

Instructions: Read them carefully:

- DO NOT make any rough work on the question paper. Do it on the last page of your answer script.
- Answer the MCQ part in Section B on the question paper, NOT on the answer script.
- Write your name and ID# at the top of each page of the MCQ part (i.e. from page-3 to page-5).
- You must return the question paper along with your answer script.

SECTION A: Problem solving

Answer any five questions. Marks are as indicated:

1. Four point charges are placed at each corner of a square with side length $a = 1.50\text{ m}$. The charges all have the same magnitude $q = 20.0\mu\text{C}$. Two of the charges are positive and two are negative, as shown in Figure-1.

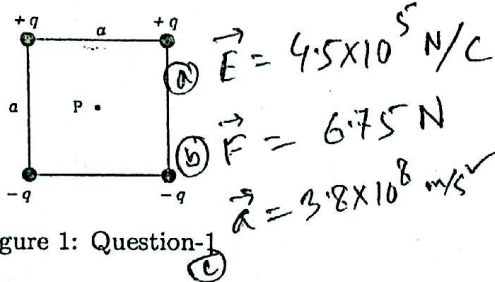


Figure 1: Question-1

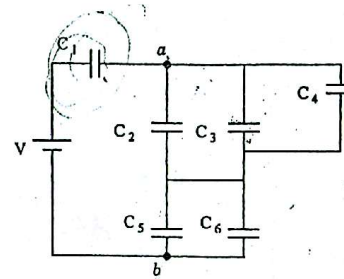


Figure 2: Question-2(b)

- (a) (7 marks) What is the direction and magnitude of the net electric field at the centre of the square due to the four charges?
- (b) (5 marks) If a particle of charge $q_0 = -15.0\mu\text{C}$ and mass $m = 1.78 \times 10^{-8}\text{ kg}$ is placed at the centre P of the square, calculate the net force on this charge due to the other charges.
- (c) (4 marks) If the charged particle q_0 is released from rest at point P, find the magnitude and direction of its acceleration just after being released.

- (a) The plates of a parallel-plate capacitor in vacuum are 5.00 mm apart and the area of each plate is 2.00 m^2 . A 10.0 kV potential difference is applied across the capacitor.

- (6 marks) Compute the capacitance C and the charge Q on each plate.
- (4 marks) Calculate the magnitude of the electric field between the plates.

- (b) (6 marks) Figure-2 shows a system of six capacitors with capacitance $C_1 = C_5 = C_6 = 6\mu\text{F}$ and $C_2 = C_3 = C_4 = 4\mu\text{F}$. The potential difference across the points a and b is V_{ab} . Calculate the equivalent capacitance C_{ab} between the points a and b .

3. A particle with a charge $q = -1.24 \times 10^{-8}\text{ C}$ and mass $m = 1.81 \times 10^{-3}\text{ kg}$ is moving with a velocity $\vec{v} = (4.19 \times 10^4\text{ m/s})\hat{i} - (3.85 \times 10^4\text{ m/s})\hat{j}$ in a uniform magnetic field $\vec{B} = (1.40\hat{i})\text{ T}$.

- (7 marks) Compute the magnetic force \vec{F} experienced by the charged particle.
- (5 marks) Find the magnitude and direction of the acceleration of the charged particle.
- (4 marks) What is the angle between \vec{B} and \vec{F} ?

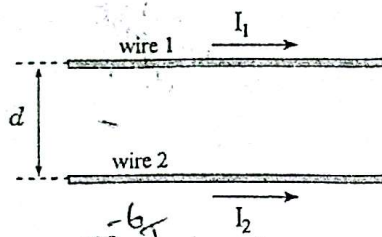


Figure 3: Question-4

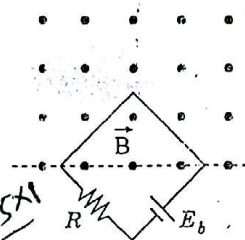


Figure 4: Question-5

Two infinitely long wires separated by a distance $d = 22 \text{ cm}$ are carrying currents in the same direction as shown in Figure-3. Current in wire 1 is $I_1 = 2.5 \text{ A}$ and current in the wire 2 is $I_2 = 5.5 \text{ A}$.

- (7 marks) Find the magnitude and direction of the net magnetic field \vec{B} half-way between the wires.
- (5 marks) Calculate the magnitude and direction of the force on 1 m long section of wire 1, due to the current in wire 2.
- (2 marks) Will wire 1 and wire 2 attract or repel each other?
- (2 marks) If the current in wire 2 is reversed what will be the magnitude and direction of the force on wire 1?

5. A square wire loop with 2.00 m sides is perpendicular to a uniform magnetic field \vec{B} , with half the area of the loop in the field as shown in Figure-4. The loop contains an ideal battery with $E_b = 20.0 \text{ V}$ and a resistor of $R = 25 \Omega$. The magnitude of the field varies with time according to:

$$\vec{B} = 0.0420 + 0.870t$$

with B in tesla and t in seconds.

