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## GATE 2015 EXAMINATION

### INSTRUMENTATION ENGINEERING

#### Section Name: General Aptitude

01. Choose the appropriate word phase, out of the four options given below to complete the following sentence.

Apparent lifelessness \_\_\_\_\_ dormant life

- a) Harbours                      b) leads to                      c) Supports                      d) Affects

**Ans : b**

02. Five teams have to compete in a league, with every team playing every other team exactly once, before going to the next round, how many matches will have to be held to complete the league rounds of matches?

- a) 20                                  b) 10                                  c) 8                                  d) 5

**Ans : b**

03. Tanya is older than Eric

Cliff is older than Tanya

Eric older than cliff

If the first sentence are true, then the third statement is

- a) True                                  b) False                                  c) uncertain                                  d) Data in sufficient

**Ans : b**

04. Choose the statement where underlined word is used correctly

- a) When the teacher eludes two different authors, he is being elusive
- b) When the thief keeps eluding the police, he is being elusive
- c) Matters that are difficult to understand, identify or remember or allusive
- d) Mirages can be allusive but a better way to express then is illusory

**Ans : b**



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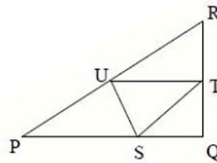
05. Fill in the blanks with correct idioms phrase.

That boy from town was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the sleepy village

- a) dog out of herd                      b) sheep from the heap  
c) fish out of water                    d) bird from the flock

**Ans : c**

06. In the given figure angle Q is a right angle,  $PS : QS = 3:1$ ,  $RT : QT = 5:1$ , and  $PU:UR = 1:1$  if area of triangle QTS is  $20 \text{ cm}^2$  then area of triangle PQR in  $\text{cm}^2$  is \_\_\_\_\_



**Ans : 280**

07. Given below are two statements followed by two conclusions. Assume these statements to be true decide which one logically follows

**Statements**

- I. No manager is a leader  
II. All readers are executives

**Conclusions**

- I. No manager is an executive  
II. No executive is a manager

- a) Only Conclusion I follows              b) Only conclusion two follows  
c) Neither conclusion I nor II follows    d) Both conclusions I and II follows

**Ans : c**

08. A coin is tossed three times let X be the event that occurs in each of the first two tosses. Let Y be the event that a tail occurs on the third toss. Let Z be the event that two tails occurs in the three tosses .

Based on the above information which one of the statement is True

- a) X and Y are not independent              b) Y and Z are dependent  
c) Y and Z are independent                  d) X and Z are independent

**Ans : b**



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09. Select the appropriate options in place of underlined part of the sentence.

Increase productivity necessary reflects greater than efforts made by the employees

- a) Increase in productivity necessary
- b) Increase productivity is necessary
- c) Increase in productivity necessarily
- d) No implement require

**Ans : c**

10. Right angle PQR is to be constructed in the XY – plane so that the right angle is at a P and line PR is parallel the X axis the x and y coordinates of PQ and R to be integers that satisfy the inequalities :  $-4 \leq X \leq 5$  and  $6 \leq Y \leq 16$  how many different triangles could be constructed with these properties?

