

## **Test 2**

**EE315 Spring 2017—Dr. B**

**NAME** SOLUTION Key

**DO ALL YOUR WORK ON THIS EXAM.  
USE THE BACK SIDES of EXAM PAPER IF  
NECESSARY BUT POINT ME WHERE YOU  
DID THAT.**

- ***Your Equation sheet must be turned in with the Exam.***
- ***NO Cell PHONE Calculators allowed. Other calculators ok.***
- ***Closed books/closed lecture notes.***
- ***Each Problem worth 18 points.***

***A good engineer is someone who is good with math without having the personality of an accountant.***

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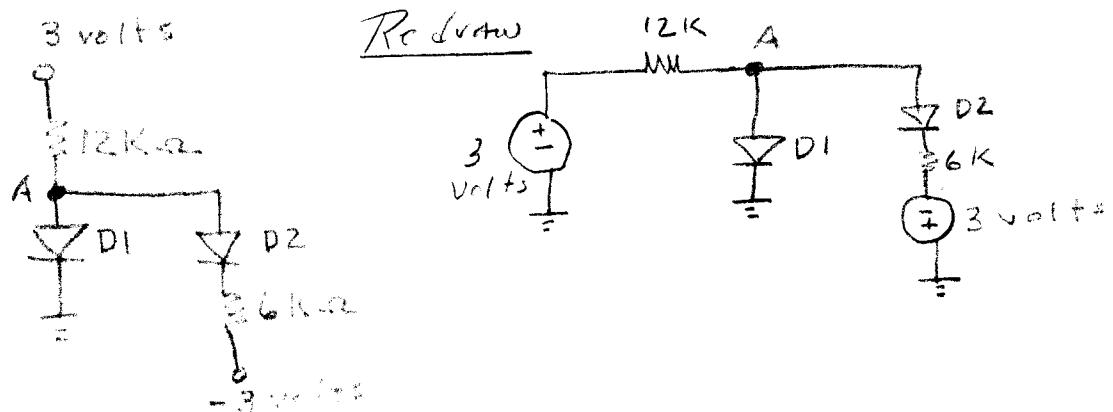
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**CIRCLE TRUE OR FALSE ( 1 point each)**

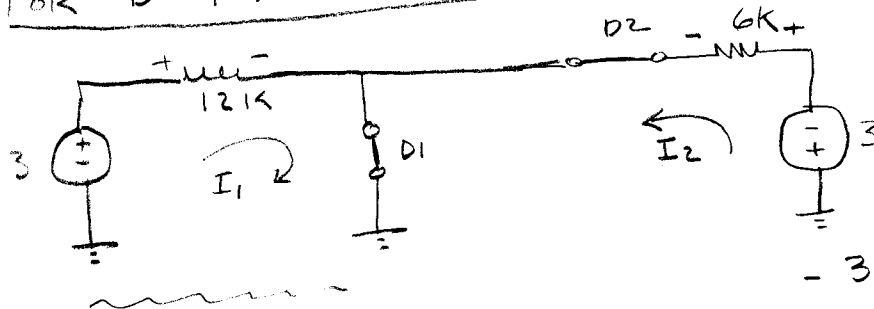
1. ☒ (T/F) Thermal voltage for a semiconductor diode depends on temperature (in Kelvin degrees), Boltzmann's Constant, and charge on the electron.  $V_T = \frac{kT}{q}$
2. ☒ (T/F) An intrinsic semiconductor does not have any doping to change the conductivity of the material.
3. ☒ (T/F) A semiconductor diode has only two states; either forward biased or electrically biased. Meaningless. "Reversed biased" *just compute  $V_T$  @ 300K*
4. ☒ (T/F) At room temperature, thermal voltage for silicon is about 26 volts. *Some people may have gotten an exam saying 26 millivolts. TRUE then!!*
5. ☒ (T/F) A depletion region in a semiconductor diode is a region free of charge carriers. *That's why it's called depletion region.*
6. ☒ (T/F) A semiconductor diode is formed by a p-n junction. *Diodes = pn junction  
pn junction = diode*
7. ☒ (T/F) A Zener diode must be forward biased to perform and operate as a Zener diode. *Reversed*
8. ☒ (T/F) A "hole" is the empty space where an electron was but the space still has an effective mass and electrical charge. *Talked this in class many times.*
9. ☒ (T/F) A forward biased semiconductor diode is, ideally, an open circuit. *short ckt*
10. ☒ (T/F) A "p region" in a semiconductor diode is a region where an excess of positive charges are available for conduction. *That's what it's called p-region!*

