



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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University Examinations for 2015/2016

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL
ENGINEERING

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

MED-PR-214: ELECTRICAL MACHINES I

DATE: 3/8/2016

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Attempt Q 1 and Any Other Two

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the working principle of a D.C
- i) Motor
 - ii) Generator (6 marks)
- b) Explain the function of the following parts of a d.c machine
- i) Yoke
 - ii) Armature windings
 - iii) Shoe poles
 - iv) Commutator (8 marks)
- c) List the THREE classifications and applications of D.C motors (6 marks)
- d) Explain THREE areas of application of D.C shunt motors (5 marks)
- e) A 200v d.c motor has a shunt resistance of 100Ω . The armature resistance is 0.5Ω . The supply current is 10A. Calculate the back e.m.f (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a) Explain the following terms as applied in machines
- i) Stator
 - ii) Rotor (6 marks)
- b) From the first principles, derive an expression for emf of a d.c motor (8 marks)
- c) A 240V d.c motor has a shunt resistance of 30Ω , the motor is run at a speed of 1000rpm with an armature resistance of 0.5Ω and a full load current of 100A. If the speed is changed at a supply current of 50A Determine the new speed (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- a) Explain the operation of a single phase transformer (5 marks)
- b) List any Five applications of transformers (5 marks)
- c) A single phase transformer has a supply voltage of $150/x$ volts. The ratio of primary to secondary turns is 2;1. The ratio of the secondary flux to primary is 50%. Calculate the value of x (5 marks)
- d) From the first principles, derive an expression for e.m.f of a single phase transformer (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain the following terms as applied to duty cycles
- i) Continuous rating
 - ii) Intermittent
 - iii) Short time rating (6 marks)
- b) List any SIX factors to consider for the choice of a drive (6 marks)
- c) Explain the following drives
- i) Group
 - ii) Individual (4 marks)
- d) List any FOUR types of ventilations for motors (4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- a) List any FIVE areas of application of squirrel cage motor (5 marks)
- b) With the aid of a power and circuit diagrams explain the DOL starting of induction motors (10 marks)
- c) List any reasons for skewing rotor bar of induction motors (5 marks)