

ADVANCED LEVEL NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS, 2013, TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRADES

EXAM TITLE : Applied Electronics

OPTION: Electricity (ELC)

DURATION: 3hours

INSTRUCTIONS:

The paper contains three (3) sections :Section I: Fifteen (15) questions, all Compulsory;55marksSection II: Five (5) questions, Choose any three (3);30marksSection III: Two (2) questions, choose any ONE (1)15marks

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Section I : Attempt all the 15 questions 55marks

01. How many electrons are in the last orbit of a semiconductor atom?	1mark	
02. What is the cause of barrier potential in a P-N junction?	1mark	
03. What is the role of a commutating capacitor used in a bistable multivibrator		
circuit?	1mark	
04. Which component is represented bellow? Give the corresponding symbol.	2marks	
05. What are the essential parts of an oscillator circuit?	2marks	
06. How the input resistance Ri and the output resistance Ro of the basic amp	olifier are	
modified in case of a voltage shunt negative feedback amplifier system?	2marks	
07. Identify the main characteristics of a Darlington Amplifier.	3marks	
08. Determine the maximum DC voltage across the load if the peak value of the input		
voltage to a half wave rectifier is 28.28 volts and no filter is used.	3marks	
09. If the output filter capacitor of 1000μ F in a power supply is replaced by	2000µF,	
what will be the effect?	4marks	
10. Identify different types of relays.	4marks	
11. Identify different methods of biasing a bipolar junction transistor (BJT).	5marks	
12. Classify materials into three groups on the basis of the number of valence		
electrons.	6marks	
13. Discuss the terminal properties of an ideal operational amplifier.	6marks	
14. Consider the following diagram which represents a drain characteristic of f	ield effect	
transistor with shorted gate, and answer to these questions:		
a) What indicate each one point A, B, C, and D?	4marks	
b) Identify the regions represented by R1, R2, and R3?	3marks	

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15. Determine the exact range in which the resistor represented bellow may be. 8marks



Section II: Choose and Answer any three (3) questions 30marks

16. For the circuit shown below, find the maximum and minimum values of zener diode current in mA. 10marks



- 17. A 6 V / 2.5 mA relay is connected in the output stage of a transistor. The coil is made of aluminium having a temperature coefficient of 0.004. The resistance of the coil is 600 Ω at 32°C. Calculate the resistance of the coil at 42°C. 10marks
- 18. Consider the circuit represented by the figure below and determine the voltage on the points A, B, C, D, by indicating the polarities. Identify the function and general application of such circuit.

10marks



19. Study the behavior of the circuit shown in the figure below:



Determine the expression of current i over one period of input voltage. Assume the diodes to be ideal. Complete the following table. **10marks**

Interval	Diode status	Value of current i
$0 < t < \pi/2$	*	*
*	*	*
*	*	*
$3\pi/2 \leq t \leq 2\pi$	*	*

20. Identify different characteristics of thyristors related to the current and power dissipation. 10marks

Section III: Choose and answer any one (1) question 15marks

- **21.** In the circuit bellow the transistors Q1 and Q2 are similar. Suppose positive half cycles of input A.C voltage is applied to the base of Q1 and suppose this positive voltage is sufficient to overcome the reverse bias on the base of Q2.
 - a) Specify the function of that circuit (Name).
 - b) What is the role of the set formed by RE, R1, R3 and R4? **1mark**
 - c) Explain the behavior of the circuit (operation). 13marks



- **22.** Consider the circuit bellow on which a DC power supply is applied the answer to the following questions:
 - a) Specify the function of that circuit (Name);
 - b) Identify two main parts of this circuit;
 - c) Explain the behavior of the circuit (operation);



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2marks 4marks 9marks

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