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Fifth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2024/Jan.2025 High Voltage Engineering

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.

Module-1

- 1 a. Explain the Townsend's current growth equation along with current growth in the pressure of secondary processes. (10 Marks)
- b. Classify the breakdown mechanism in liquids and explain any one mechanism. (10 Marks)

OR

- 2 a. Explain Intrinsic breakdown and thermal breakdown in detail. (10 Marks)
- b. In an experiment in a certain gas it was found that the steady state current is 5.5×10^{-8} A at 8 KV at a distance of 0.4 cm between the plane electrodes. Keeping the field constant and reducing the distance to 0.1 cm results in a current of 5.5×10^{-9} A. Calculate Townsends's primary ionization coefficient α . If the breakdown occurred when the gap distance was increased to 0.9 cm, what is the value of γ ? (10 Marks)

Module-2

- 3 a. Describe, with a neat sketch the working of Van de Graaff generator. What are the factors that limit the maximum voltage obtained? (10 Marks)
- b. Explain one method of controlled tripping of impulse generator. Why is controlled tripping necessary? (10 Marks)

OR

- 4 a. Why is a Cockcroft – Walton circuit preferred for voltage multiplier circuits? Explain its working with a schematic diagram. (10 Marks)
- b. Give the Marx circuit arrangement for multistage impulse generators. How is the basic arrangement modified to accommodate the wave time control resistances? (10 Marks)

Module-3

- 5 a. Describe the generating voltmeter used for measuring high dc voltage. Also mention advantages and Limitations. (10 Marks)
- b. What is Rogowski coil? Explain with a neat diagram its principle of operation for measurement of high impulse currents. (10 Marks)

OR

- 6 a. Draw Chubb – Fortescue circuit for measurement of peak value of ac voltages. Discuss its advantages over other methods. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain how a sphere gap can be used to measure the peak value of voltages. What are the parameter and factors that influence such voltage measurement? (10 Marks)

Module-4

- 7 a. Explain theories of charge formation in clouds. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain mechanism of lightning stroke in detail. Derive the mathematical model for lightning. (10 Marks)

OR

- 8 a. Narrate the characteristics of switching surges. Explain switching over voltages in EHV and UHV systems. (10 Marks)
b. Explain in detail the principles of Insulation coordination on high voltage and extra high voltage power systems. (10 Marks)

Module-5

- 9 a. Explain the high voltage Schering bridge for the $\tan \delta$ and capacitance measurement of insulators or bushings. (10 Marks)
b. Explain the testing of transform in detail. (10 Marks)

OR

- 10 a. Explain partial discharge detection using straight detector method. (10 Marks)
b. Explain the testing of Insulators and Bushing in detail. (10 Marks)

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