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Advanced GCE F611

Simple Systems

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Question	Grade	Expected answer	Mark	Additional guidance
1a	E	$P = I \times V = 8 \times 12 = 96W$	1	Correct numerical answer
	E	Units: Watts or W	1	Correct units
1b	D	NAND gates can only supply about 10mA	1	Accept answers indicating limited current from gates [1]
	D	Driver amplifies current / switches large current	1	
1ci	D	IRF630	1	
1cii	D	Can switch 8A (wtte)	1	
	D	Not too expensive (wtte)	1	
1di	C E D	Correct n-MOSFET symbol with correct DS polarity Heater and MOSFET/transistor in series with power supply MOSFET gate connected to output of monostable	1 1 1	Symbol needs to be correct with arrow pointing in

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1dii	E	Switch between input and 0v	1	
	D	Switch and resistor in series across supply	1	
1diii	С	To make input high when switch not pressed (wtte)	1	Accept sentence with "pull up" Accept "input would float without resistor" wtte Accept sensible answer about function of switch/resistor circuit e.g. "to allow the user to trigger the monostable"
1e	E D D	t = 0.7RC (eor) $t = 0.7 \times 180 \times 10^{3} \times 1000 \times 10^{-6} (correct \ conversion)$ $t = 126s (calculation \ accurate)$	1 1 1	ecf incorrect units conversion for <u>one</u> of R or C

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1f C D C B C A	Three or more changes of state at 30s $H = \overline{G}$ Pulse length of H 120s – 140s by eye F suddenly rises to 5v then falls slowly F goes low when it falls to ~2.5V F falls suddenly to -0.7v when voltage gets to ~2.5v and $E = \overline{D} \cdot \overline{G}$	1 1 1 1	Look for pulse going just below line at end of T

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2ai	E	OR				1	
2aii	E		\succ			1	Back should be curved, front should be pointed
2aiii	D	A + B				1	or any correct expression
2bi	E	NAND				1	
2bii	E					1	All need to be correct for the mark
			С	D	R		
			0	0	1		
			0	1	1		
			1	0	1		
			1	1	0		
2biii	D	C • D or	$\overline{C} \bullet \overline{D} + \overline{C}$	$\bullet D + C \bullet \overline{D}$	or $\overline{C} + \overline{C}$	5 1	No credit for $\overline{A \cdot B}$ or other expressions with symbols other than C & D

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2c	С	$X = \overline{\overline{(N \cdot M)} \cdot (N + M)}$	1	Valid expression from circuit
	А	$X = \overline{\overline{(N \cdot M)}} + \overline{\overline{(N + M)}} (D.M.T.)$	1	1 mark for each of lines 2,3 & 4 to maximum of 2 marks
	A	$X = (N \cdot M) + (\overline{N + M})$ (2×double negative)	1	
		$X = (N \cdot M) + \overline{\overline{N} \cdot \overline{M}} (D.M.T.)$ $X = N \cdot M + \overline{N} \cdot \overline{M} (double negative)$		ACCEPT attempt at reverse argument
				Use of valid rule eg DMT, cancelled, Pair of inversions, reversal/inversion of brackets [1]

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3a	E	Vout=13v	1	Evidence of correct output voltage used
	E	Voltage across R is 13-4.2=8.8 V ecf 15-4.2=10.8V	1	Evidence of subtracting 4.2v from output
	E	I=15mA=0.015A	1	Correct converstion from milli
	E	R=8.8/0.015	1	Correct use of Ohm's law
	E	R=590Ω	1	Correct answer (1) allow ecf at each stage
				590 Ω allow more sig figs [5]
				720Ω [4]
				$4.2/0.015 = 280\Omega$ [2]
3b	E	Analogue: any value (between minimum and maximum)	1	
	E	Digital: one of only two values	1	
	E	Analogue: voltage at B	1	Accept voltage from LDR. Not just LDR
	E	Digital: Voltage at output of comparator	1	Accept voltage across LED. Not just LED
3ci	E	Ring around zener	1	
3cii	D	(sharp) rise from zero current in +ve quadrant (sharp) fall	1	Max 2 if rises not sharp
		from zero current in -ve quadrant	1	
	С	departs from 0V axis at 0.7V	1	
	С	departs from 0V axis at -3.6V		
3ciii	E	3.6V	1	Do not accept -3.6V
3d	E	Resistance falls with increasing light intensity	1	
	E	Line curves to be asymptotic to axes	1	
3e	С	Total resistance is 2.4k + 6.8k = 9.2k	1	
	С	Current through LDR is 15/9.2k=0.0016A	1	
	C	Voltage across 2.4k is 0.0016x2.4k=3.9V	1	
3f	В	LED reverse biased	1	
	D	Output is -13V	1	Accept "saturated negative"
	C	because voltage at inverting input (B) > voltage at non-	1	comparison of voltages at op-amp inputs
		inverting input (A)		
3g	C	Voltage at inverting input (B) = $3.6v$ at 30 Lux	1	Any evidence of using 3.6V in calculations ecf from 3cii
	C	Current through 2.4k is 3.6/2.4k=0.0015A	1	
	В	Voltage across LDR is 15-3.6=11.4v	1	Use of potential divider rule with 2.4k Ω
	В	Resistance of LDR is 11.4/0.0015=7600 Ω	1	Accept 7.6k Ω for 4 marks

