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- Q1** (a) Measurement is the act or the results of a quantitative comparison between a predetermined standard and unknown magnitude. Explain the basic requirements for getting the meaningful results of the measurement.

(4 marks)

- (b) The **three (3)** resistors of R_1 , R_2 and R_3 have the following rating:

$$R_1 = 50 \Omega \pm 2 \%, \quad R_2 = 55 \Omega \pm 2 \%, \quad R_3 = 60 \Omega \pm 4 \%$$

Calculate the limiting value and percentage limiting error of series combination of resistance.

(6 marks)

- (c) The voltmeter and ammeter can be developed by using D'Arsoval meter movement.

- (i) Design the voltmeter and ammeter for extending the range of voltage and current respectively.

(4 marks)

- (ii) A voltmeter with a 50 V range and 30 k Ω /V sensitivity is used to measure the voltage across R_2 in **Figure Q1(c)**. Analyze the voltage reading and the percentage error of reading.

(6 marks)

- Q2** (a) Wheatstone bridge is the most accurate method available for measuring medium resistance.

- (i) Describe the basic operation of wheatstone bridge for measuring resistance.

(4 marks)

- (ii) **Figure Q2(a)** shows a circuit diagram of the wheatstone bridge. Apply the thevenin theorem for obtaining the current through the galvanometer.

(Given $V=10$ V, $R_1=10$ k Ω , $R_2=10$ k Ω , $R_3=1$ k Ω , $R_4=1.3$ k Ω and $R_G=150$ Ω)

(6 marks)

- (b) The Schering Bridge is one of the most important A.C bridges that widely used in the measurement of unknown capacitors and insulating properties.

- (i) Prove that the unknown capacitor and resistance of the tested material in **Figure Q2(b)** as follows:
 (Hint: the general equation for balance condition is $Z_1Z_x=Z_2Z_3$)

$$R_x = \frac{R_2C_1}{C_3}; \quad C_x = \frac{R_1C_3}{R_2}$$

(4 marks)

- (ii) The balance condition of the Schering bridge is obtained when the value of $R_1=2.5 \text{ k}\Omega$, $C_1=0.5 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$, $R_2=1.5 \text{ k}\Omega$ and $C_3=0.6 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$. Calculate the unknown capacitor (C_x) and resistor (R_x).

(2 marks)

- (iii) Criticize the limitation of Schering bridge and choose the appropriate bridge for measuring the unknown capacitor with great accuracy.

(4 marks)

- Q3** (a) (i) List **three (3)** advantages of using the instrument transformers for extension of range with reference to shunts and multipliers.

(3 marks)

- (ii) Referring to **Figure Q3(a)**, the current transformer of 1000A/5A, 50 Hz has secondary burden $1.5 \text{ }\Omega$. If iron loss in the core is 1.5 W, calculate the maximum flux in the core.

(4 marks)

- (b) (i) Investigate **four (4)** ratios parameter for Potential Transformer (PT).

(8 marks)

- (ii) With the help of a diagram, explain the principle operation of an electrostatic voltmeter.

(5 marks)

- Q4** (a) (i) Name a meter that is used to measure the average power in a circuit. (1 mark)
- (ii) Investigate various factors that are responsible for introducing errors in wattmeter. (6 marks)
- (b) The power in a single circuit can be measured using three voltmeters and three ammeters. Sketch the circuit diagram for both methods. (4 marks)
- (c) Power of a single phase 6.6 kV load drawing a current of 50 A is required to be measured by means of a wattmeter having a volt terminals marked as 110 V and current terminals of 5 A.
- (i) Draw the circuit diagram showing the connection of the wattmeter using the instrument transformers. (5 marks)
- (ii) Calculate suitable transformation ratios of Potential transformer (PT) and Current Transformer (CT). (4 marks)
- Q5** (a) Differentiate the **three (3)** type of resistances in point of view of measurement. (6 marks)
- (b) The insulation resistance of a metal-sheath electrical cable shown in **Figure Q5(b)** is tested using 20 kV supply and a micro ammeter. A current of 4.5 μA is measured when the components are connected without guard wire. When the circuit is connected with a guard wire, the current is 1.2 μA .
- (i) Explain the important of guard wire in **Figure Q5(b)**. (2 marks)
- (ii) Calculate the volume resistance of the cable insulation. (2 marks)
- (iii) Calculate the surface leakage resistance. (4 marks)

