



ADVANCED GCE
ELECTRONICS
 Unit F611: Simple Systems

F611

Candidates answer on the question paper

OCR Supplied Materials:
None

Other Materials Required:

- Scientific calculator

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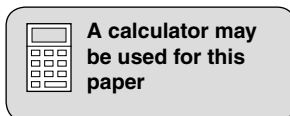
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the boxes above.
- Use black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided, however additional paper may be used if necessary.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **90**.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where this is indicated in the question.
- Unless otherwise indicated, you can assume that:
 - op-amps are run off supply rails at +15V and –15V
 - logic circuits are run off supply rails at +5V and 0V
- You are advised to show all the steps in any calculations.
- This document consists of **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.



Data Sheet

Unless otherwise indicated, you can assume that:

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resistance	$R = \frac{V}{I}$
power	$P = VI$
series resistors	$R = R_1 + R_2$
time constant	$\tau = RC$
monostable pulse time	$T = 0.7 RC$
relaxation oscillator period	$T = 0.5 RC$
frequency	$f = \frac{1}{T}$
Boolean Algebra	$A\bar{A} = 0$ $A + \bar{A} = 1$ $A.(B + C) = A.B + A.C$ $\overline{A.B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$ $\overline{A + B} = \bar{A}\bar{B}$ $A + A.B = A$ $A.B = \bar{A}.C = A.B + \bar{A}.C + B.C$

Answer **all** the questions.

1 Fig. 1.1 shows a logic system.

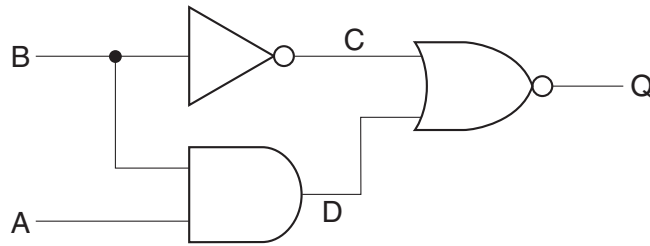


Fig. 1.1

(a) Complete this truth table for the logic system.

B	A	C	D	Q
0	0			
0	1			
1	0			
1	1			

[3]

(b) Use the truth table to write down a Boolean expression for Q in terms of B and A.

Q = [1]

(c) Show in the space below how a logic system made from only NAND gates can replace the circuit of Fig. 1.1.

[2]

(d) Use Boolean algebra or a truth table to justify your NAND gate circuit.

[2]

[Total: 8]

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2 The circuit of Fig. 2.1 is part of a sensor circuit.

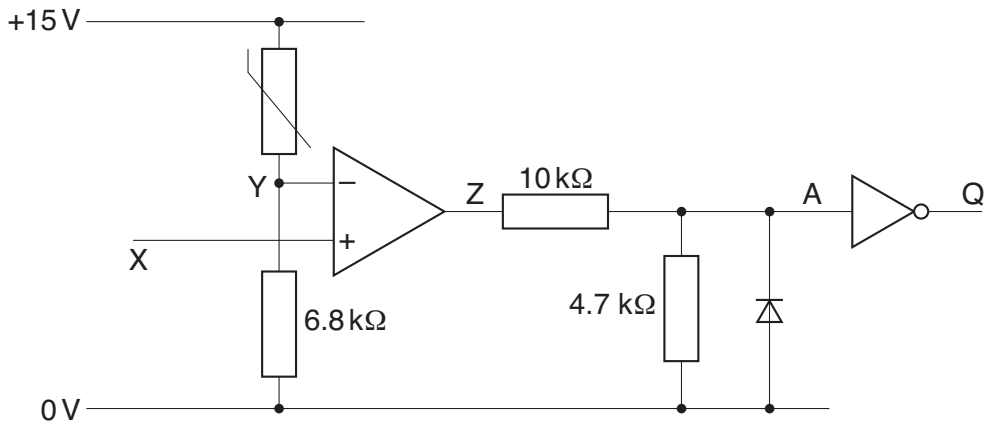


Fig. 2.1

(a) The circuit contains a thermistor.

