

Advanced GCE

Electronics

Unit F614: Electronic Control Systems

Specimen Paper

Candidates answer on the question paper.

Additional Materials:

Scientific calculator

F614 QP

Time: 1 hour 40 mins

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and Candidate number in the boxes above.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Use blue or black ink. Pencil may be used for graphs and diagrams only.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Do **not** write in the bar code.
- Do **not** write outside the box bordering each page.
- WRITE YOUR ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION IN THE SPACE PROVIDED.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication where this is indicated in the question.
- You may use a scientific calculator.
- Unless otherwise indicated, you can assume that :
 - op-amps are run off supply rails at +15 V and -15 V
 - logic circuits are run off supply rails at +5 V and 0 V
- You are advised to show all the steps in any calculations.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **110**.

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| Qu. | Max. | Mark |
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| 1 | 10 | |
| 2 | 19 | |
| 3 | 14 | |
| 4 | 22 | |
| 5 | 21 | |
| 6 | 10 | |
| 7 | 14 | |
| TOTAL | 110 | |

This document consists of **16** printed pages.

Datasheet

resistance

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

power

$$P = VI$$

series resistors

$$R = R_1 + R_2$$

time constant

$$\tau = RC$$

monostable pulse time

$$T = 0.7RC$$

relaxation oscillator
period

$$T = RC$$

frequency

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

voltage gain

$$G = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}}$$

open-loop op-amp

$$V_{out} = A(V_+ - V_-)$$

non-inverting amplifier
gain

$$G = 1 + \frac{R_f}{R_d}$$

inverting amplifier gain

$$G = -\frac{R_f}{R_{in}}$$

summing amplifier

$$-\frac{V_{out}}{R_f} = \frac{V_1}{R_1} + \frac{V_2}{R_2} \dots$$

break frequency

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi RC}$$

Boolean Algebra

$$A \cdot \bar{A} = 0$$

$$A + \bar{A} = 1$$

$$A \cdot (B + C) = A \cdot B + A \cdot C$$

$$\overline{A \cdot B} = \bar{A} + \bar{B}$$

$$\overline{A + B} = \bar{A} \cdot \bar{B}$$

$$A + A \cdot B = A$$

$$A \cdot B + \bar{A} \cdot C = A \cdot B + \bar{A} \cdot C + B \cdot C$$

amplifier gain

$$G = -g_m R_d$$

ramp generator

$$\Delta V_{out} = -V_{in} \frac{\Delta t}{RC}$$

Microcontroller instructions

The microcontroller contains eight general purpose registers S_n , where to $n = 0, 1, 2 \dots 7$.

The microcontroller has an eight bit input port, I, an eight bit output port, Q, and an analogue input, ADC.

In the table of assembler instructions given below, S_d is the destination register and S_s the source register.

| assembler | function |
|----------------|--|
| MOVI S_d, n | Copy the byte n into register S_d |
| MOV S_d, S_s | Copy the byte from S_s to S_d |
| ADD S_d, S_s | Add the byte in S_s to the byte in S_d and store the result in S_d |
| SUB S_d, S_s | Subtract the byte in S_s from the byte in S_d and store the result in S_d |
| AND S_d, S_s | Logical AND the byte in S_s with the byte in S_d and store the result in S_d |
| EOR S_d, S_s | Logical EOR the byte in S_s with the byte in S_d and store the result in S_d |
| INC S_d | Add 1 to S_d |
| DEC S_d | Subtract 1 from S_d |
| IN S_d, I | Copy the byte at the input port into S_d |
| OUT Q, S_s | Copy the byte in S_s to the output port |
| JP e | Jump to label e |
| JZ e | Jump to label e if the result of the last ADD, SUB, AND, EOR, INC, DEC, SHL or SHR was zero |
| JNZ e | Jump to label e if the result of the last ADD, SUB, AND, EOR, INC, DEC SHL or SHR was not zero |
| RCALL s | Push the program counter onto the stack to store the return address and then jump to label s |
| RET | Pop the program counter from the stack to return to the place the subroutine was called from |
| SHL S_d | Shift the byte in S_d one bit left putting a 0 into the lsb |
| SHR S_d | Shift the byte in S_d one bit right putting a 0 into the msb |

There are three subroutines provided:

- readtable - copies the byte in the lookup table pointed at by A7 into A0. The lookup table is labelled table: When A7=0 the first byte from the table is returned in A0
- wait1ms - waits 1ms before returning
- readadc - returns a byte in A0 proportional to the voltage at ADC

[Turn over

1 Explain the following as they apply to microcontroller systems.

(a) Look-up table

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..... [2]

