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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING)

EEE 203: CIRCUIT THEORY I

DATE: 16/8/2021

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper contains 5 questions.
2. Attempt **Question One** and **Any Other Two** questions

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

- a) Briefly explain the following terms as used in circuit analysis:
- (i) Circuit (1 mark)
 - (ii) Node (1 mark)
 - (iii) Loop (1 mark)
 - (iv) Mesh (1 mark)
- b) State the two the Kirchhoff's laws (2 marks)
- c) For the circuit shown in Fig. Q1 c), use Kirchhoff's laws to find
- (i) The currents I_1 and I_2 (4 marks)
 - (ii) Voltage across the 10Ω resistor (1 mark)
 - (iii) Power dissipated in the 2Ω resistor (1 mark)

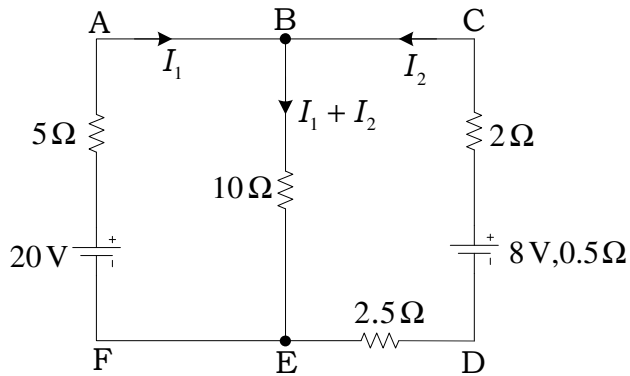


Fig. Q1c)

- d) A resistance of 50Ω and an inductance of 0.1H are connected in series across a 230V 50Hz supply. Find
- (i) Circuit impedance (1½ marks)
 - (ii) Circuit Current (1 mark)
 - (iii) power factor (½ mark)
 - (iv) apparent power (1 mark)
 - (v) active power (1 mark)
 - (vi) reactive power (1 mark)
 - (vii) voltage across resistance and (1 mark)
 - (viii) voltage across inductance (1 mark)
- e) For the circuit shown in Fig. Q 1 e), use nodal analysis to find
- (i) Currents I_1 , I_2 , I_3 , I_4 and I_5 (8 marks)
 - (ii) the voltage across the 25Ω resistor (1 mark)
 - (iii) the total power consumed by the passive elements of the circuit (1 mark)

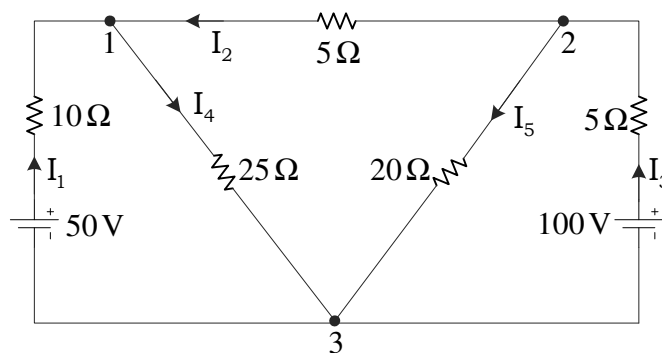
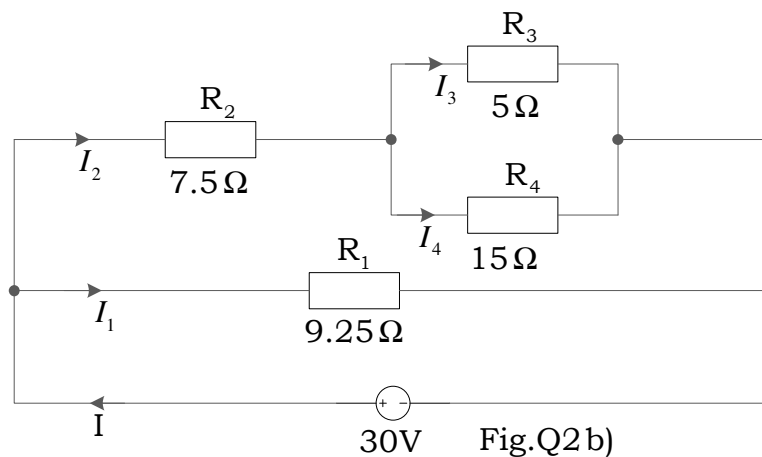