(i) Put a circle around the thermistor. [1]

(ii) Describe the electrical properties of a thermistor.

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(b) A potentiometer is missing from the circuit of Fig. 2.1.

It allows the voltage at X to be varied from 0V to +15V.

(i) On Fig. 2.1, show how the potentiometer should be connected. [2]

(ii) Explain what happens to the voltage at Z when the voltage at X is slowly increased from 0V to +15V.

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(iii) On Fig. 2.1, show how a voltmeter should be connected to measure the voltage at Z. [1]

(c) The network of two resistors and a diode between the output of the op-amp and the NOT gate converts the signal at Z into logic 1 or logic 0.

(i) Explain why the diode can be ignored when Z is at +13V.

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(ii) Calculate the voltage at A when Z is at +13V.

voltage = V [3]

(iii) State the voltage at A when Z is at -13V. Give a reason for your answer.

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..... [3]

(iv) Use your answers to (ii) and (iii) to comment on the idea that this network provides logic 1 or logic 0 at A.

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3 The circuit of Fig. 3.1 uses a relaxation oscillator to make a sound.

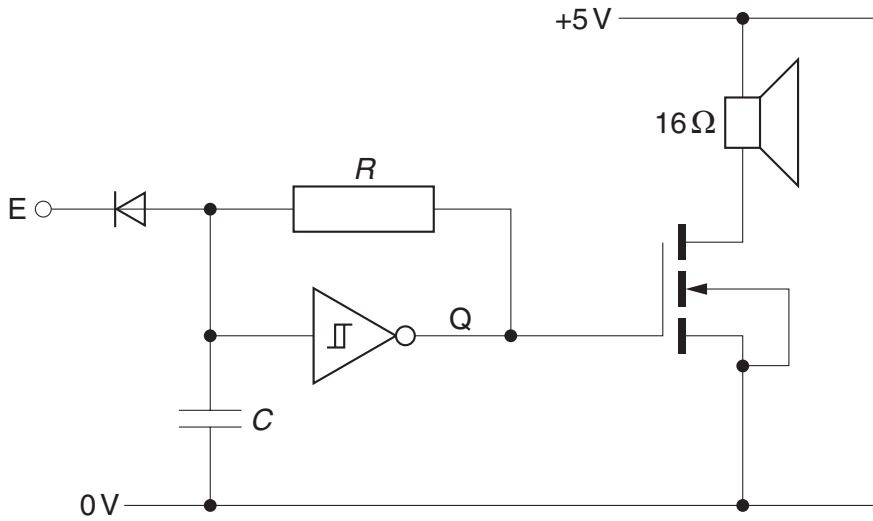


Fig. 3.1

(a) (i) Suggest values of resistor R and capacitor C which will make the period T of the oscillator $200\mu\text{s}$.

$R = \dots\dots\dots$

$C = \dots\dots\dots$ [3]

(ii) Calculate the frequency of the oscillator.

frequency = $\dots\dots\dots$ kHz [2]

(b) A double-beam oscilloscope is connected to the circuit to monitor the signals at the input and output of the Schmitt trigger NOT gate. The screen of the double-beam oscilloscope is shown in Fig. 3.2.

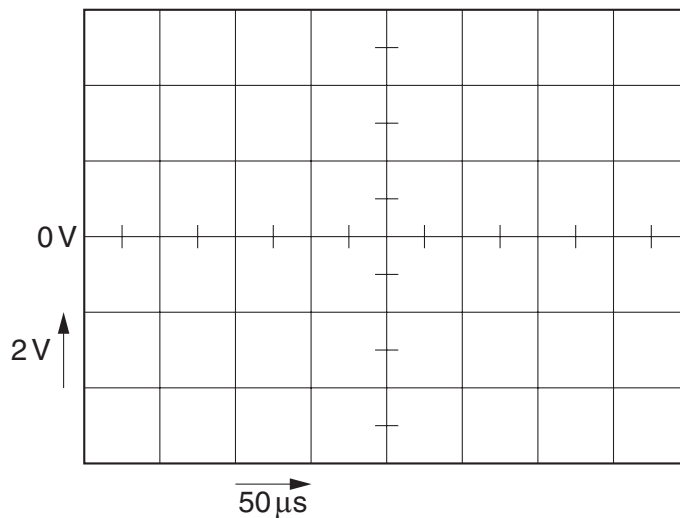


Fig. 3.2

- (i) The timebase is set to $50\mu\text{s}$ per division.

