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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING

EED 216: POWER ELECTRONICS

DATE: 5/6/2017

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer Question One and Any Other Two Questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

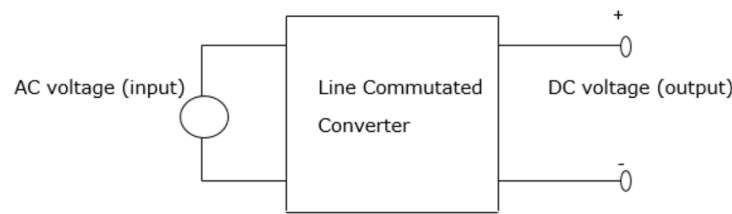
- a) A power electronic system converts electrical energy from one form to another. Explain the significance of this system (6 marks)
- b) With the aid of a schematic diagram, explain how power electronics is used in air conditioners. (11 marks)
- c) Explain the following
 - i. Modes of Operation in SCR
 - ii. ON state (conducting mode)
 - iii. Reverse blocking(9 marks)
- d) It is important to determine the performance parameters for different converters whose topologies can be single phase or multi-phase. Explain the two assumptions of this performance. (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Highlight five main types of battery chargers and their application in power electronics. (10 marks)
- b) Explain the major Applications of choppers as DC regulators. (6 marks)
- c) Using diagrams explain the application of various types of symbols (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) A (BJT) emits a current of 1mA, and has emitter efficiency of 0.99. The base transport factor is 0.994 and a depletion layer recombination factor is 0.997. For the BJT calculate the following:
- The transport factor (2 marks)
 - The current gain (2 marks)
 - The collector current (2 marks)
 - The base current (2 marks)
- b) The figure below shows a phase controlled converter converts AC to DC energy (line commutated). Explain its operation (8 marks)



- c) Explain the Applications of The insulated gate bipolar transistor (4 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) With the aid of a well labeled diagram, using a DC to DC converter, explain the concept of resonance switching (8 marks)
- b) An inverter is a power electronic device that converts power in DC form to AC form at the required frequency and voltage output. Explain the two main categories of Inverters. (4 marks)
- c) Explain the difference in application between the following linear circuit elements.
- Sensors
 - Filters
 - Controllers
 - Electromagnetic devices
- (8 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) The TRIAC structure is regarded as a DIAC having an extra gate contact incorporated to ensure device control. Using a diagram, explain the process of fabricating the silicon leads to the production of a DIAC. (6 marks)
- b) Explain how a TRIAC operation facilitates the switching function in AC electrical components and systems. (8 marks)
- c) Using symbols explain the operation of a BJT (6 marks)