(b) Stack pointer

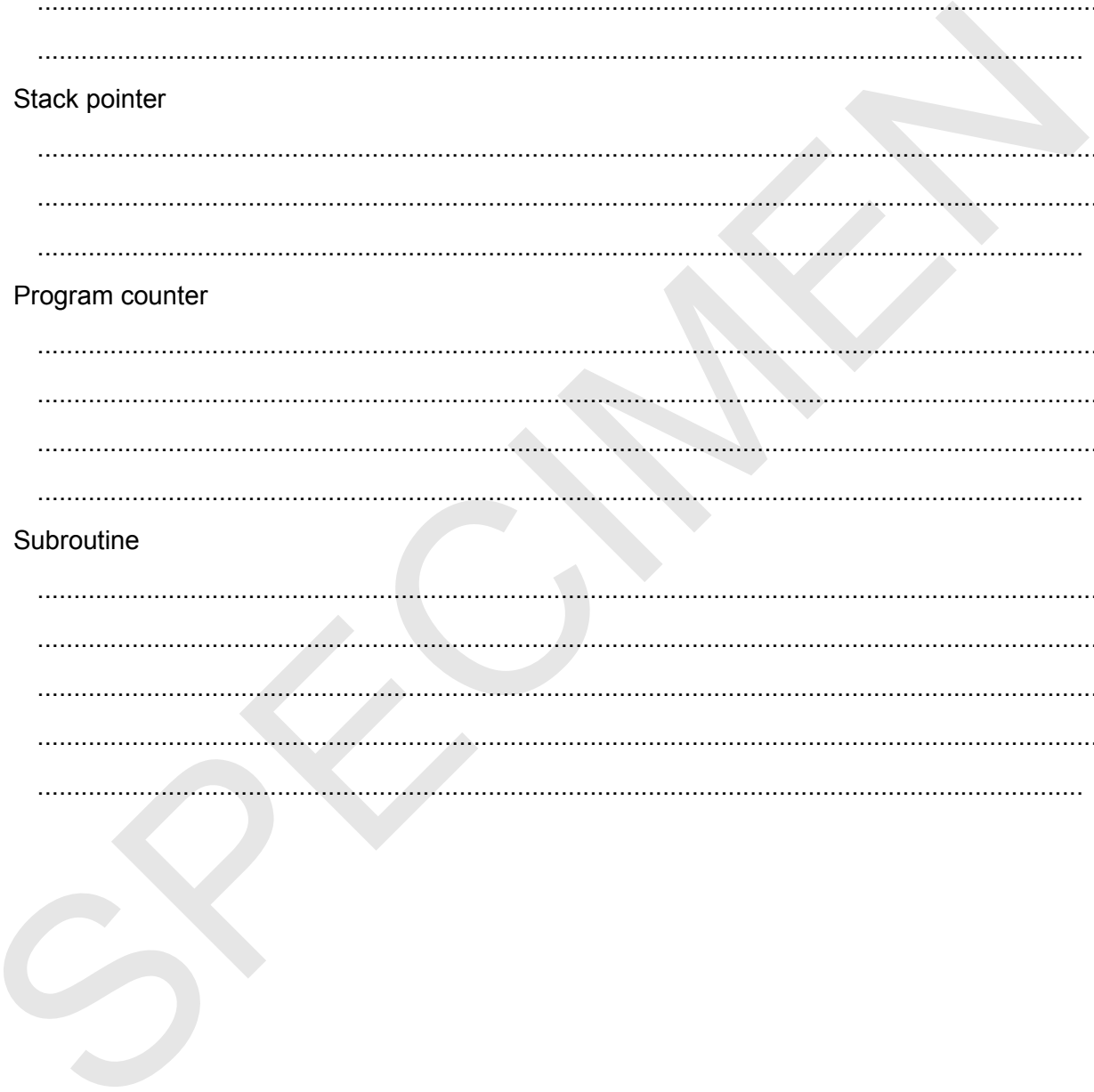
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(c) Program counter

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..... [3]

(d) Subroutine

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..... [3]



2 A student performs an experiment to measure the transfer characteristics of an n-channel MOSFET.

- (a) Draw on the diagram opposite in Fig. 2.1 to show how the circuit should be connected. Include in the diagram a voltmeter to measure the gate-source voltage and an ammeter to measure the drain current.

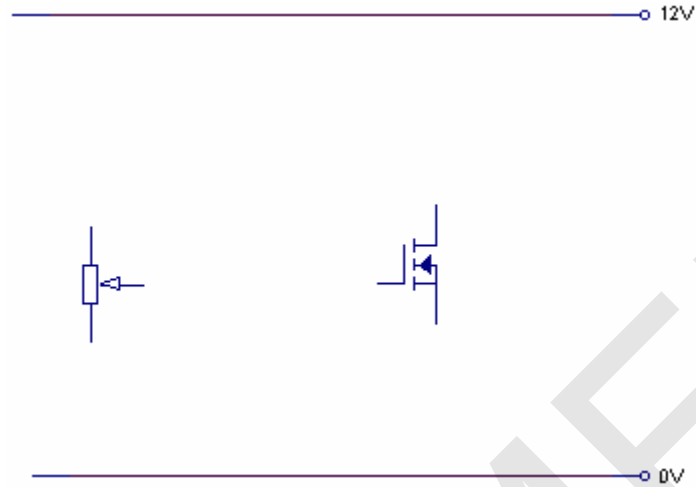


Fig 2.1

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The student draws the graph in Fig. 2.2 from the results of the experiment.