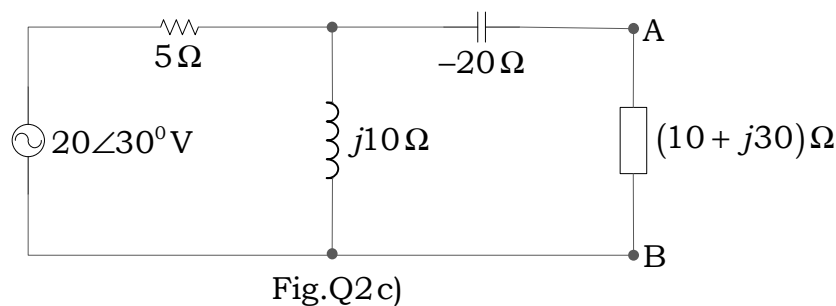
Fig. Q1 e)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) A capacitance $C = 35 \mu F$ is in parallel with a resistor R. Find the value of R given that the circuit voltage and total circuit current are
 $v = 150 \sin 3000t (V)$ and $i = 16.5 \sin(3000t + 72.4^\circ) (A)$ respectively. (5 marks)
- b) For the circuit shown in Fig.Q2 b), use Ohms law to find
- (i) Total circuit resistance (2 marks)
 - (ii) Circuit current I (1 mark)
 - (iii) Currents I_1, I_2, I_3 and I_4 (4 marks)
 - (iv) Voltage across 9.25Ω (1 mark)



- c) Find the Thevenin's equivalent of the circuit shown in Fig. Q2 c) at terminals A-B. Hence, calculate
- (i) the value of the current flowing through $(10 + j30) \Omega$ impedance
 - (ii) the power dissipated in this impedance. (7 marks)



QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Find the value of R_L for maximum power transfer in Fig. Q3 a). Also find this power.

(4 marks)

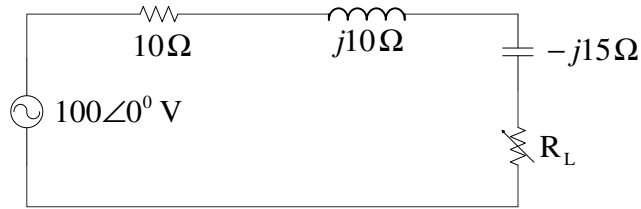


Fig. Q3 a)

- b) When a voltage $v = 15 \sin(1000t - 30^\circ) \text{ V}$ is applied to a series ac circuit, the current is $i = 10 \sin(1000t - 10^\circ) \text{ A}$. Find

- (i) power factor (1 mark)
- (ii) apparent power (1 mark)
- (iii) Active power (1 mark)
- (iv) Circuit parameters (4 marks)

- c) For the circuit shown in Fig. Q3 c), find

- (i) Mesh currents I_1 and I_2 (5 marks)
- (ii) The voltage, V_c (1 mark)
- (iii) Power dissipated in the 25Ω resistor (1 mark)

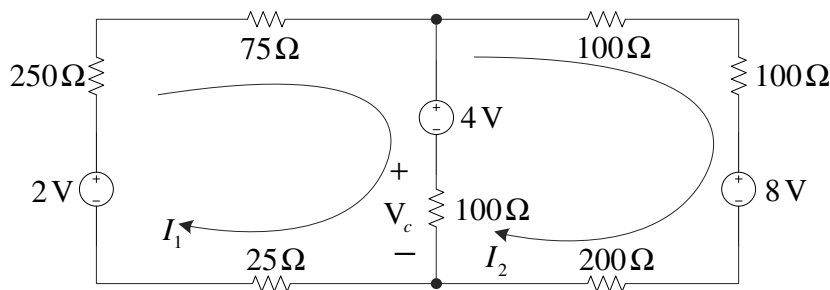


Fig. Q3 c)

- d) Determine the resistance range for the following colour code: Blue-Brown-Green-Silver-Blue.