- a) 110
- b) 1100
- c) 9900
- d) 10000

**Ans : c**





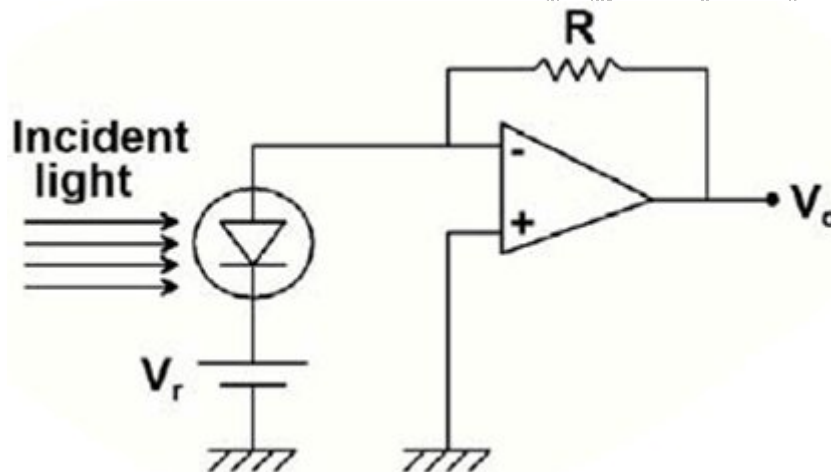
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06. A mass-spring –damper system with force as input and displacement of the mass as output has a transfer function  $G(s) = 1/(s^2 + 24s + 900)$ . A force input  $F(t) = 10\sin(70t)$  newtons is applied at time  $\tau = 0$  s. A beam from an optical stroboscope is focused on the mass. In steady state, the strobe frequency in hertz at which the mass appears to be stationary is
- a)  $5/\pi$                       b)  $15/\pi$                       c)  $35/\pi$                       d)  $50/\pi$

**Ans : b**

07. A light detector circuit using an ideal photo-diode is shown in the figure. The sensitivity for the photo-diode is  $0.5\mu\text{A}/\mu\text{W}$ . with  $V_r = 6\text{V}$ , the output voltage  $V_o = -1.0\text{V}$  for  $10\mu\text{W}$  of incident light. If  $V_r$  is changed to  $3\text{V}$ , keeping all other parameters the same, the value of  $V_o$  in volts is \_\_\_\_\_ V.

**Ans : -1.0**

08. The highest frequency present in the signal  $x(t)$  is  $f_{\max}$ . The highest frequency presents in the signal  $y(t) = x^2(t)$  is
- a)  $\frac{1}{2} f_{\max}$                       b)  $f_{\max}$                       c)  $f_{\max}$                       d)  $4f_{\max}$

**Ans : c**

09. Let A be an  $a \times n$  matrix with rank  $(0 < r < n)$ . Then  $Ax=0$  has  $p$  independent solutions. Where  $p$  is
- a)  $r$                       b)  $n$                       c)  $n-r$                       d)  $n+r$

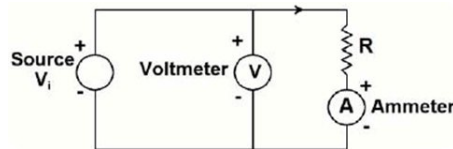
**Ans : a**



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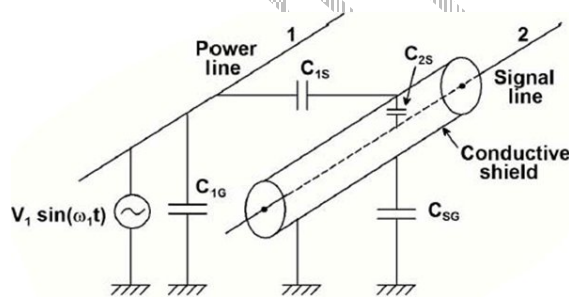
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10. Consider the ammeter –voltmeter method of determining the value of the resistance  $R$  using the circuit shown in the figure. The maximum possible errors of the voltmeter and ammeter are known to be 1% and 2% of their readings, respectively. Neglecting the effects of meter resistances, the maximum possible percentage error in the value of  $R$  determined from the measurements, is \_\_\_\_\_%.



Ans : 3

11. A power line is coupled capacitively through various parasitic capacitances to a shielded signal line as shown in the figure. The conductive shield is grounded solidly at one end. Assume that the length of the signal wire extended beyond the shield. And the shield resistance is negligible. The magnitude of the noise voltage coupled to the signal line is .



