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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATE IN
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

EPC 216: ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES IV

DATE: 30/5/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

1. (a) Describe the following types of transients;
 - (i) Initiation transients
 - (ii) Subsidence transients
 - (iii) Transition transients (6 marks)
- (b) A fully discharged $10\mu\text{F}$ capacitor and a $1\text{M}\Omega$ resistor in series are connected across a constant voltage V . Determine the time taken for the capacitor to receive 75% of its final charge. (7 marks)
- (c) A series combination having resistance of $2\text{M}\Omega$ and a capacitor of $0.01\mu\text{F}$ is connected across a d.c source of 50V. determine ;
 - (i) Capacitor voltage
 - (ii) Charging currentAfter 0.02 seconds and 0.04seconds (10 marks)

- (d) A coil having a resistance of 5 ohms and an inductance of 2H is switched across a 24V dc supply, calculate the;
- (i) time constant
 - (ii) final value of the current
 - (iii) value of the current 1.5 seconds after the switch is closed. (7 marks)
2. (a) Define the following terms with respect to dc transients;
- (i) Steady state value
 - (ii) Transient value
 - (iii) Time constant (6 marks)
- (b) A coil has a time constant of 1 second and an inductance of 8H. If the coil is connected to a 100 V d.c source, determine the;
- (i) Rate of rise of current at the instant of switching
 - (ii) Steady value of current
 - (iii) Time taken by the current to reach 60% of the steady value (8 marks)
- (c) With the aid of a circuit diagram explain an experiment to illustrate variation of current with time for an RL circuit. (6 marks)
3. (a) An inductor in series with a resistor is connected across a d.c supply.
- (i) Sketch a graph of current against time
 - (ii) Explain the behavior of current (8 marks)
- (b) A circuit having a resistance of $20\ \Omega$ and an inductance of 0.5H is switched across a d.c supply of 200V. Find the;
- (i) equation of current as a function of time
 - (ii) time constant of the circuit
 - (iii) current at a time equal to time constant
 - (iv) current after 0.05 seconds
 - (v) rate of increase of the current at switch ON
 - (vi) energy stored in the coil when the current is 2A. (12 marks)

4. (a) (i) Draw a circuit diagram for an experiment to illustrate variation of voltage and current against time when capacitor is charging and discharging.
- (ii) Draw labeled graphs for current and voltage against time for charging and discharging a capacitor.
- (iii) Explain the behavior of current during capacitor charging. (14 marks)
- (b) If the current through a coil having an inductance of 0.7H is reduced from 5A to 3A in 0.05 seconds, calculate the value of induced emf in the coil. (6 marks)
5. (a) A constant voltage is applied to a series R-L circuit at $t=0$ by closing a switch. The voltage across L is 25V at $t=0$ and drops to 5V at $t=0.025$ seconds. If $L=2\text{H}$, determine the value of R. (7 marks)
- (b) A relay coil of resistance 200Ω and inductance of 8 H is connected in series with a 10Ω resistor across a d.c voltage of 60 V. If the relay operates when the current in the coil is 31.6mA, calculate the time it takes for the relay to operate from the time of switch ON of the supply. (7 marks)
- (c) A coil of 500 turns wound on a core of non-magnetic material has an inductance of 10mH. Calculate;
 - (i) the flux produced by a current of 5A;
 - (ii) the average value of emf induced when a current of 4A is reversed in 10 mS (6 marks)