

ASSIGNMENT No: 3

1. What are the important features of electrification of a high rise apartment building?

Soln:- * High rise residential apartments are those buildings having a height above ground level of more than 15m.

- * Lift machine rooms on the water tanks will not be taken into account in fixing the height of the building
- * These building come under the section 54 of the Electricity Act 2003 and rule 50(A) of the Indian Electricity Rules 1956.
- * The electric power supply arrangement in the high rise apartment buildings are normally provided through a transformer sub station which receives power at 11kV on the high voltage side.
- * Load Calculation: must be done to determine the electrical demand of the building. The building's electrical infrastructure must have sufficient capacity to meet the demands of all the residents electrical needs.
- * Electrical safety: Safety features such as circuit breakers ground fault interrupts and surge protectors must be installed to prevent electrical accidents and damage to electrical equipment.

* **Efficient electrical distribution**: The electrical system should be designed to minimize energy loss and ensure that power is distributed evenly throughout the building.

* **Backup power supply**: A backup power supply such as a generator or battery backup system should be installed to ensure that critical systems such as elevators and emergency lighting remain operational during power outages.

* **Energy efficiency**: The building's electrical system should be designed to be as energy efficient as possible through the use of energy efficient lighting, appliances and HVAC systems.

* **Smart technology**: The use of smart technology such as smart meters and automated lighting controls can help to optimize energy usage and reduce energy costs.

2. Explain briefly the precommissioning tests for a domestic wiring installation.

Ans:-1. Insulation Resistance test

* Its objective is to measure the ohmic value of the insulation under a direct voltage of great stability, generally 50, 100, 250, 500 or 1000 VDC.

* A megohmmeter is then used to measure the ohmic value of an insulator under a DC voltage of great stability.

* The insulation resistance in mega ohms measured as above shall not be less than 12.5 m ohms for the wiring with PVC insulated cables, subject to minimum of $1\text{ M}\Omega$.

2. Polarity Test of Switch :- This test will verify that all the switch installed in the system are connected in current carrying conductor and not in neutral.

* The terminals of all switches shall be tested by a test lamp, one lead of which is connected to the earth.

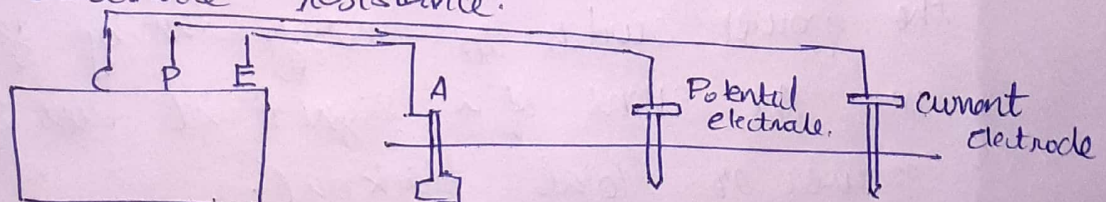
* Glowing of test lamp to its full brightness, when the switch in "ON" position shall indicate that the switch is connected to the right polarity.

3. Earth Electrode Resistance Test : The purpose of this test is to establish that the resistance of the soil is suitable and that the electrode makes contact with soil.

* Two auxiliary earth electrode, besides the test electrode are placed at suitable distance from the test electrode.

* A measured current is passed b/w the electrode A to be tested and an auxiliary electrode 'C' and the potential difference b/w the electrode 'A' and auxiliary potential 'B' is measured.

* Measured Voltage & current values are used to calculate the electrode resistance.



4. Earth Continuity Test:- The purpose of this test is to check that there is a good connection b/w the earth pin on the plug and the case of the appliance.

* A good connection is defined as having a resistance less than 0.1 ohms.

* If the resistance measured is less than 0.1, then appliance is safe.

* The conventional way to carry out this test is to plug the appliance into a Portable Appliance Tester and clip the test lead to a suitable earth point.