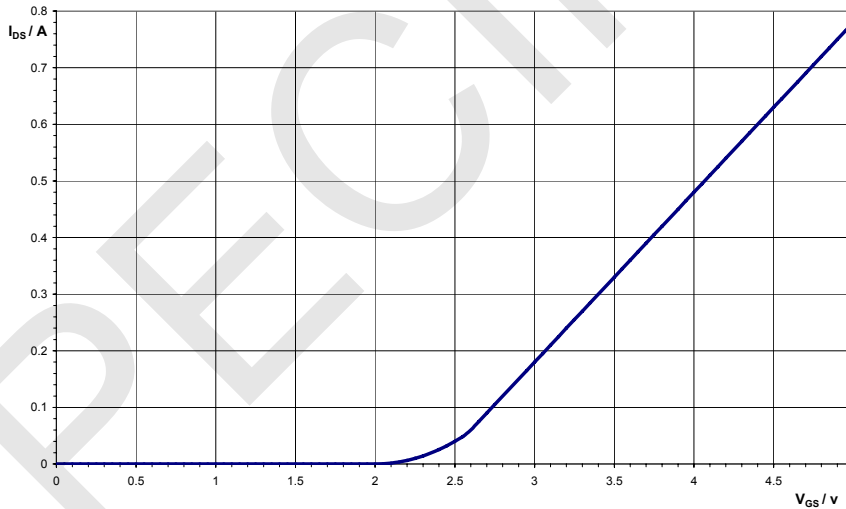


Fig. 2.2

- (b) Use the graph to find the threshold voltage of the MOSFET.

Threshold voltage =V [1]

- (c) Use the graph to explain why the transconductance of the MOSFET is about 0.3 S

[2]

[Turn over

- (d) The MOSFET is now used to build the amplifier in Fig. 1.3. Draw two capacitors and connections for the input and output for a.c. signals on Fig. 1.3. Label the input and output. [3]

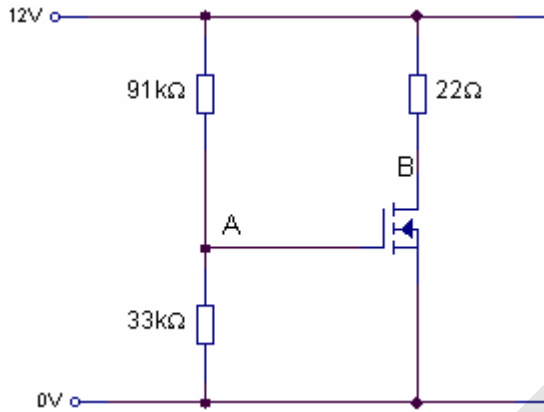


Fig. 1.3

- (e) Calculate the gain of the amplifier.

Gain = [2]

- (f) By calculating the voltage at B when there is no a.c. input to the amplifier, comment on the suitability of the circuit as an amplifier of large amplitude signals.

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[7]

3 Fig. 3.1 shows a memory chip

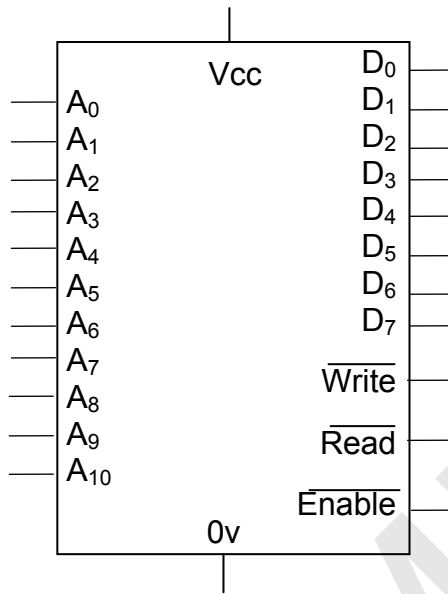


Fig. 3.1

(a) This is a volatile memory chip. Explain what is meant by **volatile**.

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..... [2]

(b) Calculate how many different addresses the memory chip in Fig. 3.1 contains

Number of addresses = [2]

[Turn over

- (c) The hexadecimal number A3 is put on the data inputs. Write down the binary code for A3 in the table below.

| D ₇ | D ₆ | D ₅ | D ₄ | D ₃ | D ₂ | D ₁ | D ₀ |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
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[2]

- (d) Describe the sequence of signals required to write the hexadecimal number A3 to address 00110000100 and then read the contents of address 1001001110.

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[5]

4 Fig. 4.1 shows a mains operated power supply circuit.

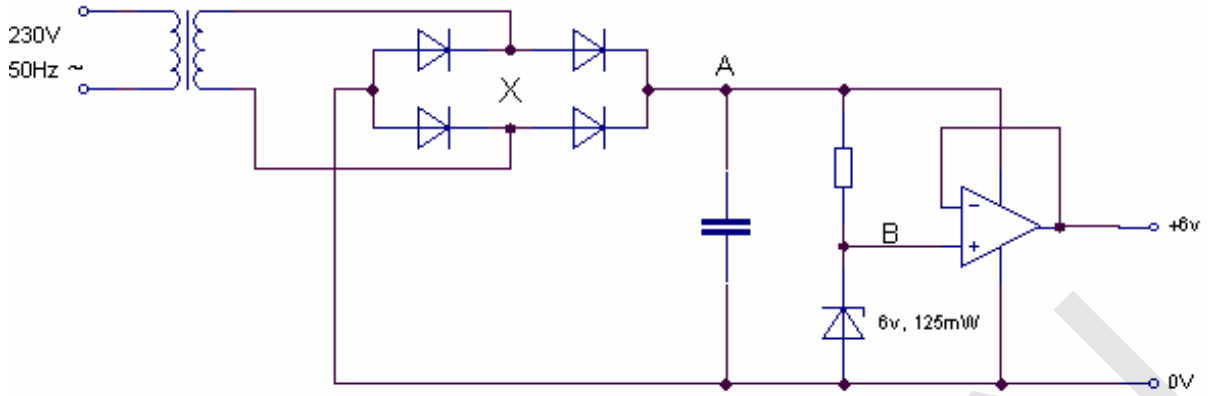


Fig. 4.1

(a) (i) Give the full name of the arrangement of components labelled X in Fig. 4.1.
 [2]

(ii) Describe the function of X.