- Directly proportional to  $C_{1G}$
- Inversely proportional to the power line frequency
- Inversely proportional to  $C_{1S}$
- Zero

Ans : D

12. Liquid flow rate is measured using

- a Pirani gauge
- a pyrometer
- an orifice plate
- a bourdon tube

Ans : c

13. The filter whose transfer function is of the form  $G(s) = \frac{s^2 - bs + c}{s^2 + bs + c} i_s$

- a high – pass filter
- a low-pass filter
- an all-pass filter
- a band-reject filter

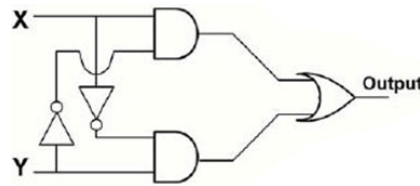
Ans : c



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14. The logic evaluated by the circuit at the output is



- a)  $X\bar{Y} + Y\bar{X}$       b)  $(\bar{X} + \bar{Y})XY$       c)  $\bar{X}\bar{Y} + XY$       d)  $\bar{X}Y + X\bar{Y} + X + Y$

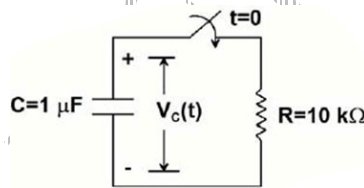
Ans : a

15. The magnitude of the directional derivative of the function  $f(x, y) = x^2 + 3y^2$  in a direction normal to the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ , at the point (1,1), is

- a)  $4\sqrt{2}$       b)  $5\sqrt{2}$       c)  $7\sqrt{2}$       d)  $9\sqrt{2}$

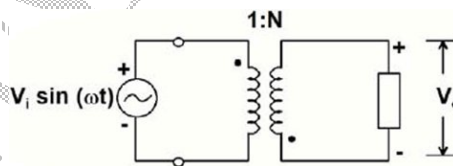
Ans : a

16. The capacitor shown in the figure is initially charged to 10V. The switch closes at time  $\tau = 0$ . Then the value of  $V_C(t)$  in volts at time  $\tau = 10$  ms is \_\_\_\_\_ V.



Ans : 3.678

17. The output voltage of the ideal transformer with the polarities and dots shown in the figure is given by



- a)  $NV_1 \sin \omega t$       b)  $-NV_1 \sin \omega t$       c)  $\frac{1}{N} V_1 \sin \omega t$       d)  $-\frac{1}{N} V_1 \sin \omega t$

Ans : b

18. A System with transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$  has zero initial conditions. The percentage overshoot in its step response is \_\_\_\_\_ %.

Ans:100



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19. A p-type semiconductor strain gauge has a nominal resistance of  $1000\Omega$  and a gauge factor of  $+200$  at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The resistance of the strain gauge in ohms when subjected to a strain of  $+10^{-4}\text{m/m}$  at the same temperature is \_\_\_\_\_  $\Omega$ .

**Ans : 1020**

20. An apparatus to capture ECG signals has a filter followed by a data acquisition system. The filter best suited for this application is

- a) Low pass with cutoff frequency 200Hz
- b) High pass with cutoff frequency 200Hz
- c) band pass with lower and upper cutoff frequencies 100Hz and 200Hz for its pass band
- d) Band reject with lower and upper cutoff frequencies 1Hz and 200Hz for its stop band

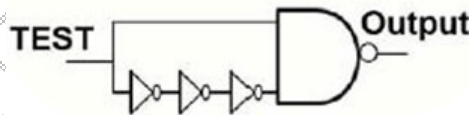
**Ans : a**

21. The value of  $\oint \frac{1}{z^2} dz$ . Where the contour is the unit circle traversed clockwise, is

- a)  $-2\pi i$
- b) 0
- c)  $2\pi i$
- d)  $4\pi i$

**Ans : b**

22 Consider the logic circuit with input signal TEST shown in the figure. All gates in the figure shown have identical non-zero delay. The signal TEST which was at logic LOW is switched to logic HIGH and maintained at logic HIGH. The output



