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This examination paper consists of 4 printed pages.

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

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INSTRUCTIONS

ANSWER ALL PARTS OF QUESTION 1 IN SECTION A AND ANY THREE QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B. SECTION A CARRIES 40 MARKS AND SECTION B CARRIES 60 MARKS.

MARK ALLOCATION

| QUESTION | MARKS |
|-----------------------|-------|
| 1. | 40 |
| 2. | 20 |
| 3. | 20 |
| 4. | 20 |
| 5. | 20 |
| 6. | 20 |
| Maximum possible mark | 100 |

Additional Requirements

Calculator

Constants

Permeability of free space $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ Hm}^{-1}$

Permittivity of free space $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ F m}^{-1}$

Charge of an electron $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

Mass of an electron $m_e = 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Mass of a proton $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

- a) What is an electric field? On a well labelled diagram draw electric field lines of a positive charge, negative charge and a dipole. [8]
- b) Distinguish between an Ohmic and a Non Ohmic material. [4]
- c) A rod of length ℓ as shown in figure 1, has a uniform positive charge per unit length λ and a total charge Q . Calculate the electric field at a point P that is located along the x axis of the rod and a distance a from the rod. [8]

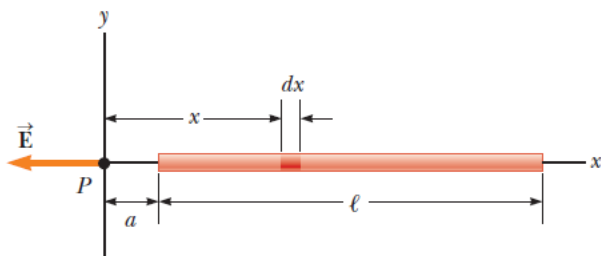


Figure 1: The electric field at P due to a uniformly charged rod lying along the x axis.

- d) Show that the ideal power equation of a transformer is given by $\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{I_s}{I_p} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$ where V_s is the voltage in the secondary coil, V_p is the voltage in the primary coil, I_p is the current in the primary coil, I_s is the current in the secondary coil, N_s is the number of turns of the secondary coil and N_p is the number of turns of the primary coil. [6]
- e) The voltage output of an AC source is given by the expression $\Delta v = 200 \sin \omega t$, where Δv is in volts. Find the rms current in the circuit when this source is connected to a 100-V resistor. [5]
- f) Define the following terms
- (i) Paramagnetism [3]
 - (ii) Diamagnetism [3]
 - (iii) Ferromagnetism [3]

SECTION B

QUESTION 2

- (a) State Ohm's law and give any one use of a resistor in a circuit. [3]
- (b) Define capacitance (C) of a capacitor. [2]
- (c) Two conductors of the same material and length have different resistances. Conductor A is a solid 1.00mm in diameter wire. Conductor B is a tube of inner diameter 1.00mm and outer diameter 2.00mm. Find the ratio of the resistance of conductor A to conductor B. [5]
- (d) Derive the equation for capacitors in:
- (i) Parallel. [5]
- (ii) Series. [5]

QUESTION 3

- (a) Define the electric flux. [2]
- (b) An insulating solid sphere of radius a has a uniform volume charge density ρ and carries a total positive charge Q , using Gauss law
- (i) Calculate the magnitude of the electric field at a point outside the sphere. [5]
- (ii) Calculate the magnitude of the electric field at a point inside the sphere. [8]
- (iii) Sketch the electric field E versus radius r of the Gaussian surface. [5]

QUESTION 4

- (a) What is an inductor? What is it used for in an electric circuit? [4]
- (b) Using Amperes law, derive the equation for the magnetic field B around a long current carrying conductor. [6]
- (c) Derive the equation $I_{avg} = nqAv_d$ for the average current in a conductor where I_{avg} is the average current, n is the number of mobile charge carriers per unit volume, q is the charge on each carrier, A is cross-sectional area of cylindrical conductor and v_d is the velocity of the carriers. [6]
- (d) State and explain the Biot-Savart rule. [4]

QUESTION 5

- (a) Give the following Maxwell's equations and state their scientific meaning.
- (i) Gauss's law. [5]
 - (ii) Gauss's law in Magnetism. [5]
 - (iii) Faraday's law of Induction. [5]
 - (iv) Ampere – Maxwell law. [5]

QUESTION 6

- (a) Define magnetic flux. [3]
- (b) With aid of a diagram describe the following terms
- (i) Mutual inductance. [5]
 - (ii) Self inductance. [5]
- (c) Charges q_1 and q_2 are located on the x axis at distances a and b respectively from the origin as shown in figure 2 below. Find the components of the net electric field at a point P , which is at position $(0, y)$.

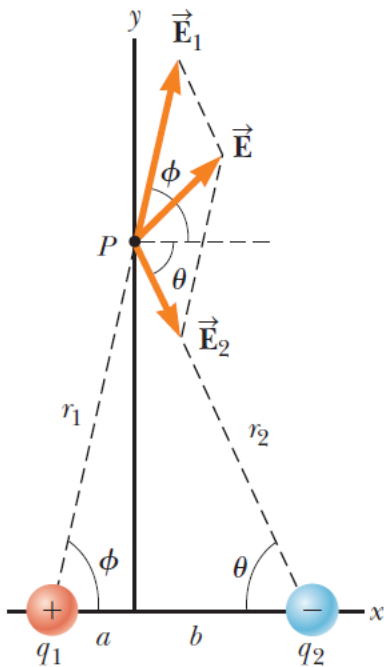


Figure 2: Diagram showing the electric field E at a point P .