- (7 marks) Calculate the magnitude and direction of the induced emf in the circuit.
- (5 marks) Find out the net emf in the circuit.
- (4 marks) What are the size and direction of the net current around the loop?

6. The LRC series circuit consists of a 300Ω resistor, a 60 mH inductor and a $0.50 \mu\text{F}$ capacitor as shown in Figure-5. It is connected to a $1 \times 10^4 \text{ rad/s}$ oscillator with a peak voltage, $\epsilon_m = 50 \text{ V}$.

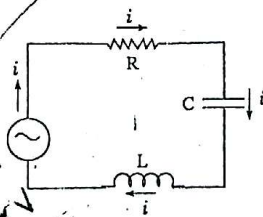


Figure 5: Question-6

- (6 marks) Calculate the capacitive reactance X_C , inductive reactance X_L and the total impedance Z of the circuit.
- (5 marks) Calculate the current amplitude I and the phase angle ϕ .
- (3 marks) Determine the voltage amplitude V_R , V_L and V_C across each circuit element.
- (2 marks) What is the resonant frequency of the circuit in both rad/s and in Hz ?

- (4 marks) Find the longest and the shortest wavelengths of the Balmer series. Rydberg constant has the value of $R = 1.097 \times 10^7 \text{ m}^{-1}$.
- (3 marks) Calculate the hydrogen atom's lowest level energy in eV . You can use the formula given below:

$$E_n = -\frac{me^4}{8\epsilon_0^2 h^2} \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \right), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

where the terms have their usual meanings.

- (c) (5 marks) A spacecraft is moving with respect to the earth. A flashing light on the spacecraft generate a flash every 1.5 s. A person based on earth measures that the time between the flashes is 2.5 s. How fast is the spacecraft moving relative to the earth? $2.4 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
- (d) (4 marks) What is the apparent length of a metre stick which is in the spacecraft to a person on earth? 0.6
8. (a) A radioactive nucleus ^{226}Ra contains 3.0×10^{16} nuclei at $t = 0 \text{ sec}$. The half-life of the nucleus is $1.6 \times 10^3 \text{ years}$.
- (3 marks) What is the decay constant of ^{226}Ra nucleus? $4.33 \times 10^{-4} \text{ y}^{-1}$
 - (3 marks) Determine the activity at $t = 0 \text{ sec}$ for this ^{226}Ra nucleus. $1.299 \times 10^3 \text{ y}^{-1}$
 - (3 marks) What is the decay rate $2.0 \times 10^3 \text{ years}$ later? $(8.7 \times 10^{12}) \text{ y}^{-1}$
 - (3 marks) How many undecayed nuclei will remain after $3.0 \times 10^3 \text{ years}$? 8.18×10^{15}
- (b) (4 marks) Complete the following decay processes by stating what the symbol X represents.
- $^{226}_{88}\text{Ra} \rightarrow ^{222}_{86}\text{Rn} + X$
 - $^{14}_6\text{C} \rightarrow ^{14}_7\text{N} + X$
 - $^{30}_{15}\text{P} \rightarrow ^{30}_{14}\text{Si} + X$
 - $^{231}_{90}\text{Th}^* \rightarrow ^{231}_{90}\text{Th} + X$

SECTION B. Multiple Choice Questions

Answer any ten questions. Marks are as indicated:

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9. i. Figure-6 shows three points a , b and c in the vicinity of two point charges. The charges have equal magnitudes. Rank the potentials V_a to V_c in order from most positive to most negative :

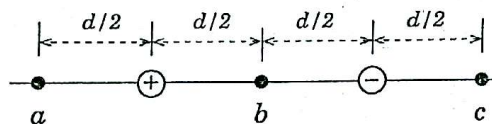


Figure 6: Question-9(i)

- A. $V_a > V_b > V_c$ B. $V_b > V_c > V_a$ C. $V_a > V_c > V_b$ D. $V_b < V_a < V_c$

i. _____

- ii. A charged particle moves perpendicular to a magnetic field as shown in Figure-7. The direction of the magnetic field \vec{B} is:

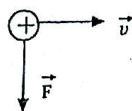


Figure 7: Question-9(ii)

- A. Into the page B. Out of the page C. Upward D. Downward

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- iii. Figure-8 shows three arrangements of RL circuits with magnitude of each resistor R and inductor L . Rank the three time constants τ_a to τ_c in the circuit a to circuit c, greatest first:

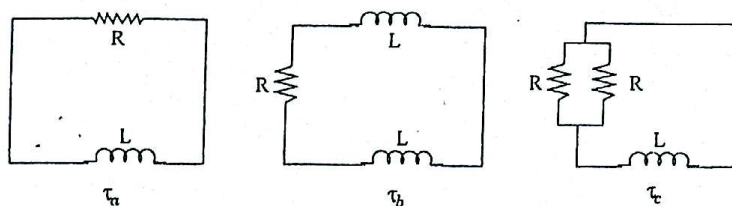


Figure 8: Question-9(iii)

- A. $\tau_a > \tau_b > \tau_c$ B. $\tau_b = \tau_c > \tau_a$ C. $\tau_c = \tau_a > \tau_b$ D. $\tau_b > \tau_c > \tau_a$
iii. _____

- iv. A magnetic field has the same direction and magnitude B everywhere. A circular area A is bounded by the loop of a wire. Which of the following statements is true concerning the magnitude of the magnetic flux that passes through this area?

