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This paper consists of **TWO** sections; **A** and **B**.

Answer any **THREE** questions from section **A** and **TWO** questions from section **B** in the spaces provided in this question paper.

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SECTION A

Answer any **THREE** questions from this section.

1. (a) Explain the following types of errors which may occur during measurement:
- (i) gross errors; ✓
 - (ii) environmental errors;
 - (iii) random errors. ✓
- (6 marks)

- (b) (i) State any **two** factors that determine the choice of a suitable method of measuring resistance.
- (ii) An unknown resistor in series with a milliammeter is measured using the ammeter-voltmeter method. The voltmeter used has a sensitivity of $1000 \Omega/V$ and reads 100 V on its 150 V scale when connected across the resistor. If the milliammeter reads 5 mA, determine the:
- (I) apparent value of the resistor;
 - (II) actual value of the resistor;
 - (III) percentage error.
- (8 marks)

- (c) With the aid of a labelled diagram describe how a ballistic galvanometer is calibrated using Hibbert Magnetic standard.
- (6 marks)

2. (a) (i) Define the following terms with respect to soldering:
- (I) solder;
 - (II) flux.
- (ii) Outline the procedure followed during soldering process.



- (b) (i) Distinguish between an integrated circuit (IC) and a printed circuit board (PCB).
- (ii) Describe the following methods of fault location in electronic systems:
- (I) functional area test;
 - (II) half-split.
- (6 marks)

- (c) (i) Explain the following types of maintenance in an electrical workshop.
- (I) corrective;
 - (II) planned.
- (ii) Outline the steps involved in carrying out a planned maintenance programme. (8 marks)
3. (a) (i) Explain the term "unit" in relation to measurements.
- (ii) Differentiate between electrostatic system of units (ESU) and electromagnetic system of units (EMU). (6 marks)
- (b) Explain the following standards of measurements:
- (i) international;
 - (ii) secondary.
- (c) (i) Define the following in relation to errors and for each give its mathematical expression:
- (I) absolute;
 - (II) relative.
- (ii) A standard measuring instrument measures the value of a resistance as 10.25Ω . If the actual value of the resistance is 10.22Ω , determine the
- (I) absolute error of measurement;
 - (II) percentage error.
- (6 marks)
- (8 marks)
4. (a) Define the following terms as applied in equipment reliability:
- (i) Derating;
 - (ii) Mean Time to Repair (MTTR)
- (4 marks)
- (b) (i) Explain the following with respect to equipment maintainability:
- (I) availability;
 - (II) life cycle costs.



- (ii) On the same axis of "users costs" Vs "availability" draw the graphs of :
 - (I) equipment price;
 - (II) costs of failure;
 - (III) total cost of I and II and determine optimum availability.

(9 marks)

- (c) (i) State any **two** categories of equipment manuals used to aid repair work.
- (ii) Outline the main function of each of the following tools and measuring instruments when used in electronic laboratory.
 - (i) signal generator;
 - (ii) solder sucker;
 - (iii) long nose pliers;
 - (iv) screw driver;
 - (v) multimeter.

(7 marks)

- 5. (a) Distinguish between shunts and multipliers as applied in range extension of measuring instruments. (4 marks)
- (b) With the aid of a labelled diagram describe the operation of a rectifier instrument when used for measurement of current. (6 marks)
- (c) Figure 1 shows an a.c bridge used in the measurement of self inductance. At balance derive the expression for:
 - (i) inductance, L_1 ;
 - (ii) Q factor for the circuit.

(10 marks)

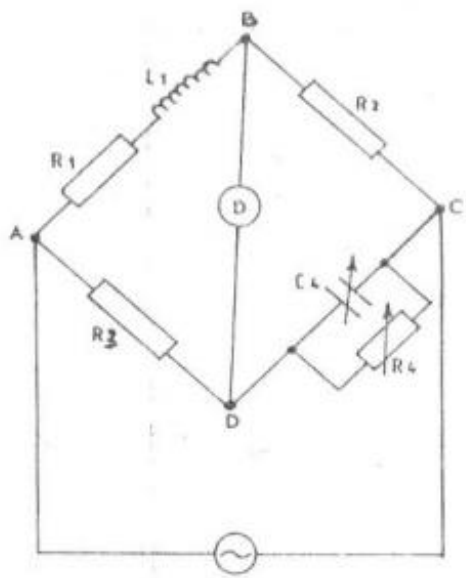


Fig.1



Answer any **TWO** questions from this section.

6. (a) State any **two** charges found in an atom of an element. (2 marks)
- (b) (i) Define "work function" in relation to electron emission.
- (ii) Explain:
- (I) how "space charge" is formed in a vacuum diode.
- (II) the process of thermionic emission and give **one** application. (6 marks)
- (c) With the aid of labelled energy band diagrams, explain the variation of the forbidden energy gap in the following materials.
- (i) conductors;
- (ii) insulators;
- (iii) semi-conductors. (12 marks)
7. (a) (i) State the **two** basic modes of operation of MOSFET. (3 marks)
- (ii) Draw labelled N-channel symbol for each mode in a(i).
- (b) With aid of labelled diagrams explain the principle of operation of an N-Channel Junction Field Effect Transistor (JFET) when biased from two sources. (5 marks)



- (c) (i) Figure 2 shows a fixed bias configuration of a JFET amplifier circuit having I_{DSS} of 8 mA and $V_p = -4$ V. Determine:

(I) V_D $V_{DS} = V_D = -4.6$ V
 (II) $V_{GS} = -4$
 (III) $I_D = 0.832$ mA

$V_{GS} = V_G - V_S$
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$V_{DS} = V_{DD} - I_D R_D$
 $18 - [0.832 \times 2 \times 10^3]$
 $V_{DS} = -4.6$
 $I_D = I_{DSS} \left[1 - \frac{V_{GS}}{V_p(\text{off})} \right]^2$
 $8 \times 10^{-3} \left[1 - \frac{-4}{-4} \right]^2$
 $5 \times 10^{-3} [2]$
 $I_D = 0.832 \times 4$
 $I_D = 0.832$ A

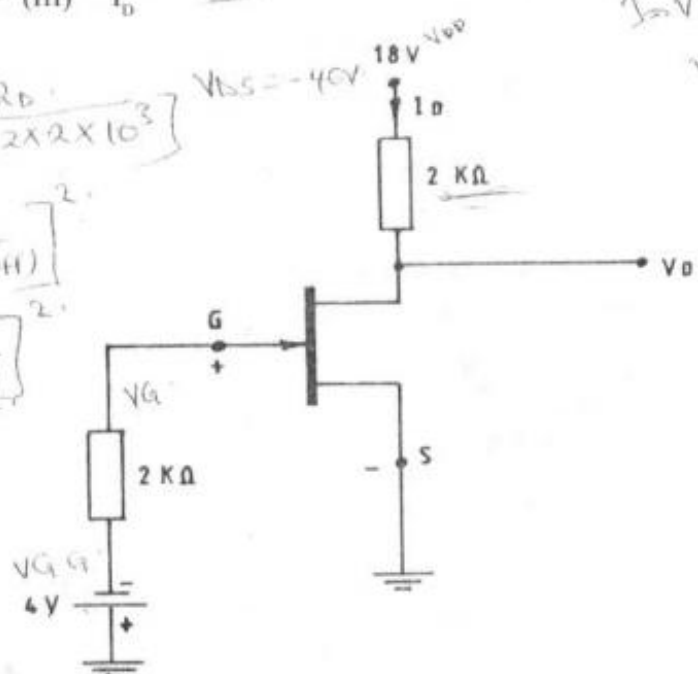
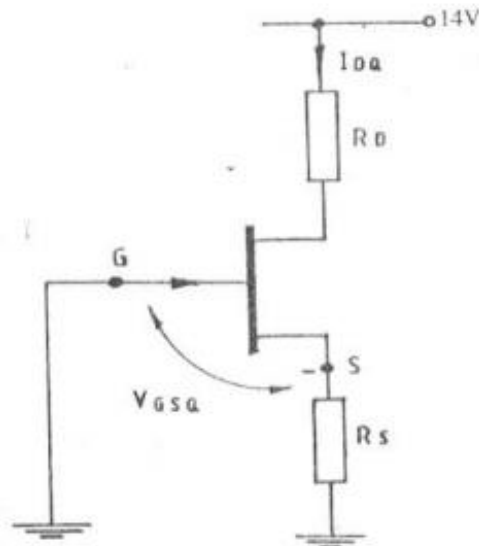


Fig. 2

- (ii) Figure 3 shows a common source self biased JFET amplifier with $I_{DSS} = 8$ mA, $V_p = -6$ V. The Q-point occurs at $I_{DQ} = 4$ mA. Assuming $R_D = 3R_S$, determine the value of resistor R_S and R_D .

(12 marks)



8. (a) (i) State the three Bipolar Junction Transistor configurations

(ii) A NPN transistor has $I_E = 10 \text{ mA}$ and dc current gain (α) of 0.96, determine

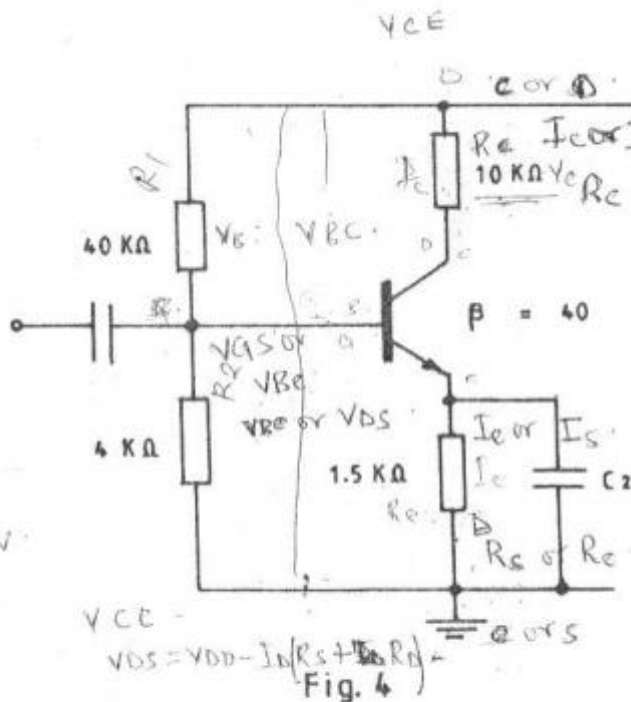
- (I) $I_{CQ} = \alpha \frac{I_C}{I_E} \quad I_C = \alpha I_E \quad I_E = I_B + I_C$
 (II) $I_B = \frac{I_C}{\beta}$
 (III) $\beta = \frac{I_C}{I_B} \approx \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$

(9 marks)

(b) Figure 4 shows a potential divider biased circuit. Assuming base-emitter voltage of 0.5 V and $I_C \approx I_E$, determine the:

- (i) collector current; $I_C = \frac{V_{BE}}{R_e}$
 (ii) collector-to-emitter voltage; V_{CE}

(8 marks)



(c) Draw the dc load line and mark the Q-point of the circuit in b(ii).

(3 marks)



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