- (c) There are several possible sources of measurement error associated with low resistance measurements.
- (i) List the **two (2)** possible sources that contribute to the error in low resistance measurements. (2 marks)
 - (ii) Suggest the possible solution to reduce error in measurement of low resistance. (4 marks)

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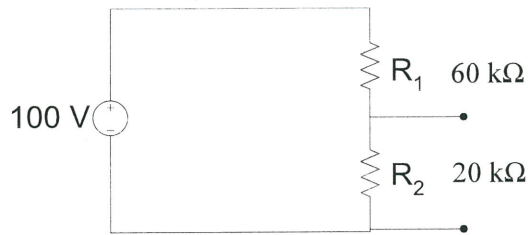


FIGURE Q1(c)

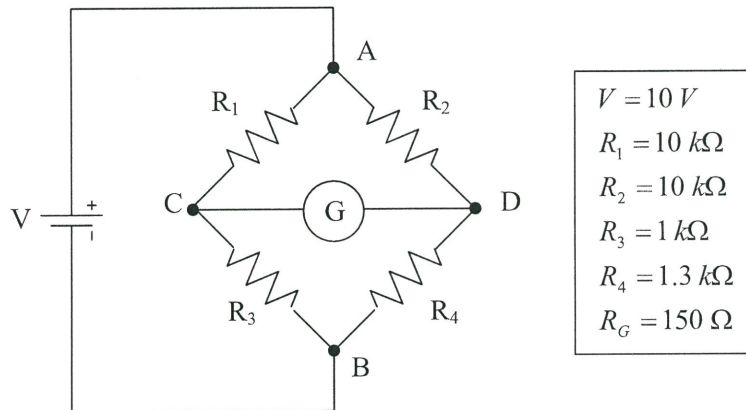


FIGURE Q2(a)

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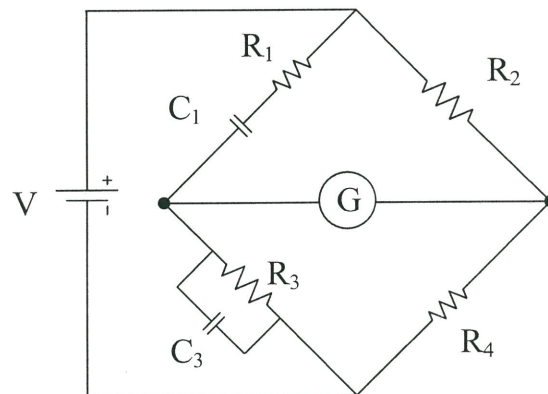


FIGURE Q2(b)

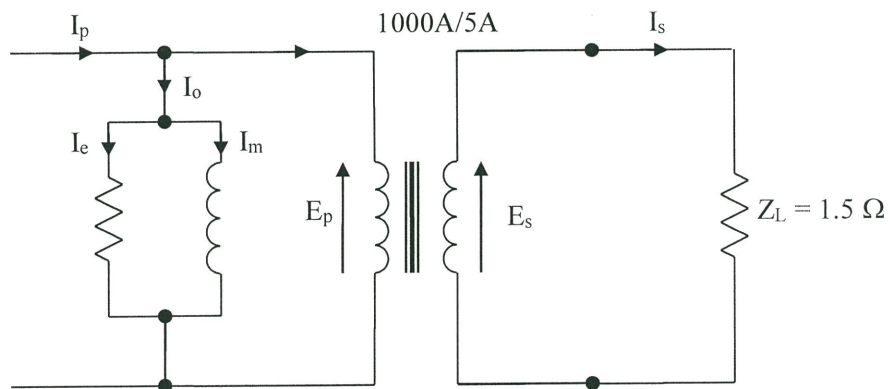


FIGURE Q3(a)