(2 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) For the circuit shown in Fig. Q4 a), find

- (i) Total circuit impedance (2 marks)
- (ii) Current drawn from supply (1 mark)
- (iii) Voltage across the parallel branches (1 mark)
- (iv) Current in each parallel branch (2 marks)
- (v) Power factor (1 mark)
- (vi) Apparent power (1 mark)
- (vii) Active power (1 mark)

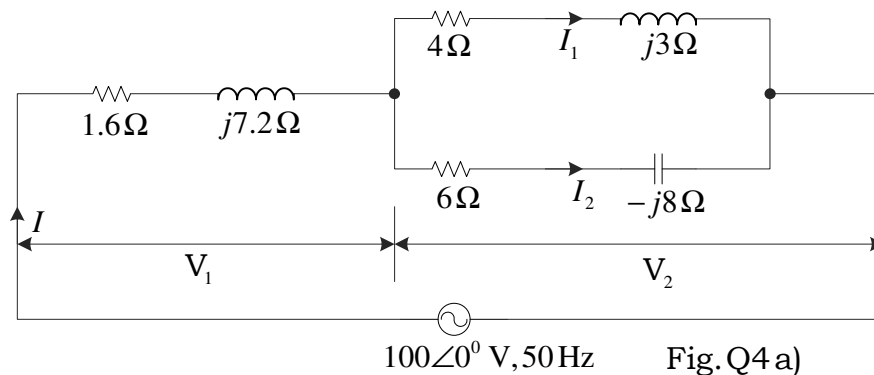


Fig. Q4 a)

(viii) Draw the phasor diagram showing V, I, I_1 and I_2 .

(2 marks)

b) Use Norton's theorem to find the current through the R_L in Fig. Q4 b).

(5 marks)

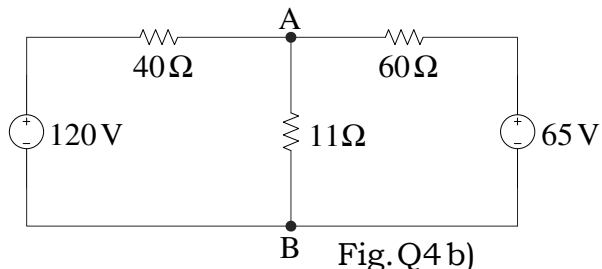


Fig. Q4 b)

c) Two resistors are connected in series across a 24 V supply and a current of 3 A flows in the circuit. If one of the resistors has a resistance of 2Ω , determine

- (i) the value of the other resistor, and
- (ii) the p.d. across the 2Ω resistor.
- (iii) how much energy is used if the circuit is connected for 50 hours

(4 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) A parallel circuit having a resistance of 15Ω in one branch and an inductance of L in the other is fed from a 240 V, 50 Hz supply. The total circuit current is 22.1 A.
- (i) Find the value of the inductance (4 marks)
 - (ii) What should be the frequency for the total current to be 34 A? (3 marks)
- b) State the Superposition theorem. (2 marks)
- c) Using the superposition theorem, find the voltage across the 20Ω in the circuit of Fig. Q5 c). (5 marks)

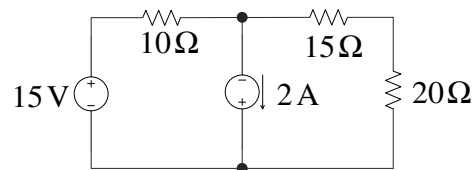


Fig. Q5 c)

- d) Three voltages represented by $v_1 = 20 \sin \omega t$; $v_2 = 30 \sin(\omega t - \pi/4)$; $v_3 = 40 \cos(\omega t + \pi/6)$ act together in a circuit.
- (i) Draw the waveforms for the three voltages (2 marks)
 - (ii) Find an expression for the resultant voltage. (4 marks)