- a) Stays HIGH throughout
- b) Stays LOW throughout
- c) Pulses from LOW to HIGH to LOW
- d) Pulses from HIGH to LOW to HIGH

**Ans : a**

23. Let  $3+4j$  be a zero of a fourth order linear-phase FIR filter. The complex number which is NOT a zero of this filter is

- a)  $3-4j$
- b)  $\frac{3}{25} + \frac{4}{25}j$
- c)  $\frac{3}{25} - \frac{4}{25}j$
- d)  $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}j$

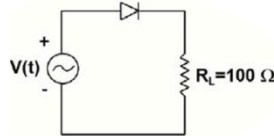
**Ans: d**



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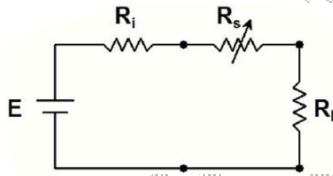
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24. The figure shows a half-wave rectifier circuit with input voltage  $V(t)=10\sin (100\pi t)$  volts. Assuming ideal diode characteristics with zero forward voltage drop and zero reverse current, the average power consumed in watts by the load resistance  $R_L$  is \_\_\_\_\_ W.



**Ans : 0.1013**

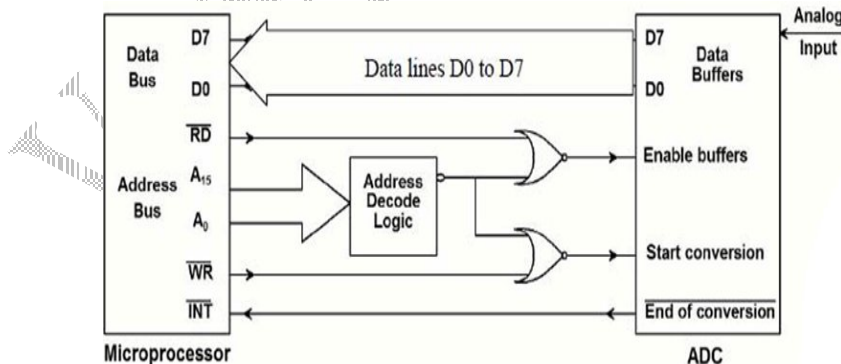
25. A load resistor  $R_L$  is connected to a battery of voltage  $E$  with internal resistance  $R_i$  through a resistance  $R_s$  as shown in the figure. For fixed values of  $R_L$  and  $R_i$  the value of  $R_s(\geq 0)$  is maximum power transfer to  $R_L$  is



- a) 0
- b)  $R_L - R_i$
- c)  $R_L$
- d)  $R_L + R_i$

**Ans : a**

26. An ADC is interfaced with a microprocessor as shown in the figure. All signals have been indicated with typical notations. Acquisition of one new sample of the analog input signal by the microprocessor involves.



- a) One READ cycle only
- b) One WRITE cycle only
- c) One WRITE cycle followed by READ cycle
- d) One READ cycle followed by one WRITE cycle

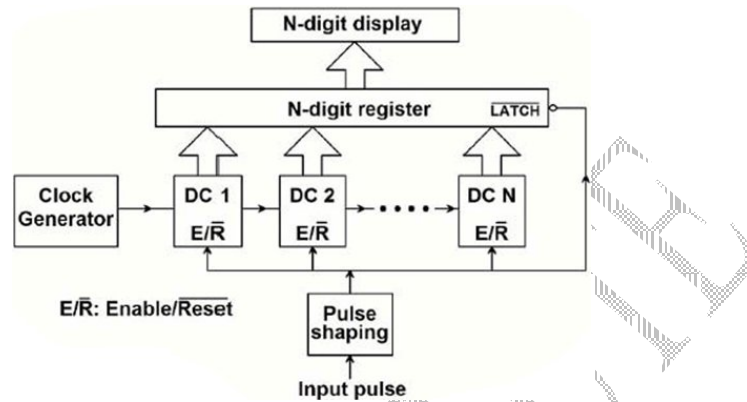
**Ans : c**



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27. The number of clock cycles for the duration of an input pulse is counted using a cascade of N decade counters (DC1 to DC N) as shown in the figure. IF the clock frequency in mega hertz is  $f$ . the resolution and range of measurement of input pulse width, both in  $\mu s$ , are respectively.



