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**ENERGY CONVERSION**

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Time allowed: 2:00 hours

There are **THREE** questions on this paper.

**Answer All questions.**

**Q1 carries 40% of the marks. Questions 2 and 3 carry equal marks (30% each).**

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## ENERGY CONVERSION

1. a) A dc current  $I$  flows through a thin straight current element of an infinitesimal length  $dl$ , as shown in Figure 1.1. Find the magnitude and the direction of the magnetic field strength at point P. Both the current element and point P are in the plane of the paper. The distance between the current element and point P is  $r$ . The angle between the current element and the line connecting it with point P is  $\theta$ . [ 5 ]

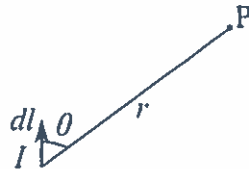


Figure 1.1

- b) The configuration is the same as in part a), but a positive point charge  $q$  is now placed at point P. The charge moves with a velocity  $v$  in the direction opposite to the current, as shown in Figure 1.2. Find the magnitude and direction of the force on the charge. [ 5 ]

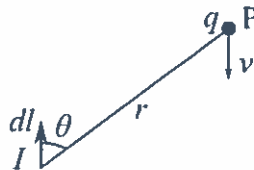


Figure 1.2

- c) A dc current  $I$  flows along the thin wire shown in Figure 1.3. The wire consists of a half-ring of a radius  $R$  whose ends are connected to two straight infinitely long segments. Find the magnetic flux density at the centre of the half-ring denoted by point O in Figure 1.3. [ 30 ]

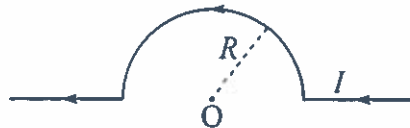


Figure 1.3

2. a) Show that the expression for the electric field created by a point charge  $q$  in vacuum satisfies Gauss's law in the integral form. Take the Gauss surface as a sphere whose centre coincides with the position of the point charge. [ 5 ]
- b) Find the magnitude and the sign of the voltage  $U_{AB}$  between point A and point B shown in Figure 2.1. The voltage is due to a positive point charge  $q$ . Points A and B lie on the same line at the opposite sides of the charge. The distance between the charge and point A is  $r_A$ . The distance between the charge and point B is  $r_B$ . [ 10 ]

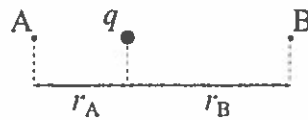


Figure 2.1

- c) Consider a parallel-plate capacitor connected to wires as shown in Figure 2.2. An ac current  $I$  is flowing through the wires. Show how applying Ampere's law in the form  $\oint_l (\mathbf{H} \cdot d\mathbf{l}) = \int_S (\mathbf{J} \cdot d\mathbf{S})$  can lead to a contradictory result for this geometry. Why does the contradiction arise? How is it resolved? [ 15 ]



Figure 2.2

3. a) Explain what physical mechanism creates a mutual inductance between two loops carrying time-varying currents. What is the definition of mutual inductance? [ 10 ]
- b) Two identical loops with a self-inductance  $L$  are coupled to each other by a mutual inductance  $M$ . Assuming total flux linkage, show that  $M = L$ . [ 10 ]
- c) Two identical loops with a self-inductance  $L$  are coupled to each other by a mutual inductance  $M$ . One of the loops is connected to an ac voltage source that has a complex amplitude  $U$  and an angular frequency  $\omega$ , as shown in Figure 3.1. Find the complex amplitudes of the currents flowing in both loops. [ 10 ]

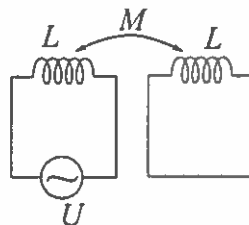


Figure 3.1