 [3]

(b) Sketch the transfer characteristics for X on the axes below

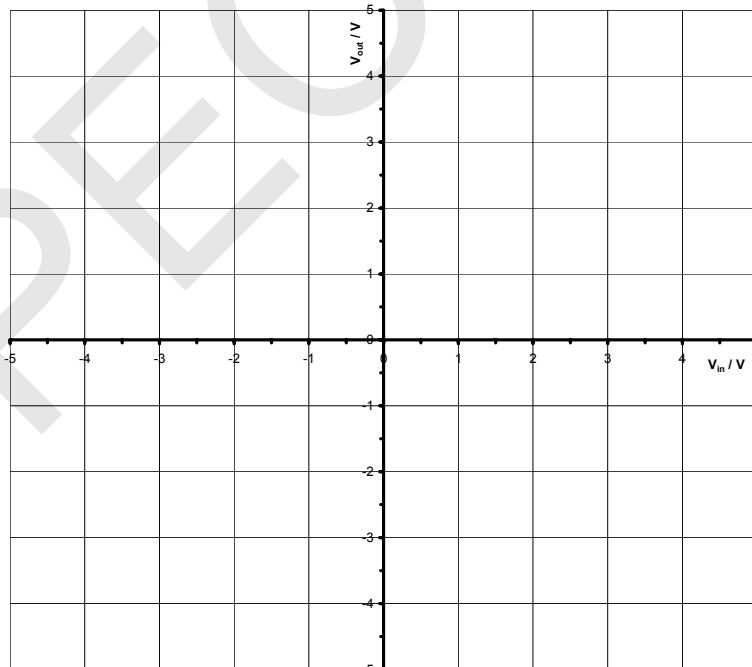


Fig 3.2

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(c) Explain how the capacitor smoothes the voltage at point A.

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..... [3]

(d) The zener diode and resistor hold point B at a steady +6 V.
The zener diode has a power rating of 125mW.

(i) Show that the maximum safe current for the zener diode is about 20 mA.

[3]

(ii) Select a suitable value for the resistor. Justify your choice with a calculation.

Resistor value Ω [3]

(e) Complete these sentences for the op-amp.

The op-amp has feedback.

This makes the at the output and non-inverting terminal the same.

The op-amp allows the at its output to be much larger than at its input. [3]

(f) State two advantages of replacing the power supply in Fig. 4.1 with a switch mode power supply.

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5 In this question you should use the instructions set in the data sheet.

The circuit and program in Fig. 5.1 operate a red LED bike light.