Other than these tests, following things are also done:-

i) Analysis of the wiring diagrams to confirm the polarity of connections.

ii) A general inspection of the equipment, physically verifying all the conditions.

iii) Checking the operation of the protection tripping and alarm circuits.

3. What is the function of Automatic Mains Failure:-

Soln:- An uninterruptible power supply (UPS) system is the bridge b/w mains power and the back up generators.

Automatic Mains Failure (AMF) panels also referred to as Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) panels, make the power switch to emergency standby generators in the event of a significant loss of mains power or total black out.

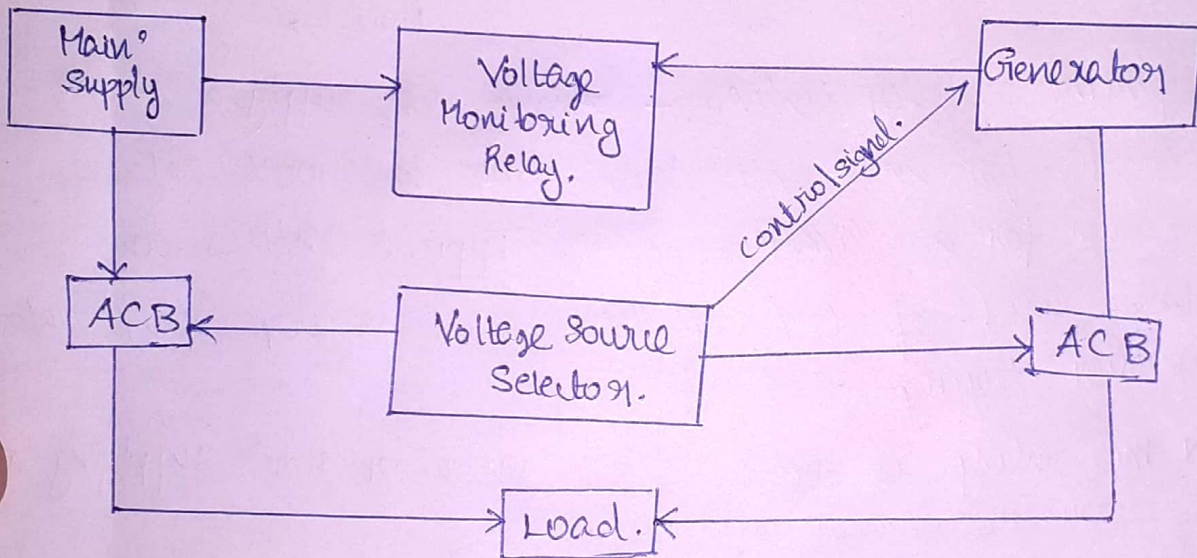
There are three main types of AMF units :-

- i) Using Microcontroller in the unit itself.
- ii) Using PLC for control action. [Programmable Logic Control].
- iii) With the help of Relay Mechanism.

AMF based on Relay Mechanism

Components.

Voltage Monitoring Relay [Phase Failure Detector]
Overload Relay and Air Circuit Breaker [ACB].

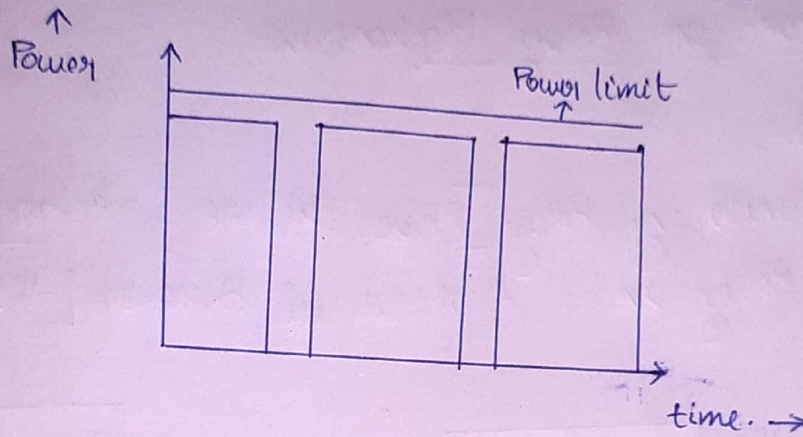


- * Power from mains supply is continuously monitored by PFD, with the help of relay unit.
- * It gives signal to the ACB for its operation/protection.
- * When PFD detects fault in the mainsupply, it disconnects the mainsupply from the load by tripping the ACB.
- * Generator will start automatically.
- * When the generator runs at rated speed & frequency then the ACB will operate & supply is given to the generator.