2. A newly hired EE recently graduated from Loachapoka University School of Engineering tells you that both diodes in circuit below are forward biased. Is the EE correct? YES or NO?

Show your work!! NO CREDIT FOR GUESSING



FOR D1 & D2 both Forward Biased:



$$3 - 12K I_1 = 0$$

$$I_1 = \frac{3}{12K} = .25 \text{ mA}$$

$$-3 - 6K I_2 = 0$$

$$-6K I_2 = 3$$

$$I_2 = \frac{3}{-6K} = -.5 \text{ mA}$$

This says  $I_2$  is in clockwise direction not ccw.  $I_2$  will therefore Reverse bias D2.

The EE graduate is incorrect!

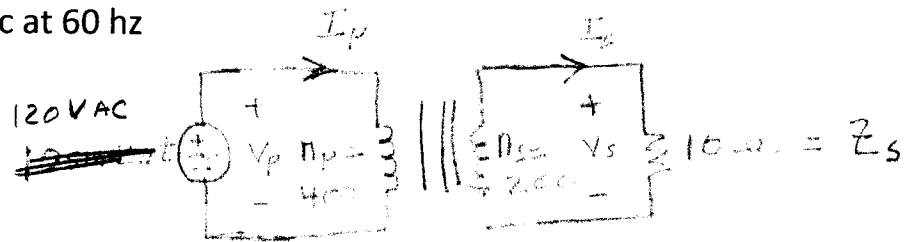
3. A step down transformer has the following data:

$V_p = 120$  volts ac at 60 hz

$N_p = 400$

$N_s = 200$

$Z_s = 10$  ohm



FIND  $V_s$ ,  $I_s$ , and  $I_p$

Recall  $\frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{I_s}{I_p}$

Then:

$$\frac{400}{200} = \frac{120}{V_s} \Rightarrow V_s = \frac{120(200)}{400} = \boxed{60 \text{ volts} = V_s}$$

Then  $I_s = \frac{60 \text{ V}}{10 \Omega} = \boxed{6 \text{ Amps} = I_s}$

Then  $\frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{I_s}{I_p} \Rightarrow I_p = \frac{N_s I_s}{N_p} = \frac{200(6)}{400} = \boxed{3 \text{ Amps} = I_p}$

4. A diode operating in forward bias has a voltage drop of 0.7 volts at 1.0 milliamp. The diode is then operated at 0.5 milliamp. What is the new value of diode voltage? Assume:  $V_T = 25$  millivolts.

First Find  $I_s$ :

$$I_D = I_s (e^{V_D/V_T} - 1)$$

$$.001 = I_s (e^{.7/.025} - 1) = I_s e^{28}$$

$$I_s = \frac{.001}{e^{28}} = 6.9 \times 10^{-16}$$

$$\text{Then } I_D = I_s (e^{V_D/.025} - 1)$$

$\uparrow$   
 $6.9 \times 10^{-16}$

$$\underline{\text{So}} \quad 5 \times 10^{-4} = 6.9 \times 10^{-16} (e^{V_D/.025})$$

$$\text{OR } e^{V_D/.025} = 7.246 \times 10^{11} \quad \text{Take ln both sides...}$$

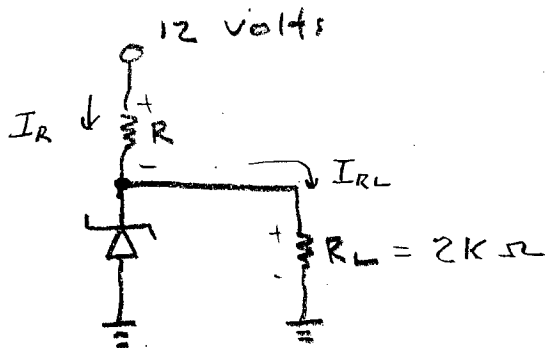
$$\frac{V_D}{.025} = 27.3089$$

$V_D = .68 \text{ volts}$

5. A Zener shunt regulator is shown below. Datasheet for the Zener shows:

$V_Z = 6.0$  volts at  $I_Z = 5$  milliamp and  $r_z = 10$  ohm.