a)  $\frac{1}{f}$  and  $\frac{(2^N - 1)}{f}$

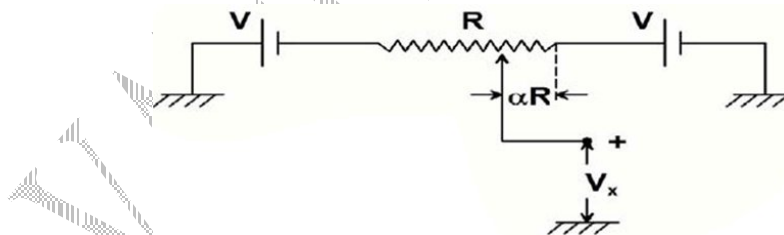
b)  $\frac{1}{f}$  and  $\frac{(10^N - 1)}{f}$

c)  $\frac{10^N}{f}$  and  $\frac{(10^N - 1)}{f}$

d)  $\frac{2^N}{f}$  and  $\frac{(2^N - 1)}{f}$

**Ans : b**

28. in the potentiometer circuit shown in the figure, the expression for  $V_x$  is



a)  $(1-2\alpha)V$

b)  $(1- \alpha)V$

c)  $(\alpha-1)V$

d)  $\alpha V$

**Ans : a**

29. The fundamental period of the signal  $x(t)=2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi rt}{3}\right)+\cos(\pi t)$  , in seconds, is \_\_\_\_\_ s.

**Ans : 6**



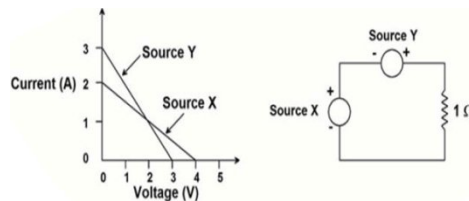
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30. A beam of monochromatic light passes through two glass slabs of the same geometrical thickness at normal incidence. The refractive index, of the first slab is 1.5 and that of the second, 2.0. The ratio of the time of passage of the beam through the first to the second slab is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans : 0.75**

31. The linear  $i$ - $V$  characteristics of 2-terminal non-ideal dc sources X and Y are shown in the figure. If the sources are connected to  $1\Omega$  resistor as shown, the current through the resistor in amperes is \_\_\_\_\_ A.



**Ans : 1.75A**

32. The open loop transfer function of a system is  $G(s) = \frac{s^2 + 6s + 10}{s^2 + 2s + 2}$ . The angles of arrival of its root loci are

- a)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{4}$
- b)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{3}$
- c)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$
- d)  $\pm \frac{5\pi}{6}$

**Ans : C**

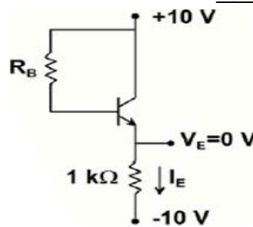
33. The output frequency of an LC tank oscillator employing a capacitive sensor acting as the capacitor of the tank is 100kHz. If the sensor capacitance increases by 10%. The output frequency in kilo-hertz becomes \_\_\_\_\_ kHz.

**Ans : 95.34**

34. The probability density function of a random variables X is  $px(x) = e^{-x}$  for  $x \geq 0$  and 0 otherwise. The expected value of the function  $gx(x) = e^{3\pi/4}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans : 4**

35. In the circuit shown in the figure, it is found that  $V_{BE}=0.7$  V and  $V_E=0$ .V. if  $\beta_{dc}=99$  for the transistor, then, then the value of  $R_B$  in kilo ohms is \_\_\_\_\_  $k\Omega$ .



