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**ELECTRICAL TRADE THEORY N1**

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**9:00–12:00**

**This question paper consists of 5 pages and 1 formula sheet.**

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ELECTRICAL TRADE THEORY N1  
TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100

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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer ALL the questions.
  2. Read ALL the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 Give FIVE examples of danger zones where applicable flameproof electrical appliances must be used. (5)
- 1.2 State FIVE aspects with regard to good housekeeping in the workshop. (5)
- 1.3 Bad quality work is often blamed on incorrect/improper tools being used.
- Is the above-mentioned statement TRUE or FALSE? Give TWO reasons to support your answer. (3)
- [13]**

**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Define Ohm's Law. (4)
- 2.2 THREE similar resistors of  $3 \Omega$  each are connected in parallel. This combination is connected across a battery with a voltage of 6 V.
- 2.2.1 Draw a neat fully labelled diagram of the circuit mentioned above. (4)
- Calculate the following:
- 2.2.2 The total resistance of the circuit (4)
- 2.2.3 The current flow through each resistor (7)
- 2.2.4 The total current flowing through the circuit (2)
- 2.2.5 The power used by the circuit (2)
- 2.2.6 The energy required by the circuit in ONE HOUR (4)
- [27]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Make a neat, fully labelled sketch of a current-carrying conductor showing the magnetic lines of force and their relative direction. (6)
- 3.2 State THREE ways in which the magnetic flux of a solenoid can be strengthened. (3)
- 3.3 A single-phase transformer with a voltage of 6 600 V on the primary draws a current of 5 A from the supply.  
If the transformer ratio is 25 : 1 and there are 110 turns on the secondary side, calculate the following:
  - 3.3.1 The current flowing through the secondary coil
  - 3.3.2 The number of turns on the primary coil (2 x 2) (4)

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**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 Compare, by making use of a suitable TABLE, FIVE aspects with regard to the advantages and disadvantages of primary cells and secondary cells (lead-acid). (10)
- 4.2 What material is used to make generator brushes? (1)
- 4.3 What instrument is used to measure the relative density of the electrolyte in a lead-acid cell? (1)

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**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 What happens when the conductors of an alternator move at right angles through a magnetic field? (1)
- 5.2 Describe the following terms with reference to a sine wave:
  - 5.2.1 Period (1)
  - 5.2.2 Root-mean-square (RMS) value (6)
- 5.3 Show, by means of a neat, fully labelled circuit diagram, how a voltmeter can be connected directly across the supply. (5)

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**QUESTION 6**

- 6.1 Define an *insulator*. (3)
  - 6.2 Give FIVE examples of insulators which are generally used in the electrical industry. (5)
  - 6.3 What do you understand by the term *earthed*? (5)
- [13]**

**QUESTION 7**

- 7.1 What FOUR tests does the Code of Practice stipulate for all electrical installations to ascertain that they are safe and function properly? (4)
  - 7.2 THREE similar capacitors of 240  $\mu\text{F}$  are connected in series.  
Calculate the total capacitance. (5)
- [9]**

**TOTAL: 100**

**ELECTRICAL TRADE THEORY N1****FORMULA SHEET****RESISTORS**

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

**POWER**

$$P = V \times I$$

$$P = I^2 \times R$$

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

**ENERGY**

$$W = P \times t$$

$$W = VI \times t$$

$$W = I^2 R \times t$$

$$W = \frac{V^2}{R} \times t$$

**CELLS**

$$E = V + (I \times r)$$

$$R_T = R + r$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$I = \frac{E}{(R + r)}$$

**RESISTIVITY**

$$R = \frac{\rho \times l}{a}$$

$$a = \frac{\pi \times d^2}{4}$$

**TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT**

$$R_t = R_o(1 + L_o t)$$

**TRANSFORMERS**

$$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{I_2}{I_1}$$

**CAPACITORS**

$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots$$

**FREQUENCY**

$$f = np$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$



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# **MARKING GUIDELINE**

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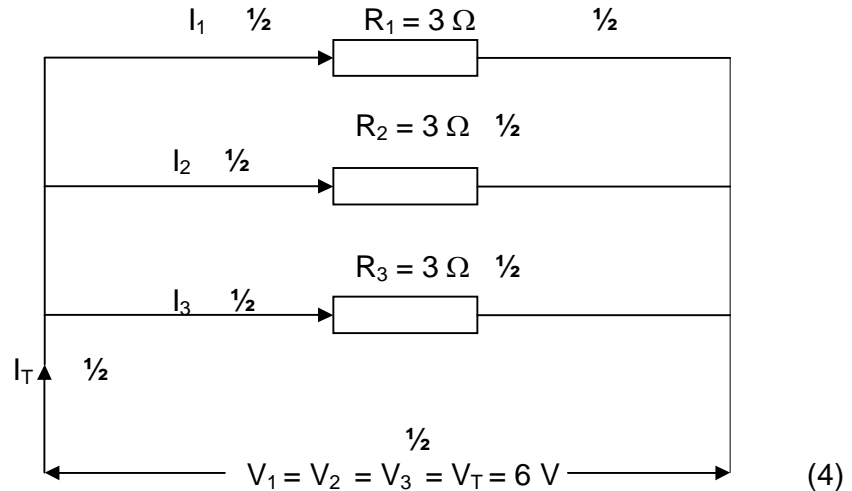