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4. With respect to the rating of standby generator sets, explain

i) Continuous power rating:— engine can supply rated power for an unlimited time.



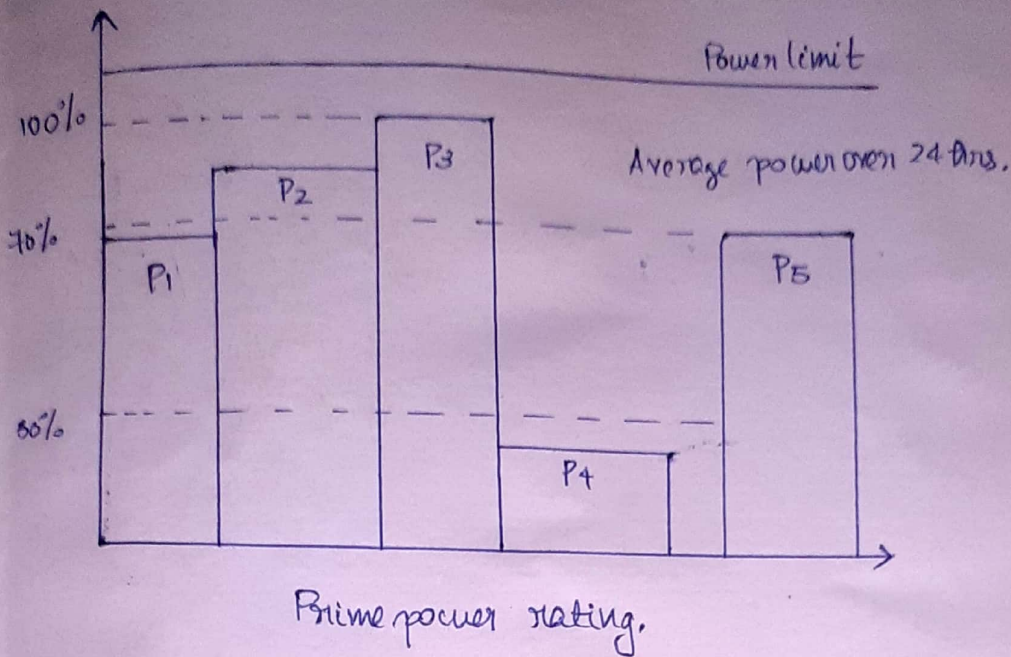
ii) prime power rating:— engine can supply a base load for an unlimited time, and 100% rated power for a limited time. Typical values are base load of 70% of the rated power, 100% rated power during 500 per year.

- * This rating is applicable to generator sets supplying a variable power sequence.

- * The sequence may be run for an unlimited number of hours per year between the stated maintenance intervals.

- * prime power is the maximum power generated during the sequence and the average power over any 24 hour period is not to exceed a stated percentage of the prime power.

- * The prime power is available for peak loads which occur after start; such as motor starting and UPS battery charging. And after these loads are induced, the steady state loads remains as it is



iii) Standby power rating :- Maximum power that the engine can deliver and is limited in time, less than 500 hrs per year.

- Standby power rated generators are the most commonly rated generator sets.
- Their application is to supply emergency power for a limited duration during a power outage.
- Applied to generator sets which are used exclusively for emergency power.

Typical example of a diesel engine set is as follows

- * Continuous power rating of 15.5 kW
- * prime power rating of 17.6 kW
- * Standby power rating of 18.8 kW