

Visvesvaraya Technological University, Belagavi

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

5<sup>th</sup> Semester, B.E. (CBCS) EE

Course: 15EE53 – **Power Electronics**

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 80

**Note: (i) Answer Five full questions selecting any one full question from each Module.**

**Module-1**

- 1 a. Explain in brief, the different types of power electronic converter circuits and also specify the form of input and output with waveforms. [8]  
 b. If a single-phase full-wave rectifier with center-tapped transformer has a purely resistive load of  $R$ , determine (a) the efficiency, (b) the RF, (c) the TUF and (d) the input power factor PF. [8]

**OR**

- 2 a. What is power electronics? Mention its industrial applications. [6]  
 b. Explain the function of a freewheeling diode, in a switched RL load circuit. Draw the circuit diagram and waveforms. [6]  
 c. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of bridge rectifier and rectifier with centre-tapped transformer. [4]

**Module-2**

- 3 a. Explain the isolation of gate drive using (i) pulse transformers and (ii) optocouplers [8]  
 b. With the help of waveforms, explain the switching characteristics of a BJT. [8]

**OR**

- 4 a. Draw the circuit diagram for an IGBT and explain its typical output characteristics. [8]  
 b. The bipolar transistor is specified to have  $\beta_F$  in the range of 8 to 40. The load resistance is  $R_C = 15 \Omega$ . The dc supply voltage is  $V_{CC} = 150 \text{ V}$  and the input voltage to the base circuit is  $V_B = 8 \text{ V}$ . If  $V_{CE(sat)} = 1.0 \text{ V}$ ,  $V_{BE(sat)} = 1.5 \text{ V}$  and  $R_B = 1.047 \Omega$ , determine (a) the ODF, (b) the forced  $\beta$  and (c) the power loss in the transistor  $P_T$ . [8]

**Module-3**

- 5 a. With a neat sketch describe the two-transistor model of a thyristor and obtain the expression for anode current. [8]  
 b. Ten thyristors are used in a string to withstand a dc voltage of  $V_s = 15 \text{ kV}$ . The maximum leakage current and recovery charge differences of thyristors are 10 mA and  $150 \mu\text{C}$ , respectively. Each thyristor has a voltage-sharing resistance of  $R = 56 \text{ k}\Omega$  and capacitance of  $C_1 = 0.5 \mu\text{F}$ . Determine (a) the maximum steady-state voltage sharing  $V_{DS(max)}$ , (b) the steady-state voltage derating factor, (c) the maximum transient voltage sharing  $V_{DT(max)}$ , and (d) the transient voltage derating factor. [8]

**OR**

- 6 a. Explain the VI characteristics of SCR with a neat graph. [6]  
 b. Briefly explain the following:  
 (i) LASCR (ii) GTO (iii) TRIAC [6]

- C. A thyristor carries a current as shown in Figure 6 (b). The switching frequency is  $f_s = 120$  Hz. Determine the average ON state current  $I_T$ .

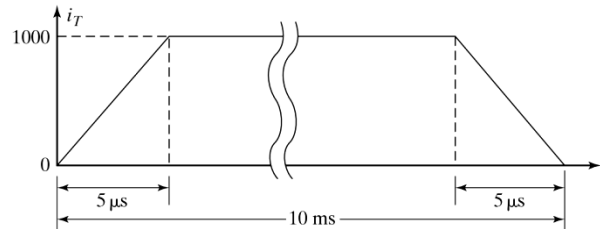


Fig 6 (b)

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#### Module-4

- 7 a. With the help of suitable diagrams, explain the working of a single phase dual converter. [8]
- b. A single-phase ac voltage controller in Figure 7 (b) has a resistive load of  $R = 10 \Omega$  and the rms input voltage is  $V_s = 120$  V, 60 Hz. The delay angle of thyristor  $T_1$  is  $\alpha = \pi/2$ . Determine (a) the rms value of output voltage  $V_o$ , (b) the input PF, and (c) the rms input current  $I_s$ .

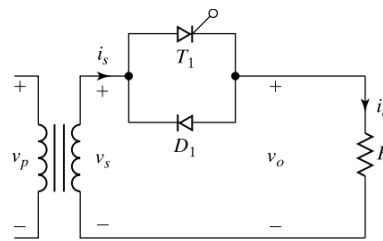


Fig. 7 (b)

[8]

OR

- 8 a. Draw the circuit diagram of a three phase bidirectional controller for a resistive load and show the waveforms for (a) Input line voltages, (b) Input phase voltages, (c) Thyristor gate pulses, and (d) Output phase voltage at a firing angle of  $60^\circ$  [8]
- b. A three-phase full-wave converter is operated from a three-phase Y-connected 208-V, 60-Hz supply and the load resistance is  $R = 10 \Omega$ . If it is required to obtain an average output voltage of 50% of the maximum possible output voltage, calculate (a) the delay angle  $\alpha$ , (b) the rms and average output currents, (c) the rms and average thyristor currents, (d) the rectification efficiency. [8]

#### Module-5

- 9 a. Explain the principle of step-up chopper and derive an expression for the average output voltage. [8]
- b. The single-phase full-bridge inverter has a resistive load of  $R = 2.4 \Omega$  and the dc input voltage is  $V_s = 48$  V. Determine (a) the rms output voltage at the fundamental frequency, and (b) the output power  $P_o$ . [4]
- c. What are the main differences between voltage-source and current-source inverters? [4]

OR

- 10 a. Draw the circuit diagram for a four quadrant converter and explain its working [6]
- b. Explain  $120^\circ$  conduction mode of operation in a three-phase inverter along with circuit and neat waveforms. [10]

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