**Ans : 93**



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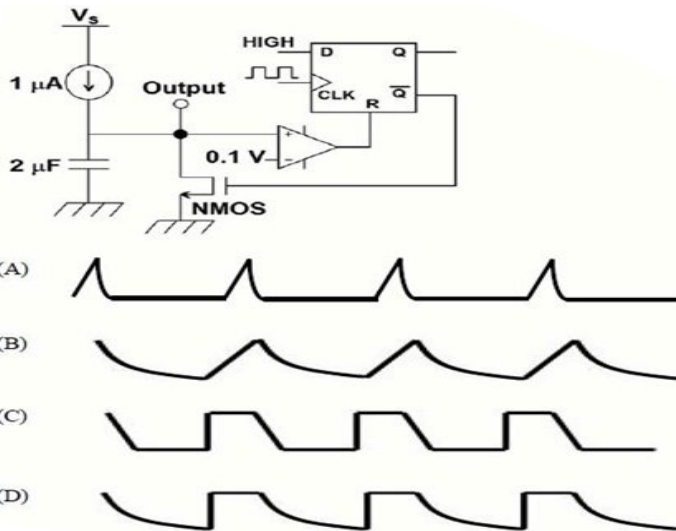
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36. Consider a low-pass filter module with a pass-band ripple of  $\delta$  in the gain magnitude. If  $M$  such identical modules are cascaded, ignoring the loading effects. The pass-band ripple of the cascade is

- a)  $1-(1-\delta)^M$
- b)  $\delta^M$
- c)  $(1-\delta^M)$
- d)  $(1-\delta)^M$

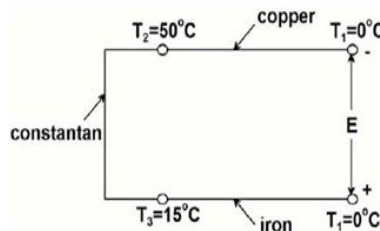
Ans : --

37. For the circuit shown in the figure. The rising edge triggered D-flip flop with asynchronous reset has a clock frequency of 1Hz. The NMOS transistor has an ON resistance of  $1000\Omega$  and an OFF resistance of infinity. The nature of the output waveform is



Ans : A

38. The Seebeck coefficients,  $\mu V/^\circ C$ , for copper, constantan and iron, with respect to platinum, are 1.9-38.3 and 13.3, respectively. The magnitude of the thermo emf  $E$  developed in the circuit shown in the figure, in millivolts is \_\_\_\_\_ mV.



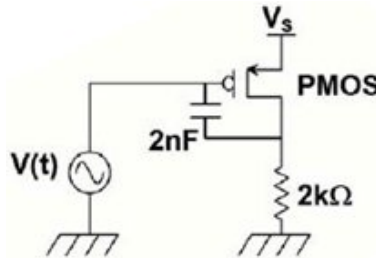
Ans : -1.839



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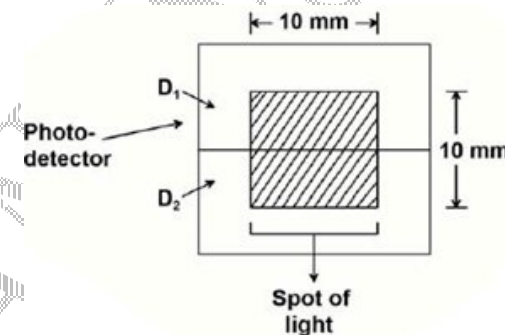
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39. In the circuit shown, the voltage source  $v(t) = 1 + 0.1 \sin(100t)$  volts. The PMOS transistor is biased such that it is saturation with its gate-source capacitance being  $4 \text{ nF}$  and its transconductance at the operating point being  $1 \text{ mA/V}$ . Other parasitic impedances of the MOSFET may be ignored. An external capacitor of capacitance  $2 \text{ nF}$  is connected across the PMOS transistor as shown. The input impedance in mega ohm as seen by the voltage source is \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{M}\Omega$ .