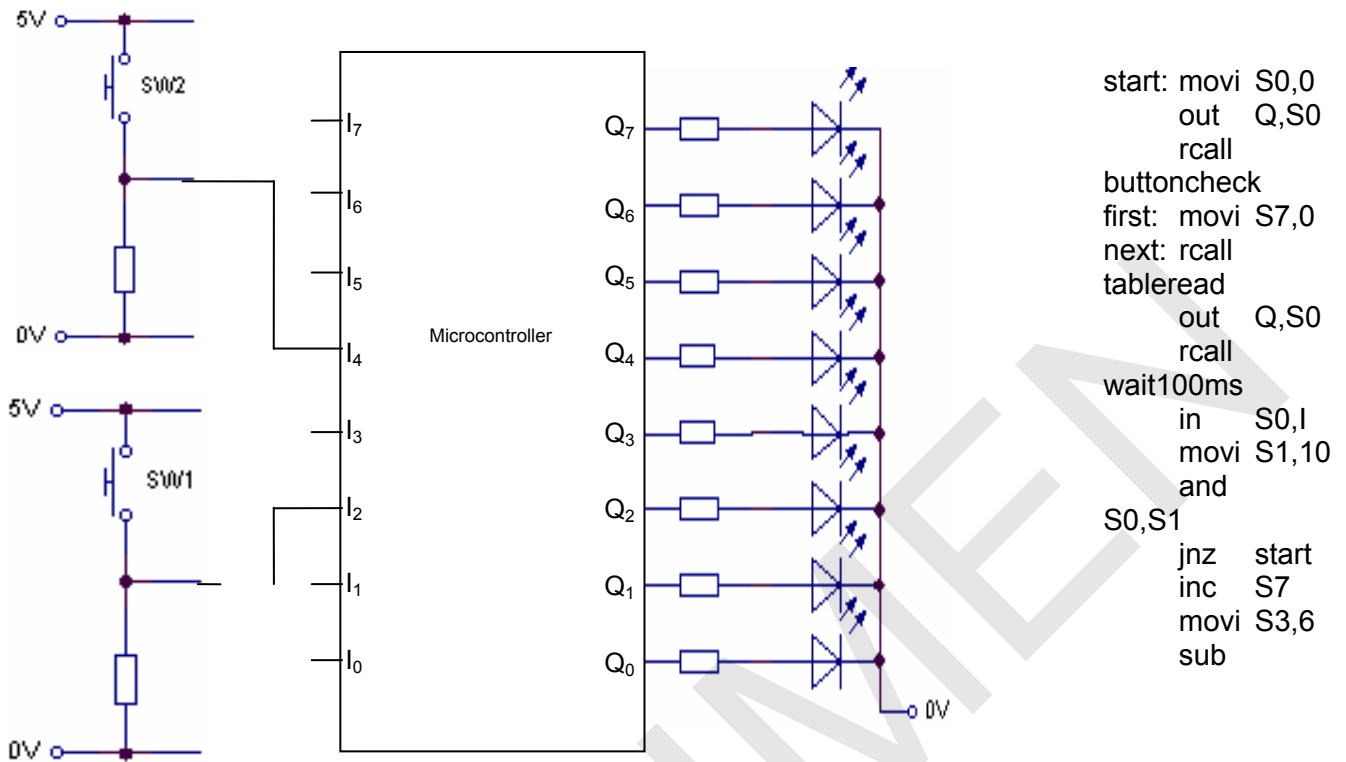


Fig. 5.1

(a) Explain what the first two lines of the program do to the circuit

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movi    S0,0
out     Q,S0
    
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..... [2]

(b) The subroutine *buttoncheck* allows the on switch to carry out its function. Explain how the subroutine works referring to the relevant switch.

| <u>Labels</u> | <u>Instructions</u> | <u>Explanation</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| buttoncheck: | in S0,I | |
| | movi S1,04 | |
| | and S0,S1 | |
| | jz buttoncheck | |
| | ret | |

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- (c) The subroutine *tableread* gets the data from the table to make the lights come on in the sequence shown below. Complete the table in hexadecimal

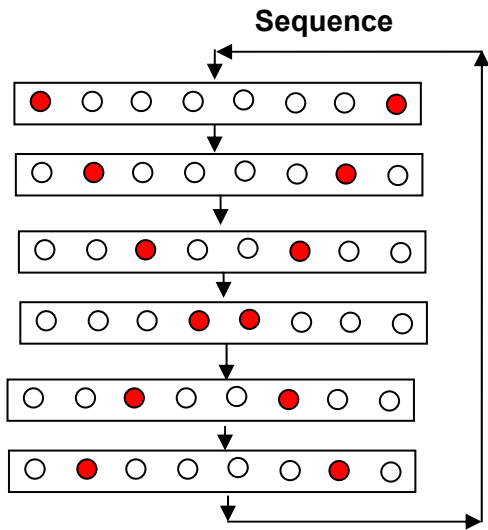


Fig. 5.2

table:

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[5]

- (d) Now write a subroutine to produce a time delay of 100ms called "delay". The subroutine "wait1ms" produces a delay of 1ms. Call the subroutine "wait1ms" from your subroutine.

| <u>Labels</u> | <u>Instructions</u> | <u>Explanations</u> |
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| wait100ms: | | |
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- (e) Explain how the program allows the user to turn off the lights. Copy out the instruction which performs this task.

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6 Part of the electronic system to work like two six sided dice is shown in Fig. 6.1 below. .

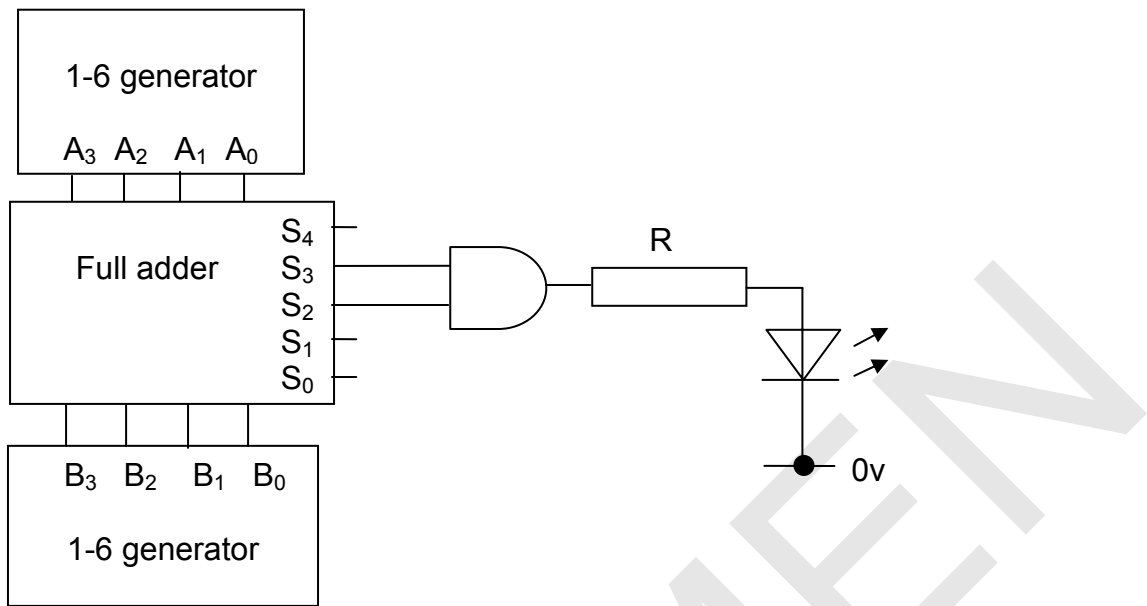


Fig. 6.1

- (a) The output of the AND gate is at 5v when it is high. Calculate a suitable value for the resistor R so that the LED glows when Q is high. State your assumptions about the LED.

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 [4]

- (b) Explain why the LED turns on when $A_3 A_2 A_1 A_0 = 0110$ and $B_3 B_2 B_1 B_0 = 0110$.

