apart .If the charges are $-3.5 \times 10^{-8} \text{C}$ and 4.5×10^{-8} . Determine the potential (V) at the midpoint between them. (3 marks)
- (g) A certain radioactive atom has a mass of 19.021 a.m.u. .Determine its binding energy if it has a mass number of twenty and atomic number of eleven. (3 marks)
- (h) A coil of aluminum wire has a resistance of 80 when its temperature is 20°C .Determine its resistance at 240°C if the temperature coefficient of resistance of aluminum at 20°C is $0.0039/^\circ\text{C}$. (3 marks)
- (i) An electron is transferred through a p.d fo $150,000 \text{ V}$.If all the energy is converted to electromagnetic radiation, determine the frequency of the electromagnetic wave produced. (3marks)
- (j) Determine the standard value of the following carbon coded resistor
Blue – Yellow – Black – red. (2marks)

QUESTION TWO (20MARKS)

- (a) State
(i) Lenz's Law. (1mark)
(ii) Right hand grip rule. (1marks)
- (b) State two application of magnets. (2 marks)
- (c) Determine the total flux emerging from a magnetic pole face having dimension of 20 mm by 25mm , if the flux density is 1.6T . (3marks)
- (d) A flux of 3000Wb takes two minutes to pass through a coil. Find the rate at which the flux changes.(3 marks)
- (e) An R-L d.c circuit consists a 60mH inductor ,a 50 resistor and a 60 V battery. The switch is closed at time is equal to zero seconds. Determine
(i) the time constant of the circuit .(3marks)
(ii) the current in the circuit at $t = 0.002 \text{ seconds}$. (4marks)
- (f) Calculate the force exerted on a charge of $2 \times 10^{-18} \text{C}$ traveling at $3 \times 10^8 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$ at an angle of 80° to a field of density of 0.005T . (3marks)

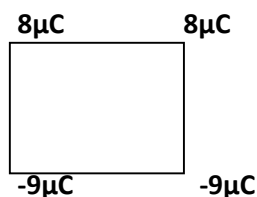
QUESTION THREE (20MARKS)

- (a) State Kirchoff's loop law. (1mark)
- (b) State and explain two factors that affect the resistance of a conductor. (3 marks)
- (c) An electron is transferred through a p.d of 2 G V .If all the energy is converted to electromagnetic radiation, determine the wavelength of the electromagnetic wave produced. (3marks)

- (d) An electron is transferred through a potential of 160,000V in an X-ray tube, calculate the maximum speed the electron will attain as it strikes the anode. **(4 marks)**
- (e) A person is provided with a battery of 12V, three resistors 12 , 5 and 7 .If the person is to supply 6V to a radio .Draw and explain how the person will do it. **(4 marks)**
- (f) Two resistors 60 and 30 are connected in parallel. This parallel is connected to Y resistor. If they are connected to 20Vd.c and the power dissipated by the circuit is 60W , determine the value of Y.**(5 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR (20MARKS)

- (a) State Coulomb`s law. **(1mark)**
- (b) State three characteristics of electric field lines. **(3marks)**
- (c) Two positive charges each of $8\mu\text{C}$ and two negative charges of $-9\mu\text{C}$ are fixed at the corners of a square of sides 100cm.Determine the electric field at the centre of the square. **(6marks).**



- (d) An $100\mu\text{F}$ capacitor is charged to a potential of 1500V.The terminals of the charged capacitor is then disconnected and connected to $40\mu\text{F}$ capacitor, determine the change in energy in the two systems i.e original and final system. **(4 marks)**
- (e) A capacitor of plate area 100mm^2 has a dielectric 2.5mm thick. If the dielectric constant is five and the capacitor is connected across 24 V .Determine
- The capacitance of the capacitor. **(3 marks)**
 - Electric field strength in the dielectric. **(3marks)**

QUESTION FIVE (20MARKS)

- (a) State three applications of radio – activity . **(3 marks)**
- (b) Write four characteristics of X-rays . **(2 marks)**
- (c) Determine the potential difference through which an electron must be accelerated in order that the continuous x- rays produced shall have a wavelength of 6.2 picometres. **(4marks)**
- (d) Calculate the longest wavelength of a Lyman series. **(4 marks)**
- (e) For a liquid drop model shows that the density of the nucleus is $\rho = 2.3 \times 10^{17} \text{kg/m}^3$ **(4 marks)**
- (f) The uranium isotope has a half life of 5.3×10^{10} years. Determine its decay constant.**(3marks)**