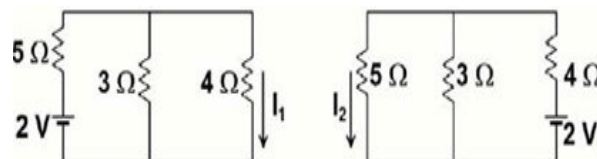
**Ans : 1.67**

40. The figure shows a spot of light uniform intensity  $50 \text{ W/m}^2$  and size  $10 \text{ mm} \times 10 \text{ mm}$  incident at the exact center of a photo-detector, comprising two identical photo – diodes  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ . Each diode has a sensitivity of  $0.4 \text{ A/W}$  and is operated in the photoconductive mode. If the spot of light is displaced upwards by  $100 \mu\text{m}$ . the resulting difference between the photocurrents generated by  $D_1$  and  $D_2$  in micro amperes, is \_\_\_\_\_  $\mu\text{A}$ .



**Ans : 40**

41. Consider the circuits shown in the figure. The magnitude of the ratio of the currents. i.e,  $|I_1 / I_2|$ , is \_\_\_\_\_.



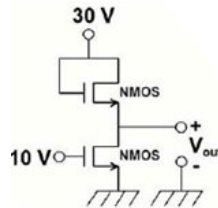
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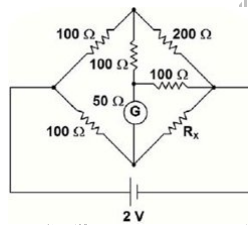
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42. In the circuit shown in the figure. Both the NMOS transistors are identical with their threshold voltages being 5V ignoring channel length modulation, the output voltage  $V_{out}$  in volt is \_\_\_\_\_ V.



**Ans : 0**

43. If the deflection of the galvanometer in the bridge circuit shown in the figure is zero, then the value of  $R_x$  in ohms is \_\_\_\_\_  $\Omega$ .

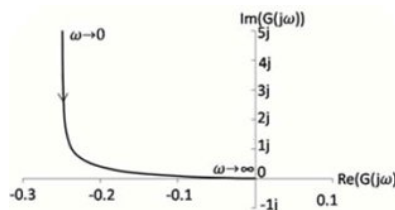


**Ans : 50**

44. A system is represented in state-space as  $\dot{X} = AX + Bu$ , where  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ \alpha & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . The value of  $\alpha$  for which the system is not controllable is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans : -3**

45. A Transfer function  $G(s)$  with degree of its numerical polynomial zero and degree of its denominated polynomial two has a nyquist plot shown in the figure. The transfer function represents



- a) A stable type-0 system
- b) A stable type-1 system
- c) An unstable type-0 system
- d) An unstable type-1 system

**Ans : d**



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46. The resolving power of a spectrometer consisting of a collimator a grating telescope can be increased by

- a) Increasing the angular magnification of the telescope
- b) Increasing the period of the grating
- c) Decreasing the period of the grating
- d) Decreasing the slit – width of the collimator

**Ans : d**

47. The Z – transform of  $x[n] = \alpha^{|n|}$ ,  $0 < |\alpha| < 1$ , is  $X(z)$ . The region of convergence of  $X(z)$  is

- a)  $|\alpha| < |z| < \frac{1}{|\alpha|}$
- b)  $|z| > \alpha$
- c)  $|z| > \frac{1}{|\alpha|}$
- d)  $|z| < \min[|\alpha|, \frac{1}{|\alpha|}]$

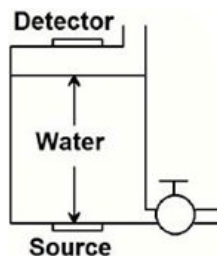
**Ans : a**

48. The signal  $x(n) = \sin(\pi n/6)/(\pi n)$  is processed through a linear filter with the impulse response of  $h(n) = \sin(\omega_c n)/(\pi n)$  where  $\omega_c > \pi/6$ . The output of the filter is.