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 [3]

- (c) In the space below, draw a circuit whose LED only glows when the output of both generators is not the same ($A_3 A_2 A_1 A_0 \neq B_3 B_2 B_1 B_0$). Explain the operation of your circuit.

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7 Fig. 7.1 shows a circuit designed to control the speed and direction of a small d.c. motor M.

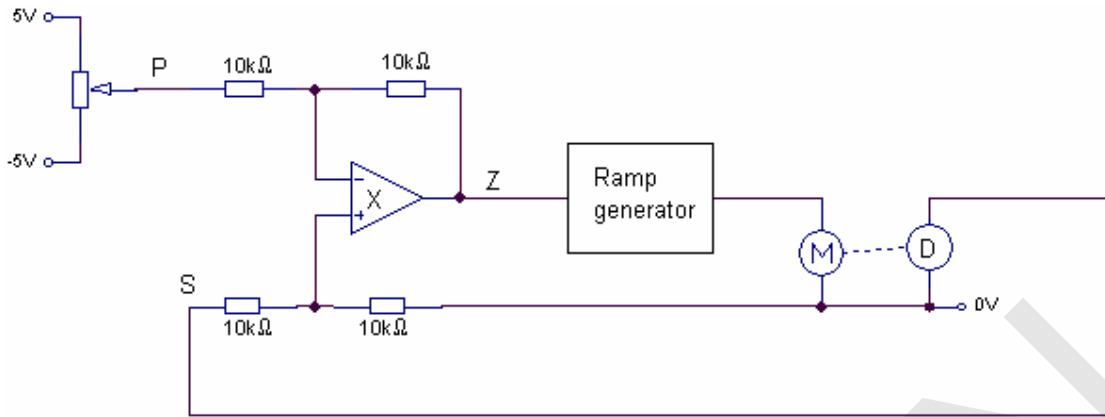
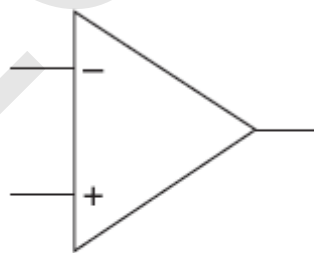


Fig. 7.1

The speed sensor D is turned by the shaft of the motor and produces a d.c. voltage S.

- (a) State the name of the circuit built around the op-amp X in Fig. 7.1.
 [1]
- (b) Give a formula for the voltage Z at the output voltage of the op-amp Z in terms of the voltage P and the voltage S.
 Z = [1]
- (c) (i) Complete Fig. 7.2 for an ramp generator using the op-lamp. Label the input and the output.
 You do not need to give component values.



0V —————

Fig. 7.2

[4]

[Turn over

(ii) Describe how the ramp generator output responds to an input of:

0V
.....
+5V
..... [2]

(d) As the motor speeds up the voltage at S rises.

P is initially set to 0V causing the motor to be stationary and the speed sensor output S is 0V. The potentiometer wiper is moved so that P becomes +5 V.

Describe and explain how the system reacts.

The quality of your written communication will be assessed in this question.

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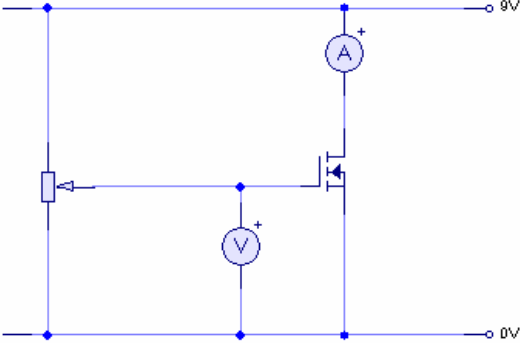
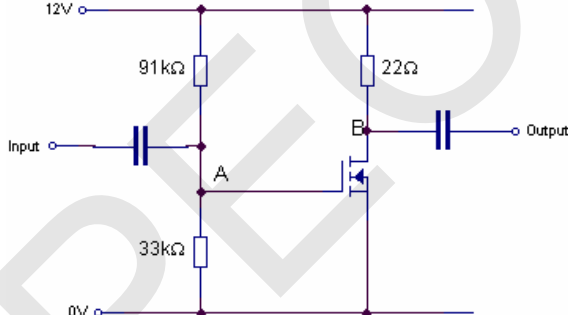
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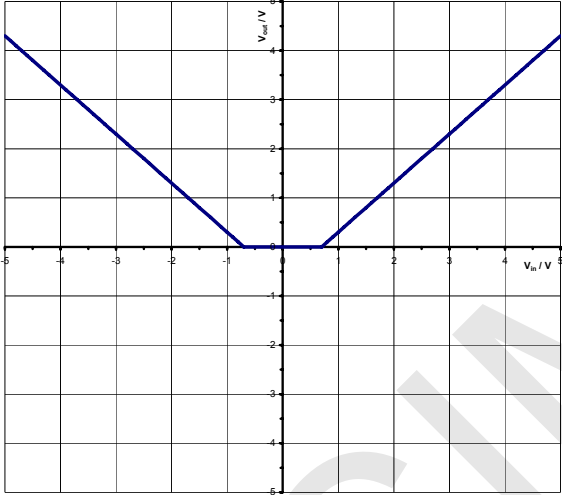
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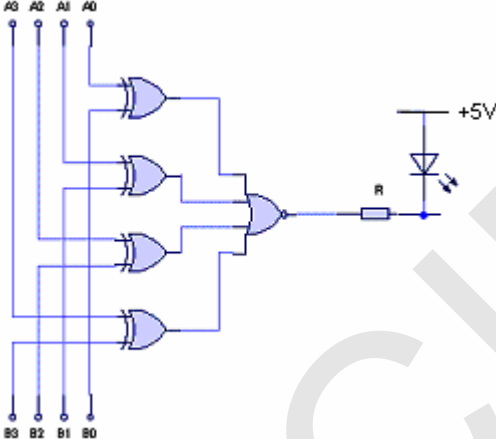
| Question Number | Answer | Max Mark |
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| 1(a) | area of memory (1) used to store (ordered/indexed) data (1) | [2] |
| (b) | register in CPU (1) used to store the address of the data at the top of the stack (1) | [2] |
| (c) | register in CPU (1) used to store the address (1) of the next instruction (1) | [3] |
| (d) | set of instructions (1) to perform a particular task (1) stored in memory (1) can be called from anywhere in program can be called repeatedly (maximum 3 marks) | [3] |