The vertical amplifier is set to 2V per division with 0V at the centre of the screen.

Draw on Fig. 3.2 to show the signal at the **output** of the NOT gate. [3]

- (ii) The screen of Fig. 3.2 also shows the signal at the input of the NOT gate.

The trip points of the Schmitt trigger NOT gate are +2.0V and +3.0V.

Draw on Fig. 3.2 to show the signal at the **input** of the NOT gate. [3]

- (iii) Show on Fig. 3.1 how the oscilloscope should be connected to monitor just the signal at the **input**. [2]

- (c) The circuit of Fig. 3.1 contains a MOSFET.

- (i) Why is the MOSFET necessary?

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- (ii) On Fig. 3.1, label the gate, drain and source of the MOSFET. [1]

- (iii) Describe how the drain-source resistance of the MOSFET depends on the gate-source voltage.

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- (d) Calculate the **average** power of the loudspeaker in Fig. 3.1.

average power = W [3]

[Total: 20]

4 The circuit of Fig. 4.1 contains a single logic gate.

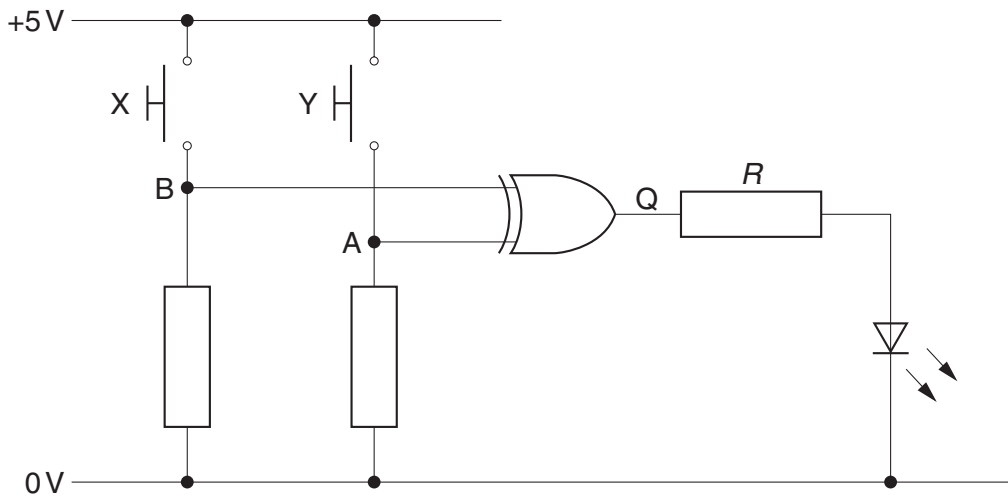


Fig. 4.1

(a) Fig. 4.1 is an incomplete block diagram for the circuit of Fig. 4.1.

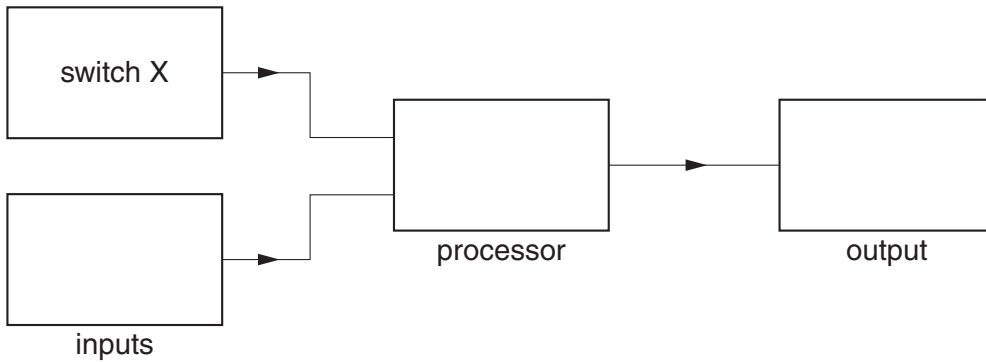


Fig. 4.2

(i) Complete the block diagram of Fig. 4.2. [3]

(ii) What do the arrows on a block diagram show?