Question	Grade			Expected a	nswer	Mark	Additional guidance
4a	E B	All possible P correct	combinatio	ns of Q, R a	nd S	1	Order unimportant
		Q	R	S	Р		
		0	0	0	0		
		0	0	1	0		
		0	1	0	1		
		0	1	1	0		
		1	0	0	1		
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4b	A A	$P = Q \cdot \overline{S} + \overline{Q} \cdot R \cdot \overline{S}$ $P = (Q + \overline{Q} \cdot R) \cdot \overline{S}$	1 1	Any valid Boolean manipulation 1 mark + Any valid result with fewer terms than original 1
	A	$P = \left(\overline{\overline{Q} \cdot \overline{R}}\right) \cdot \overline{S}$	1	Allow reverse argument for answer
		$P = (Q+R) \cdot \overline{S}$ $P = Q \cdot \overline{S} + R \cdot \overline{S}$		
		OR		
		$P = (Q + Q) \cdot R \cdot S + Q \cdot S$		
		$P = R \cdot \overline{S} + Q \cdot \overline{S}$		
		OR		
		$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{S}} + \overline{\mathbf{Q}} \cdot \mathbf{R} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{S}}$		
		$\mathbf{P} = \left(\mathbf{Q} + \overline{\mathbf{Q}} \cdot \mathbf{R}\right) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{S}}$		
		$P = (Q \cdot (R + \overline{R}) + \overline{Q} \cdot R) \cdot S$		
		$\mathbf{P} = \left(\overline{\mathbf{Q}} \cdot \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{R} + \mathbf{Q} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{R}} \right) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{S}}$		
		$P = \left((\overline{Q} + Q) \cdot R + Q \cdot (R + \overline{R}) \right) \cdot \overline{S}$		
		$P = (Q + R) \cdot \overline{S} \qquad P = Q \cdot \overline{S} + R \cdot \overline{S}$		

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4c	B A A	Q Q S R Q Q \overline{S} \overline{Q} \overline{R} \overline{Q} \overline{R} \overline{Q} \overline{R} \overline{Q} \overline{R} Correct implementation of \overline{S} Correct implementation of OR function Correct circuit with labels P, Q, R, S	1 1 1	

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5ai	E	Correct identification of period (4 divisions)	1	400ms worth 1 mark
	E	Correct conversion from divisions to ms (x200)	1	
		800ms		
5aii	E	1/0.8 ecf	1	Reciprocal of time from 5ai
	E	1.25Hz	1	Correct conversion of units to get answer in Hz
5aiii	E	Correct identification of height (2.5 divisions)	1	
	E	Correct conversion from divisions to V (x2)=5V	1	
5bi	E	Identifiable oscilloscope symbol connected to 0V	1	
	E	Connection to junction of capacitor and resistor	1	
5bii	Е	correct conversion of $10k\Omega$ to 10000Ω	1	22ms [3]
	E	correct conversion of 22μ F to 0.0000022F	1	
	D	correct answer in ms ecf	1	
5biii	В	Spikes – Sharp rise, slow fall	1	
	В	signal goes up/down 2.5 squares	1	
	А	+ve and -ve in time with correct period	1	
	Α	Completely decaying in ~half a division	1	

Question	Grade	Expected answer	Mark	Additional guidance
5ci	В	Positive spikes remain	1	ecf if signal in 5bi all in region 0V to 5V – no change [1]
	В	Negative spikes reduced (disappear)	1	ecf if signal in 5bi outside 0V to 5V – describe clamping
	A	to amplitude of -0.7V	1	with values and explanation to max of [4] if all points
	A	because of clamping diodes in NOT gate	1	covered.
5cii	С	Lamp flashes with period of 800ms	1	Allow if period implied from on time + off time
	A	Off for about 15ms (0.7RC)	1	Allow 10ms – 20ms
	А	In opposite state for about 785ms	1	Allow 780ms – 790ms
				On and off periods reversed [2]

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