| Question Number | Answer | Max Mark |
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| <p>2(a)</p> | <p>ends of potentiometer connected to 0V and 12V and wiper of potentiometer connected to gate of MOSFET (1) source connected to 0V and drain connected to 12V (1) correct ammeter connected in series with drain (or source) (1) correct voltmeter connected between gate and 0V (1)</p>  <p>(b) Answers in the range 2.1V – 2.4V (1)</p> <p>(c) current from graph / voltage from graph (eor) (1) $\Delta I_{DS} / \Delta V_{GS} = 0.3S$ (1)</p> <p>(d) labelled input to A (1) and labelled output from B (1) both through capacitors (1)</p>  | <p>[4]</p> <p>[1]</p> <p>[2]</p> <p>[3]</p> |
| <p>2(e)</p> <p>2(f)</p> | <p>-0.3 x 22 (eor) (1) = -6.6 (1)</p> <p>Stretch & Challenge, only award marks for fully correct answers. calculation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voltage at A is 3.2 V • giving a drain current of 0.24 A • voltage drop across drain resistor is 5.3 V • so B is at 6.7 V <p>suitability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B can move up by 5.3 V • but only down by 5.3 - 2.4 = 2.9 V • amplifier doesn't allow maximum possible amplitude output | <p>[2]</p> <p>[4]</p> <p>[3]</p> |

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| 3(a) | Forgets data (1) when supply removed (1) | [2] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) | 2^{11} (1) =2048 (1) ($2^8=256$ gets 1 mark, $2^{10}=1024$ gets 1 mark) | [2] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (c) | <table border="1" data-bbox="478 524 842 627"> <tr> <td>D₇</td> <td>D₆</td> <td>D₅</td> <td>D₄</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="478 672 842 775"> <tr> <td>D₃</td> <td>D₂</td> <td>D₁</td> <td>D₀</td> </tr> <tr> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: right;">(1)</p> | D ₇ | D ₆ | D ₅ | D ₄ | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | D ₃ | D ₂ | D ₁ | D ₀ | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | [2] |
| D ₇ | D ₆ | D ₅ | D ₄ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) | <p>One mark for each correct nibble</p> <p>[Make Read= 1, Make Write=1, Make Enable =1]</p> <p>Make A₁₀-A₀ = 00110000100, Make D₇-D₀ = A3 (1)</p> <p>Make Write = 0, Make Enable = 0 (1)</p> <p>Make Enable = 1 Make Write = 1 (1)</p> <p>Make A₁₀-A₀ = 1001001110 (1)</p> <p>Make Read=0, Make Enable =0 (1)</p> <p>[Read data]</p> <p>One mark for each point in correct sequence</p> | [5] | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| 4(a)(i) | Bridge / Full-wave (1) Rectifier / Diode (1) | [2] |
| (ii) | converts alternating voltage/current (ACCEPT a.c.) (1) into direct voltage/current (ACCEPT d.c.) (1) (ACCEPT "rectifies" or wtte [1]) converts negative voltage/current into positive (ACCEPT diagrams of full-wave rectification) (1) | [3] |
| (b) |  | |
| (c) | 45° up from 0.7v in upper right quadrant (1) 0v between -0.7v an +0.7v (1) 45° down to -0.7v in upper left quadrant (1) | [3] |
| (c) | Stretch & Challenge, only award marks for fully correct answers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • charges up from diode bridge • at peak voltage of mains supply • discharges slowly through rest of circuit between peak voltages | [3] |
| (d)(i) | $P = VI$ (NOT $P = I^2R$) (1) $I = P/V = 125 \times 10^{-3} / 6 = \underline{2.08} \times 10^{-2}$ A or $\underline{2.1} \times 10^{-2}$ A (1) units conversion (e.g. 1 mW = 10^{-3} W, 1 mA = 10^{-3} A) (1) | [3] |
| (ii) | $R = V/I$ (eor) (1) $V = 11 - 6 = \underline{5V}$ (1) I between 21 mA and 0.2 mA ecf incorrect V (11 or 6), I : e.g. $R = 5/20 \times 10^{-3} = 250 \Omega$ (235 Ω to 25 k Ω) (1) | [3] |
| (e) | negative (1) voltage (1) current / power (1) | [3] |
| (f) | Smaller / lighter (1) More efficient (NOT safer, cheaper) (1) | [2] |

