

Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec 08 / Jan 09  
**Switch Gear and Protection**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note : Answer any FIVE full questions.

1.
  - a. Discuss the recovery rate theory and energy balance theory of arc interruption in a circuit breaker. (07 Marks)
  - b. Derive an expression for restriking voltage and RRRV in terms of system voltage, inductance and capacitance. What measures are taken to reduce them? (08 Marks)
  - c. What is resistance switching? Derive the expression for critical resistance for no transient oscillation. (05 Marks)
2.
  - a. A 3 $\phi$  alternator has the line voltage of 11kV. The generator is connected to a circuit breaker. The inductive reactance upto the circuit breaker is 5 $\Omega$ /phase. The distributed capacitance upto circuit breaker between phase and neutral is 0.01 $\mu$ f. Determine the following Neglect First pole to clear factor
    - i) Peak Restriking voltage across the breaker.
    - ii) Frequency of the restriking voltage across the breaker
    - iii) Average rate of restriking voltage upto peak restriking voltage
    - iv) Maximum RRRV. (08 Marks)
  - b. What are the advantages of air blast circuit breaker over oil circuit breaker? (04 Marks)
  - c. Discuss the properties of SF<sub>6</sub> gas and explain any one type of SF<sub>6</sub> breaker with a neat sketch. (08 Marks)
3.
  - a. Explain the terms as applied to circuit breaker. (10 Marks)
    - i) Symmetrical Breaking current
    - ii) Rated making capacity
    - iii) Rated short time current.
  - b. Explain with a neat layout sketch the procedure of Indirect tubing of circuit breaker. (10 Marks)
4.
  - a. Explain the construction, working advantages and disadvantages of vacuum circuit breaker. (10 Marks)
  - b. Explain the cut - off and time current characteristics with respect to HRS fuse. Discuss its merits and demerits. (10 Marks)
5.
  - a. With respect to the protective relaying, discuss
    - i) zones of protection
    - ii) primary and backup protection. (10 Marks)
  - b. Explain clearly with neat figure the working principle of
    - i) Attracted armature relay
    - ii) Solenoid and plunger type relay. (10 Marks)
6.
  - a. Discuss the Merz - price protection for transformer. (10 Marks)
  - b. The neutral point of a 3 $\phi$  20 MVA, 11kV alternator is earthed through a resistance of 5 $\Omega$ . The relay is set to operate when there is an out of balance current of 1.5A. The CTs have a ratio of 1000/5. What percentage of winding is protected against an earth fault and what should be the minimum value of earthing resistance to protect 90% of the winding? (10 Marks)
7.
  - a. Plot the characteristic of :
    - i) Impedance relay
    - ii) Admittance relay
    - iii) Reactance relay.
 On the same R - X diagram, all of them set to the same reach. (10 Marks)
  - b. Discuss how generators are protected against
    - i) field failure
    - ii) loss of synchronism and
    - iii) winding faults. (10 Marks)
8. Write explanatory notes on any four of the following:
  - a. IDMT characteristics
  - b. Current chopping
  - c. Buchhol'z relay
  - d. Thermal relay
  - e. Carrier aided distance protection. (20 Marks)