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Subject: POWER ELECTRONICS
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NOTE: There are 9 Questions in all.

- Question 1 is compulsory and carries 20 marks. Answer to Q.1 must be written in the space provided for it in the answer book supplied and nowhere else.
- The answer sheet for the Q.1 will be collected by the invigilator after 45 Minutes of the commencement of the examination.
- Out of the remaining EIGHT Questions answer any FIVE Questions. Each question carries 16 marks.
- Any required data not explicitly given, may be suitably assumed and stated.

Q.1 Choose the correct or the best alternative in the following: (2×10)

- On insertion of an inductance in anode circuit of an SCR, the turn on time
 - decreases
 - increases
 - remains the same
 - does not change much
- The sharing of the voltages between thyristors operating in series is influenced by their
 - $\frac{di}{dt}$ capabilities
 - $\frac{dv}{dt}$ capabilities
 - Junction temperatures
 - Static v-i characteristics and leakage current
- A three phase half wave controlled converter feeds a resistive load. The load current will be continuous for all firing angles.
 - True
 - False
- A type-A chopper is operating at a frequency of 2 kHz on a 400 V supply. If the load voltage is 300 volts, the conduction period of the thyristor in each cycle is:
 - 0.375 ms
 - 0.375 sec
 - 0.375 μ s
 - none of these
- A single phase voltage controller uses ON/OFF technique for controlling power fed to a resistive load. If the supply voltage is V and a duty ratio is k, the RMS output voltage will be
 - V
 - $\frac{V}{2}$
 - $V\sqrt{k}$
 - kV
- A 3-phase to 3-phase cycloconverter requires:
 - 18 SCRs for 3-phase device
 - 18 SCRs for 6-pulse device
 - 36 SCRs for 3-phase device
 - 36 SCRs for 3-pulse device

- g. The speed of dc shunt motor above normal speed can be controlled by
 (A) Armature voltage control method
 (B) Flux control method
 (C) Both (A) & (B)
 (D) None of the above
- h. PWM switching is preferred in voltage source inverters for the purpose of
 (A) Controlling output voltage (B) Output harmonics
 (C) Reducing filter size (D) All of the above
- i. A free-wheeling diode is used in a controlled rectifier circuit in case of:
 (A) Resistive load (B) Inductive load
 (C) Capacitive load (D) None of above
- j. A 3-phase voltage source inverter is operated in 180° conduction mode. Which one of the following statement is true?
 (A) Both pole voltage and line-voltage will have 3^{rd} harmonic component
 (B) Pole voltage will have 3^{rd} harmonic component but line voltage will be free from 3^{rd} harmonic.
 (C) Line voltage will have 3^{rd} harmonic component but pole voltage will be free from 3^{rd} harmonic.
 (D) Both pole voltage and line-voltage will be free from 3^{rd} harmonic component

Answer any FIVE Questions out of EIGHT Questions.
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- Q.2** a. Discuss the two-transistor model of a thyristor. Using this model, describe the various mechanisms of turning on a thyristor. (10)
- b. What is GTO? Discuss its advantages over a normal thyristor? Describe the turn-off process of GTO. (6)
- Q.3** a. Describe the working of a single phase full converter in the inverter mode with RLE load. Illustrate your answer with waveform for source voltage, E , load voltage & current, source current, current through and voltage across one SCR. Assume continuous conduction. Find also the circuit turn-off time. (8)
- b. A 3-phase fully controlled bridge converter with 415V supply, 0.04 ohm resistance - per phase and 0.25ohm reactance per phase is operating in the inverting mode at a firing advance angle of 35° . Calculate the mean generator voltage when the current is level at 80A. The thyristor voltage drop is 1.5V. (8)
- Q.4** a. State the principle of chopper operation highlighting the operation of step down and step up chopper? Obtain the expression for the minimum and maximum currents for type-B chopper. (8)

- b. Draw and explain current and voltage waveforms for Impulse-commutated choppers. (6)
- Q.5** a. State the conditions for commutation of thyristor? (6)
- b. Develop the design equation for obtaining the values of L and C in resonant pulse commutating circuit. (10)
- Q.6** a. What is cycloconverter? Explain principle of a single phase cycloconverter. (6)
- b. Explain the circulating current mode operation of four quadrant cycloconverter. (10)
- Q.7** a. State different methods for voltage control of three phase inverter. (8)
- b. Explain, how does a single phase center-tapped inverter operates? Derive an expression for source current in center-tapped inverter. (8)
- Q.8** a. Explain on-off and phase control principle of AC voltage controllers. (8)
- b. Describe the operation of a single phase full wave ac voltage controller with resistive load and derive expression for average and RMS output voltages. (8)
- Q.9** a. Explain the operation of chopper drive for a dc separately excited motor in
- (i) Regeneration braking mode (8)
- (ii) Rheostatic braking mode (8)
- b. Write notes on application of microprocessors in the control of electrical drives. (8)