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 [1]

(b) (i) Complete the truth table for the circuit of Fig. 4.1.

switch X	switch Y	B	A	Q	state of LED
open	open	0	0	0	off

[4]

(ii) Describe the behaviour of the circuit.

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(c) The LED is connected to the logic gate by a resistor.

(i) Explain why the resistor is necessary.

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(ii) The voltage drop across the LED is 1.7V when its power is 5.0mW.

Show that the current in the LED is about 3 mA.

[1]

(iii) Calculate a suitable value for the resistor R .

$R = \dots\dots\dots \Omega$ [2]

(d) Fig. 4.1 is a circuit diagram. Suggest why the supply rail connections to the logic gate have not been shown.

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[Total: 16]

5 Here is the truth table for a logic system. It has inputs C, B and A, and outputs P and Q.

C	B	A	P	Q
0	0	0	1	1
0	0	1	1	0
0	1	0	1	1
0	1	1	1	0
1	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	0	0
1	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	1	0

(a) (i) Write down a Boolean expression for **Q** in terms of C, B and A.

[3]

(ii) Use Boolean algebra to show that $Q = \bar{C}\bar{A} + B\bar{A}$.

[3]

(iii) Show in the space below how the circuit for Q can be assembled from NOT, AND and OR gates.

[3]

(b) A Boolean expression for P is $P = \overline{C} + B$.

(i) Show in the space below how the circuit for P can be assembled from **two** NAND gates.

[2]

(ii) Use Boolean algebra to justify your arrangement of NAND gates.

[2]

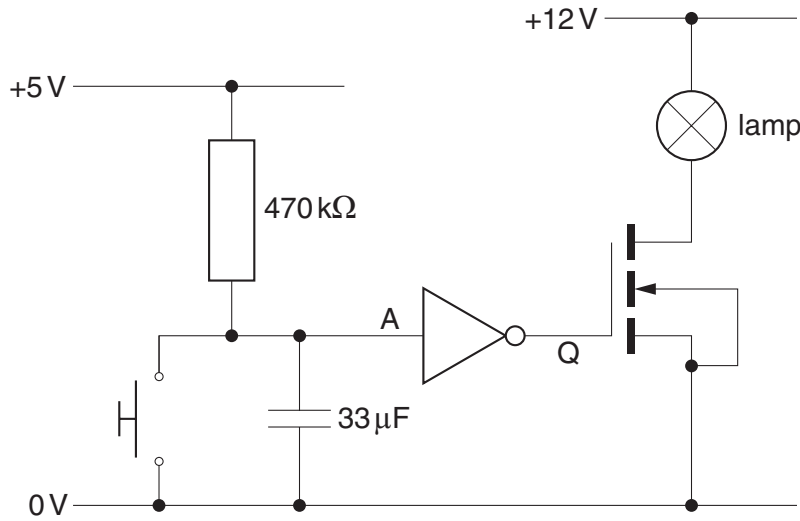
(iii) Explain the advantages of assembling a logic system using only NAND gates.

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[Total: 15]

6 The circuit of Fig. 6.1 contains an RC network.

The table shows the behaviour of the logic gate.



signal at A	signal at Q
< 2.5V	+5V
> 2.5V	0V

Fig. 6.1

(a) Calculate the time constant of the RC network.

time constant = s [2]

(b) Explain why the lamp comes on as soon as the switch is pressed.

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(c) Explain, in detail, what happens to the lamp when the switch is released.

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Quality of Written Communication [3]

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