- a)  $\sin(2\omega_c n)/(\pi n)$
- b)  $\sin(\pi n/3)/(\pi n)$
- c)  $[\sin(\pi n/6)/(\pi n)]^2$
- d)  $\sin(\pi n/6)/(\pi n)$

**Ans : D**

49. A liquid level measurement system employing a radio isotope is mounted on a tank as shown in the figure. The absorption coefficient of water for the radiation is  $7.7\text{m}^{-1}$ . If the highest water in the tank is reduced from 100mm to 90mm. the percentages changes in the radiation insensitive received by the detector neglecting absorption of the radiation by air is \_\_\_\_\_ %.



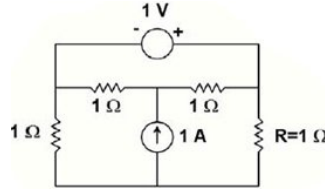
**Ans : 8**



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50. The current in amperes through the resistor R in the circuit shown in the figure is \_\_\_\_\_ A.

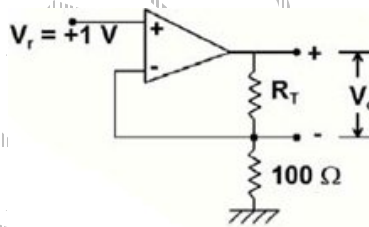


**Ans : 1**

51. A signal is band – limited to 0-12kHz the signal spectrum is corrupted by additive a noise which is band limited 0-12kHz. Theoretically the minimum rate kilohertz at which the noise signal must be sample so that the UNCORRUPTED PART of the signal spectrum can be received is \_\_\_\_\_ kHz.

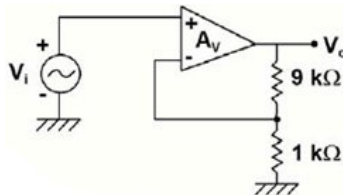
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52. in the figure shown  $R_T$  represents a resistance temperature device (RTD) whose characteristics is given by  $R_T = R_0 (1+\alpha t)$  where  $R_0 = 100\Omega$   $\alpha = 0.0039\ ^\circ\text{C}^{-1}$  and T denotes the temperature  $^\circ\text{C}$  assuming the opamp to be ideal. The value of  $V_0$  in volts when  $T=100^\circ\text{C}$  is \_\_\_\_\_ V.



**Ans : 1.39**

53. An OPAMP ideal characteristic except that its open loop gain is given by the expression  $A_V(S)=10^4/(1+10^{-3}s)$  this opamp is used in the circuit shown in the figure the 3-dB band width of the circuit in radius is \_\_\_\_\_.



a)  $10^2$

b)  $10^3$

c)  $10^4$

d)  $10^6$

**Ans : a**



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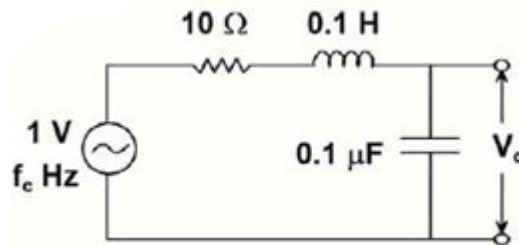
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54. The probability that a thermistor randomly picked up from a production unit is defective is 0.1 the probability out of 10 thermistors randomly picked up 3 are defective is.

- a) 0.001                      b) 0.057                      c) 0.107                      d) 0.3

**Ans : b**

55. The circuit shown in the figure is in series resonance at frequency  $f_c$  Hz the value of  $V_C$  in volts is \_\_\_\_\_ V.



**Ans : 0.707**