



**KENYATTA UNIVERSITY**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2011/2012**

**SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE**

**ECV 211: ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING**

**DATE: THURSDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012**

**TIME: 11.00 A.M. – 1.00 P.M.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- (i) There are **Five** questions.
  - (ii) Question No.1 is **Compulsory** and carries **30 Marks**.
  - (iii) Select any **other Two** questions, each of which carries 20 Marks.
  - (iv) Define all symbols used .
  - (v) Marks will be awarded for procedure, methodologies used and not necessarily on the final answer.
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- Q1. (a) (i) Determine the resistance of a copper wire which is 500m long and has a diameter of 1.5 mm. Take resistivity for copper as  $1.732 \times 10^{-8} \Omega\text{-m}$ .  
(4 MARKS)
- (ii) State Joule's Law and give its application. (3 MARKS)
- (iii) Determine the equivalent inductances for each of the two circuits depicted in Fig.Q1a. (3 MARKS)
- (b) (i) For a given R-C circuit, distinguish between *zero-state response* and *zero-input response*. (4 MARKS)
- (ii) Explain the concept of Power Triangle in sinusoidal steady state systems. (3 MARKS)

- (iii) From first principles, show that the impedance of a Capacitor of capacitance  $c$  farads, through which a sinusoidal current of frequency  $\omega$  radians is flowing is  $1/j\omega c$  ohms. (3 MARKS)
- (c) (i) Indicate what Mutual Inductance is. (3 MARKS)
- (ii) The driving point impedance ( $Z$ ) of the circuit given in Fig.Q1c is  $1\Omega$ . Determine  $Z_x$ . (4 MARKS)
- (iii) Draw the Phasor diagram for a Star connected balanced *Source* supplying a Delta connected balanced *Load*, power factor  $\cos \phi$ . (3 MARKS)
- Q2. The Switch  $S$  in the circuit given in Fig.Q2 is opened at  $t=0$ , having been closed long enough for the circuit to attain steady state.
- (i) Re-draw the circuit with equivalent capacitance and resistance. (6 MARKS)
- (ii) Find  $v(t)$  for  $t>0$ . (14 MARKS)
- Q3 Consider the circuit given in Fig. Q3.
- (i) Draw the vector diagram of the source voltage,  $V$ . (3 MARKS)
- (ii) Find the current flowing in the impedance  $(3+j4)\Omega$ . (14 MARKS)
- (iii) Draw the vector diagram for the current in (ii) above. (3 MARKS)
- Q4. (a) (i) Draw *phasor* diagrams for resistive, inductive and capacitive loads. (6 MARKS)
- (ii) Clarify the phase status of each category. (4 MARKS)
- (b) Given balanced 3-phase star and delta loads, use suitable diagrams to indicate their respective configuration for:-
- (i) Line and phase voltage. (5 MARKS)
- (ii) Line and phase current. (5 MARKS)

- Q5. (a) Demonstrate thorough understanding of:-
- (i) Capacitance. (3 MARKS)
  - (ii) Magnetic Leakage. (3 MARKS)
  - (iii) Magnetic Fringing. (3 MARKS)
- (b) (i) Define Electrostatic Field Intensity. (3 MARKS)
- (ii) State Gauss' Law. (2 MARKS)
  - (iii) Show what Mutual Inductance is. (6 MARKS)

