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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, 2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR RESIT EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF  
SCIENCE & BACHELOR OF EDUCATION SCIENCE

PHYS 212: ELECTRICITY AND MAGNETISM

STREAM: BSc. & BED (Science)

TIME: 2 HOURS

EXAMINATION SESSION: AUGUST

YEAR: 2019

### INSTRUCTIONS

- i) Answer question ONE and any other THREE questions
- ii) Show all the workings clearly
- iii) Use constants provided below whenever necessary

Particle	Charge (C)	Mass (kg)
Electron (e)	$-1.6021917 \times 10^{-19}$	$9.1095 \times 10^{-31}$
Proton (P)	$+1.6021917 \times 10^{-19}$	$1.67261 \times 10^{-27}$
Neutron (n)	0	$1.67492 \times 10^{-27}$

### QUESTION ONE (40 Marks) Compulsory

- (a) Define the following terms
- i. Electromotive force
  - ii. Potential difference
  - iii. Internal Resistance

(3 Marks).

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(b) A battery has an electromotive force of  $12.0 \text{ V}$  and an internal resistance of  $0.05 \Omega$ . Its terminals are connected to a load resistance of  $3.00 \Omega$ . Find

- i. Current in the circuit
  - ii. Terminal voltage of the battery
- (4 Marks)

(c) i. State the properties of Electric charge

(3 Marks)

- ii. Calculate the number of electrons whose total charge is approximately equal to  $1 \text{ C}$  of charge.
- (2 marks)

(d) Show that the acceleration of a charged particle in a uniform electric field is given

By;  $a = \frac{qE}{m}$

(4 Marks)

(e) The electron and proton of a hydrogen atom are separated on average by a distance of approximately  $5.3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}$ . Find the magnitude of the electric force between the two particles.

(3 Marks)

(f) State the properties of Electric field lines

(3 Marks)

(g)

i. Define Electric flux and give its SI units

(1 Mark)

ii. What is the electric flux through a sphere that has a radius of  $1.00 \text{ m}$  and carries charge of  $+1.00 \mu\text{C}$  at its centre?

(3 marks)

(h)i. State Faradays law.

(1 Mark)

ii. Express Faraday's law of induction in equation form and define the relevant terms in the equation

(2 Marks)

(i)

i. Stating its units, define inductance  $L$  of a coil.

(2 Marks)

ii. Show that the total energy stored in a magnetic field of an inductor is given by;  $U = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$  where  $I$  is current and  $L$  is the inductance

(4 Marks).

(j)

i. Differentiate between electric potential and electric potential energy

(2 Marks)



- ii. A proton is released from rest in a uniform electric field that has a magnitude of  $8.0 \times 10^4 \text{ V/m}$ . The proton undergoes a displacement of  $0.50 \text{ m}$  in the direction of electric field  $E$ . Find the change in electric potential between any 2 points A and B. (3 Marks)

### Question Two (10 Marks)

- (a)
- State the Principle of superposition of electric forces (1 Mark)
  - Express Coulombs law of electrostatics in equation form and define the relevant terms in the equation (2 Marks)
  - From Coulombs law, state 2 properties of electric force between 2 stationary charged particles (2 Marks)
- (b) 2 point charges are located on the positive x-axis of a co-ordinate system. Charge  $q_1 = 1 \text{ nC}$  is 2 cm from the origin and charge  $q_2 = -3 \text{ nC}$  is 4 cm from the origin. What is the total force exerted by these 2 charges on a charge  $q_3 = 5 \text{ nC}$  located at the origin? (5 Marks)  
(Note: Gravitational forces are negligible)

### Question Three (10 Marks)

- (a). A spherical gaussian surface surrounds a point charge  $q$ . Describe what happen to the total flux through the surface if:
- the charge is tripled. (1 Mark).
  - the radius of the sphere is doubled (1 Mark).
- (b). i. State Gauss's law (1 Mark)
- Starting with Gauss's law, calculate the electric field due to an isolated point charge  $q$  (3 Marks)
- (c) Show that the net flux through any closed surface surrounding a point charge  $q$  is given by  $q/\epsilon_0$  and is independent of the shape of that surface. (4 Marks)

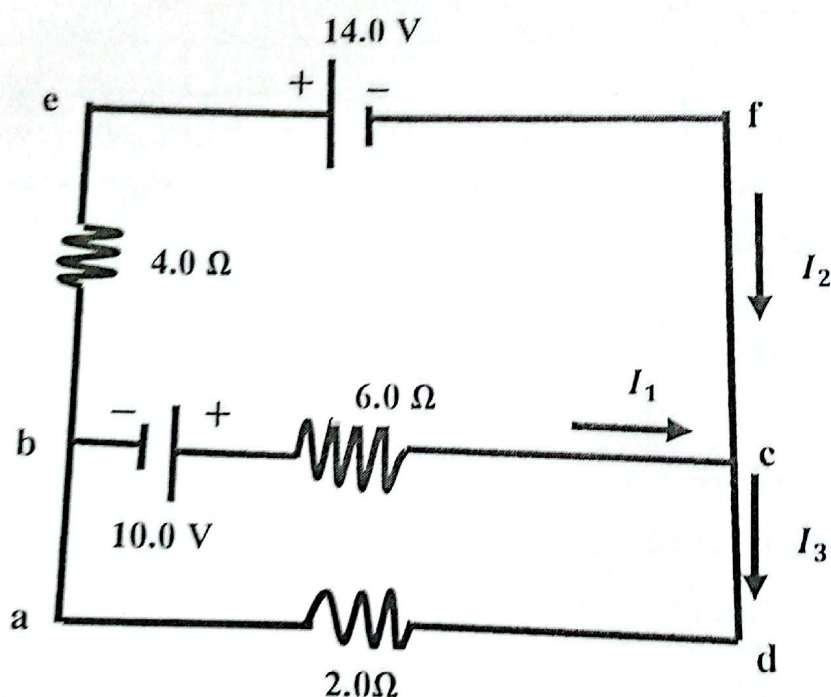
**Question Four (10 Marks)**

(a)

- i. State Kirchhoff's Junction and loop Rules (2 Marks)
- ii. Write down any 2-sign conventions applicable when using Kirchhoff's second law (2 Marks)

(b) Find the currents  $I_1$ ,  $I_2$ , and  $I_3$  in the circuit shown below.

(6 Marks).



**Question Five (10 Marks)**

(a)

- i. Stating its SI units, define the capacitance of a capacitor. (2 Marks)
- ii. List any 2 common uses of capacitors (2 Marks)

(b)

- i. Show that the capacitance of a parallel plate capacitor is proportional to the area of its plates and inversely proportional to the plate separation.

That is  $C = \frac{\epsilon_0 A}{d}$

(4 Marks)



- ii. A parallel plate capacitor with air between the plates has an area  $A = 2.00 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$  and a plate separation  $d = 1.00 \text{ mm}$ . Find its capacitance.  
(2 Marks).