**QUESTION 2**

2.1 The current flowing in a direct-current circuit is directly proportional to the applied voltage and inversely proportional to the resistance of that circuit, at a constant temperature. (4)

2.2 2.2.1



2.2.2 
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{R_T} &= \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \checkmark \\ &= \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \checkmark \\ &= \frac{(1 + 1 + 1)}{3} \\ &= 1 \checkmark \\ \therefore R_T &= 1 \Omega \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
 (4)

2.2.3 
$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{V_1}{R_1} \checkmark \quad \text{AND} \quad I_2 = \frac{V_2}{R_2} \checkmark \quad \text{AND} \quad I_3 = \frac{V_3}{R_3} \checkmark \\ \text{But } V_1 &= V_2 = V_3 = V_T = 6 \text{ V} \checkmark \\ \therefore \\ I_1 &= \frac{6}{3} \quad \text{AND} \quad I_2 = \frac{6}{3} \quad \text{AND} \quad I_3 = \frac{6}{3} \\ &= 2 \text{ A} \checkmark \quad \quad \quad = 2 \text{ A} \checkmark \quad \quad \quad = 2 \text{ A} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
 (7)

2.2.4 
$$\begin{aligned} I_T &= \frac{V_T}{R_T} \checkmark \quad \text{OR} \quad I_T = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 \\ &= \frac{6}{1} \quad \quad \quad = 2 + 2 + 2 \\ &= 6 \text{ A} \checkmark \quad \quad \quad = 6 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$
 (2)

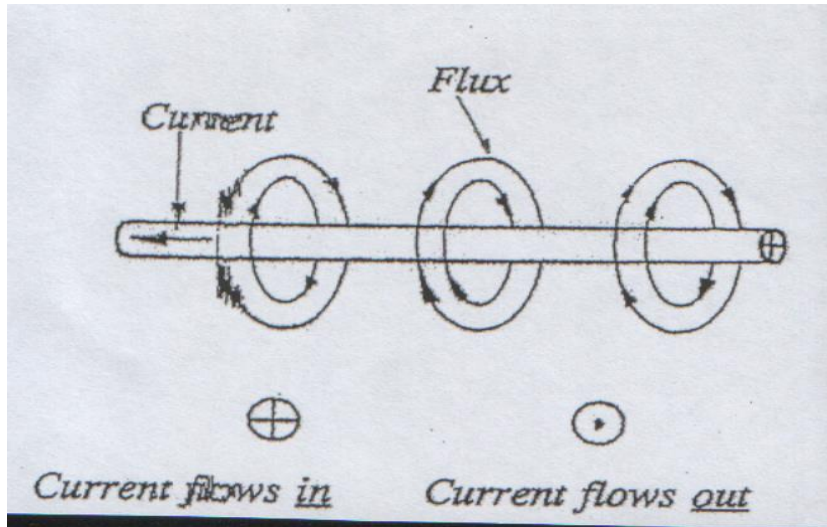
2.2.5 
$$\begin{aligned} P_T &= I_T^2 R_T \checkmark \quad \text{OR} \quad P_T = V_T I_T \quad \text{OR} \quad P_T = \frac{V_T^2}{R_T} \\ &= 6^2 \times 1 \\ &= 36 \text{ W} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
 (2)

2.2.6 
$$\begin{aligned} E_T &= P_T \times t \checkmark \\ &= 36 \times (1 \times 60 \times 60) \checkmark \\ &= 129\,600 \text{ W} \checkmark \\ &= 129,6 \text{ kW} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
 (4)

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**QUESTION 3**

3.1



(2 marks only for unlabelled sketch) (6)

- 3.2
- Increase in the current flow
  - Placing an iron core inside the solenoid (coil)
  - Increase in the number of turns of the coil

(3 x 1) (3)

3.3 3.3.1 Turns ratio = current ratio  
 Turns ratio =  $I_2:I_1$   
 i.e.  $N_1:N_2 = I_2:I_1$   
 $\therefore I_2 = (\text{turns ratio}) \times I_1 \checkmark$   
 $= (25 \div 1)(5)$   
 $= 125 \text{ A} \checkmark$

(2)