- A. It is zero B. It is BA C. Its maximum possible value is BA D. none of these.

iv. _____

- v. Figure-9 shows four situations in which two very long wires are carrying the same current, although the directions of the currents are different. The point P in the drawings is equidistant from each wire. Which one (or more) of these situations give(s) rise to a zero net magnetic field at point P ?

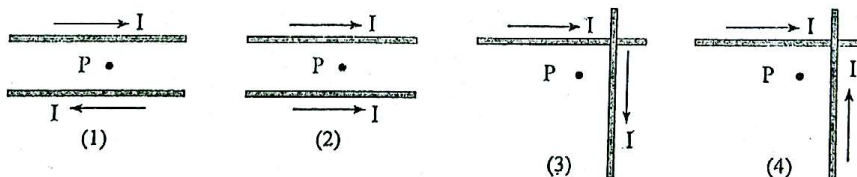


Figure 9: Question-9(v)

- A. 2 and 4 B. Only 1 C. Only 2 D. 2 and 3

v. _____

- vi. A positive point charge q_1 creates an electric field of magnitude E_1 at a spot located at a distance r_1 from the charge. The charge is replaced by another positive point charge q_2 , which creates a field of magnitude $E_2 = E_1$ at a distance of $r_2 = 2r_1$. How is q_2 related to q_1 ?

- A. $q_2 = 2q_1$ B. $q_2 = \frac{1}{2}q_1$ C. $q_2 = 4q_1$ D. $q_2 = \frac{1}{4}q_1$

vi. _____

- vii. You have three resistors, each of which has a value of $R\Omega$. By connecting all the three resistors in various ways, which one of the following resistance values you cannot obtain?

- A. $3R$ B. $\frac{3}{2}R$ C. R D. $\frac{1}{3}R$

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viii. Each of the four phasor diagrams shown in Figure-10 represents a different circuit. V_0 and I_0 represent respectively, the maximum voltage of the generator and the maximum current in the circuit. Which circuit contains only a resistor?

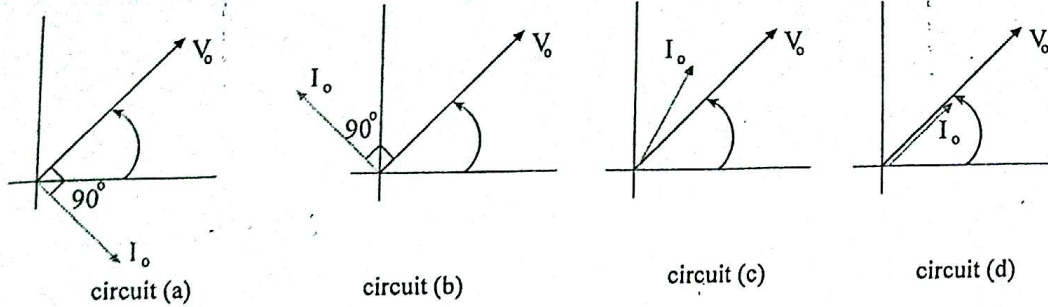


Figure 10: Question-9(viii)

- A. circuit-(a) B. circuit-(b) C. circuit-(c) ~~D. circuit-(d)~~

viii. _____

ix. Which of the following quantities will two observers always measure to be the same, regardless of the relative velocity between the observers?

- ~~A. The time interval between two events~~ B. The length of an object
C. The speed of light in a vacuum D. The relative speed between the observers

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x. A circular loop of a wire is stationary in a magnetic field \vec{B} as shown in Figure-11. The current in the loop is:

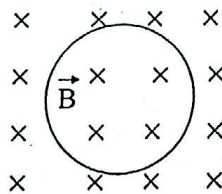


Figure 11: Question-9(x)

- ~~A. clockwise~~ B. counterclockwise ~~C. no current~~ D. none of these

x. _____

xi. The magnitude of the electric field inside a capacitor having two positively charged parallel conducting plate is:

- A. $E = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon_0}$ B. $E = \frac{\sigma}{2\epsilon_0}$ ~~C. $E = 0$~~ D. none of these

xi. _____

xii. If a positive test charge q moves towards an increasing electric potential energy its velocity will:

- A. increase ~~B. decrease~~ C. remain the same ~~D. none of these~~

xii. _____