| Question Number | Answer | Max Mark |
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| 5(a) | Makes the outputs all zero (1) to make all the LEDs turn off (1) | [2] |
| 5 (b) | in A0,I Copy the <u>input</u> pin values to A0 (1) movi A1,04 Put the value 00000100 into A1 and A0,A1 <u>Mask to ignore all but I3</u> (1) to look at <u>SW1</u> (1) jz buttoncheck If SW1 <u>not pressed go back</u> to check input again (1) ret If SW1 pressed <u>return to main program</u> (1) | [5] |
| 5 (c) | 81 (1) 42 (1) 24 (1) 18 (1) 24 42 } Both for this mark (ecf from lines 2 and 3) (1) | [5] |
| 5(d) | wait100ms: movi A4,64 (1) loop: rcall wait1ms (not including label) (1) dec A4 (1) jnz loop (including label in correct place) (1) ret (1) | [5] |
| 5(e) | Identified instructions include "in S0,I" (1) Other instructions identified "moviS1,10 and S0,S1 jnz start" (1) <u>Explanation</u> Get the values from the input pins Mask for SW2 (1) If pressed go to start of program and turn lights off otherwise continue (1) | [4] |

| Question Number | Answer | Max Mark |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| 6(a) | Assumptions: LED forward voltage $V_F = 2v$ (allow $1.7v - 2.3v$) (1) AND LED forward current $I = 10mA$ (allow $5mA - 20mA$) $R = (5 - V_F)/I$ (only 1 mark if $5/I$) (2) $= 300\Omega$ ($135\Omega - 660\Omega$) (1) | [4] |
| 6(b) | $0110 + 0110 = 01100$ (OR convert to decimal and back to binary) (1) therefore $S3=1$ and $S2=1$ (1) makes output of AND gate 1 (1) | [3] |
| 6(c) | Stretch & Challenge, only award marks for fully correct answers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> circuit which works correctly e.g.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boolean algebra to explain operation of circuit why LED only glows when nibbles are different | [3] |

| Question Number | Answer | Max Mark |
|-----------------|--|--------------|
| 7(a) | Difference amplifier | [1] |
| (b) | $Z = S - P$ | [1] |
| (c)(i) | non-inverting input connected to 0V (1) Resistor to inverting input (1) Capacitor in negative feedback (1) Input and output labelled (1) | [4] |
| (ii) | 0V Output stays frozen (or wtte) (1) +5V Output decreases linearly (1) | [2] |
| (d) | Any 6 of the following marking points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When $P = +5V$ and $S = 0V$ then $Z = -5V$ • Ramp generator output voltage starts to rise • Motor starts to turn • Speed sensor output voltage rises • Output of summing amp Z gets less • Output of ramp generator rises more slowly • Motor continues to speed up • When output of speed sensor $S = P$ then $Z = 0V$ • Output of ramp generator stays the same and motor continues to run at constant speed This question will also be assessed on quality of written communication. | |
| | <p>3 The candidate expresses complex ideas extremely clearly and fluently. Sentences and paragraphs follow on from one another smoothly and logically. Arguments are consistently relevant and well structured. There will be few, if any, errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling.</p> <p>2 The candidate expresses straightforward ideas clearly, if not always fluently. Sentences and paragraphs may not always be well connected. Arguments may sometimes stray from the point or be weakly presented. There may be some errors of grammar, punctuation and spelling, but not such as to suggest a weakness in these areas.</p> <p>1 The candidate expresses simple ideas clearly, but may be imprecise and awkward in dealing with complex or subtle concepts. Arguments may be of doubtful relevance or obscurely presented. Errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling may be noticeable and intrusive, suggesting weaknesses in these areas.</p> <p>0 The language has no rewardable features.</p> | [9] |
| | Paper Total | [110] |

Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

| Question | AO1 | AO2 | AO3 | Total | Synoptic |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| 1(a) | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 1(b) | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 1(c) | 3 | | | 3 | |
| 1(d) | 3 | | | 3 | |
| 2(a) | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 2 |
| 2(b) | 1 | | | 1 | |
| 2(c) | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 2(d) | 2 | 1 | | 3 | |
| 2(e) | | 2 | | 2 | |
| 2(f) | | 7 | | 7 | 2 |
| 3(a) | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 3(b) | | 2 | | 2 | |
| 3(c) | | 2 | | 2 | 2 |
| 3(d) | 1 | 4 | | 5 | |
| 4(a)(i) | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 4(a)(ii) | 3 | | | 3 | |
| 4(b) | | 3 | | 3 | |
| 4(c) | 3 | | | 3 | |
| 4(d)(i) | | 3 | | 3 | 3 |
| 4(d)(ii) | | 3 | | 3 | 3 |
| 4(e) | | 3 | | 3 | 3 |
| 4(f) | 2 | | | 2 | |
| 5(a) | | 2 | | 2 | |
| 5(b) | | 5 | | 5 | |
| 5(c) | | 5 | | 5 | |
| 5(d) | | 5 | | 5 | |
| 5(e) | | 4 | | 4 | |
| 6(a) | 1 | 3 | | 4 | 4 |
| 6(b) | 1 | 2 | | 3 | |
| 6(c) | 2 | 1 | | 3 | 3 |
| 7(a) | 1 | | | 1 | |
| 7(b) | 1 | | | 1 | |
| 7(c)(i) | 4 | | | 4 | |
| 7(c)(ii) | 1 | 2 | | 2 | |
| 7(d) | 4 | 5 | | 9 | |
| Totals | 45 | 65 | 0 | 110 | 22 |