3.3.2  $N_1:N_2 = \text{turns ratio}$   
 $N_1 = (\text{turns ratio})(N_2) \checkmark$   
 $= (25 \div 1)(110)$   
 $= 2\,750 \text{ turns} \checkmark$

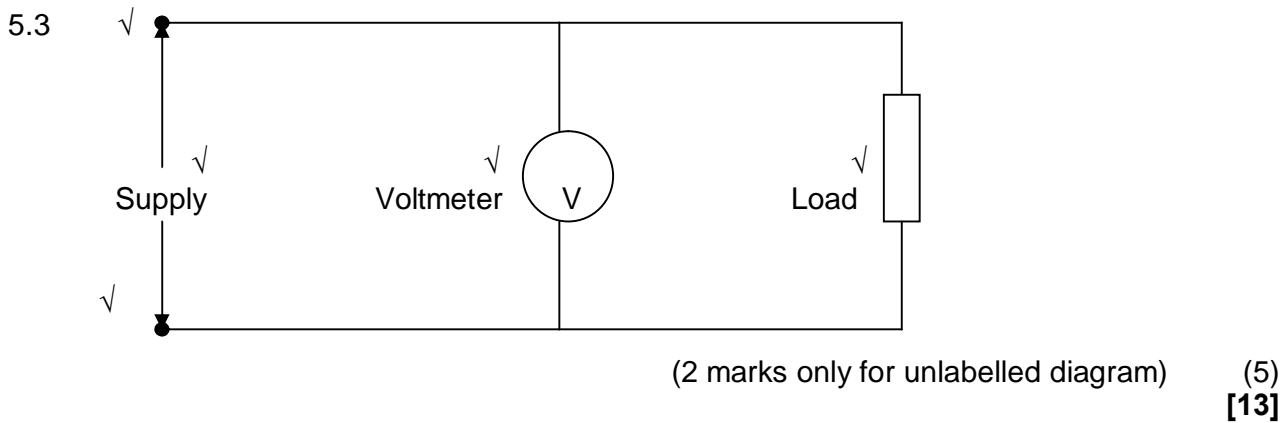
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**[13]**

**QUESTION 4**

|     |  |  |             |
|-----|--|--|-------------|
| 4.1 | <b>PRIMARY CELLS</b>   | <b>SECONDARY CELLS</b>   |             |
|     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not rechargeable</li> <li>• Low output</li> <li>• Short life expectancy</li> <li>• Low internal resistance</li> <li>• Low EMF per cell</li> <li>• Small and easy to handle</li> <li>• Reasonably cheap</li> <li>• Voltage drop due to polarisation</li> <li>• Ampere-hours are very low</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Any FIVE)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rechargeable</li> <li>• High output for its size</li> <li>• Reasonably long life if well maintained</li> <li>• High internal resistance</li> <li>• High EMF per cell</li> <li>• Heavy compared with energy it stores</li> <li>• Relatively more expensive</li> <li>• Polarisation is minimal</li> <li>• High discharge current for short period</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(Any FIVE)</p> | (10)        |
| 4.2 | Carbon   |  | (1)         |
| 4.3 | Hydrometer   |  | (1)         |
|     |  |  | <b>[12]</b> |

**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 Maximum EMF is induced. (1)
- 5.2 5.2.1 The time taken to complete one cycle. (1)
- 5.2.2 That value of current or voltage that will produce the same heating effect as an equivalent direct current. (1)
- RMS value = 0,707 x the maximum value (6)



**QUESTION 6**

- 6.1 Any solid material preventing flow of electric current. (3)
- 6.2
- Vulcanised rubber
  - Porcelain
  - Silicon rubber
  - Bakelite
  - Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
  - Asbestos
  - Micanite
  - Glass
  - Moulded resins and plastics
  - Oil-impregnated paper
- (Any 5 x 1) (5)
- 6.3 Earthed means connected to the general mass of earth in such a manner as to ensure, at all times, an immediate discharge of electrical energy without danger. (5)
- [13]**

**QUESTION 7**

- 7.1
- Insulation resistance between live and neutral
  - Insulation resistance between live, neutral and earth
  - Polarity of switches
  - Earth continuity
- (4)
- 7.2
- $$\begin{aligned} (1 \div C_T) &= (1 \div C_1) + (1 \div C_2) + (1 \div C_3) \checkmark \\ &= (1 \div 240) + (1 \div 240) + (1 \div 240) \checkmark \\ &= (1 + 1 + 1) \div (240) \checkmark \\ &= \frac{1 + 1 + 1}{240} \checkmark \\ \therefore C_T &= (240 \div 3) \\ C_T &= 80 \mu\text{F} \checkmark \end{aligned}$$
- (5)  
**[9]**

**TOTAL: 100**