- Find  $Z_{ZO}$  for the Zener diode
- Find the current through  $R_L$  at that Zener voltage
- Find the current through  $R$
- Find value for  $R$



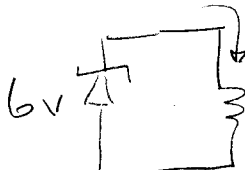
(a)  $V_Z = V_{Z0} + r_z I_Z$  BASIC EQUATION

$$V_{Z0} = V_Z - r_z I_Z$$

$$= 6 - (10)(.005)$$

$$V_{Z0} = 5.95 \text{ volts}$$

This is the knee of the operating curve.

(b) 

$$I_{RL} = \frac{6}{2K} = 3 \text{ mA}$$

(c)  $I_R = I_Z + I_{RL} = 5 \text{ mA} + 3 \text{ mA} = 8 \text{ mA} = I_R$

(d)  $I_{RL} R_L + I_R R - 12 = 0$

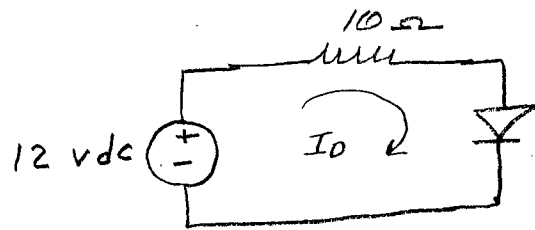
$$(.003)(2K) + (.008)(R) - 12 = 0$$

$$6 + .008R = 12$$

$$.008R = 6$$

$$R = 750 \Omega$$

6. Using the Constant Voltage Drop Model for a Semiconductor Diode in the circuit below:

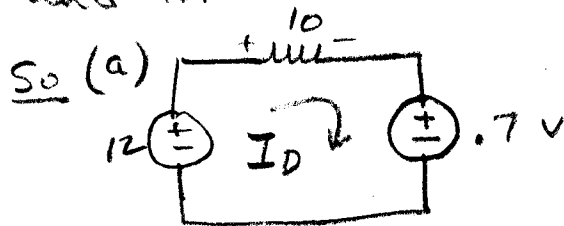


(a) Compute  $I_D$

(b) If the 12 VDC SOURCE is Replaced by a 12 V peak Sinusoid waveform, sketch  $I_D$  resulting waveform.

Recall section 4.3.5, page 193

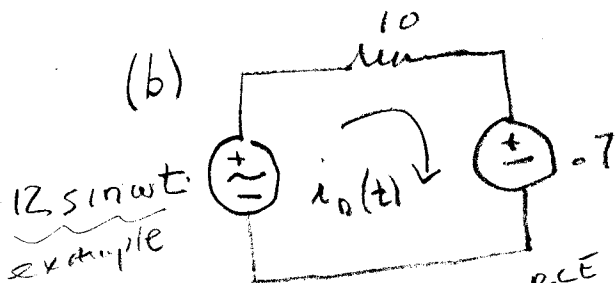
The constant voltage drop model in forward bias can be replaced by a voltage source of .7 volts and in reverse bias by an open circuit.



$$12 - 10 I_D - 0.7 = 0$$

$$11.3 = 10 I_D$$

$$I_D = \frac{11.3}{10} = 1.13 \text{ Amp}$$



on positive part of source

$$i_D(t) = \frac{12 - 0.7}{10} = 1.13 \text{ Amp}$$

Diode only conducts on positive half cycle of sinusoid.

