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**FINAL EXAMINATION  
SEMESTER II  
SESSION 2017/2018**

COURSE NAME : HIGH VOLTAGE ENGINEERING  
COURSE CODE : BEF 45203  
PROGRAMME CODE : BEV  
EXAMINATION DATE : JUNE / JULY 2018  
DURATION : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF **EIGHT (8)** PAGES

- Q1** (a) Briefly explain **two (2)** problems in high voltage engineering. (4 marks)
- (b) Compare **two (2)** conditions of normal and abnormal flow of high voltage. (4 marks)
- (c) Townsend mechanism is one of processes that is considered in gaseous dielectrics breakdown. It is based on the generation of successive secondary avalanches to produce breakdown.
- (i) Classify the reason for electric stress being considered as the main contributor to the breakdown of insulation based on Townsend mechanism. (3 marks)
- (ii) Analyse which gases have the lowest static breakdown voltage,  $E_b$  in V/cm at 143 mm.Hg pressure between two parallel plates that ensure a uniform field.  $\alpha/p$  as a function of  $E/p$  can be determined from the coefficient for field-intensified ionisation by electrons graph shown in **Figure Q1(c)(ii)**. Assume  $\gamma = 10^{-5}$  electron/incident positive ion. The gap distance,  $d = 0.025$ m. Neglect recombination and attachment. (9 marks)
- (d) Estimate the breakdown voltage,  $V_b$  in kV during the breakdown process using the Paschen's Law equation when the test was conducted at temperature of  $120^\circ\text{C}$  with electrodes gap of 0.035 m inside a pressurised chamber at  $p = 2.5$ bar filled with normal air. Use  $1 \text{ bar} = 750.06 \text{ mm.Hg}$ . (5 marks)
- Q2** (a) Classify **two (2)** criteria that influence the type of high voltage testing. (2 marks)
- (b) (i) Liquid dielectric can be considered as less frequently used compared to gases or solids dielectrics. State **one (1)** active interest that currently being explored by many researchers. (2 marks)
- (ii) Conduction due to cavity formation is one of category for liquid dielectrics failure. Discuss **two (2)** points to explain the mechanism. (4 marks)

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- (c) Classify the differences between electrical and water treeing growth aging mechanisms in polymeric solid materials. (4 marks)

- (d) Analyse the working concept of 2V's, 400 kV HVAC cascaded transformer together with its appropriate circuitry arrangement. (10 marks)

- (e) Justify implication to the quality assessment of the power equipment that not having the BIL verification. (3 marks)

- Q3** (a) Summarise the working concept of the whole scale HVAC testing together with its appropriate example of application. (4 marks)

- (b) A single phase HVAC resonant transformer is having RLC series circuit consists of inductance,  $L = 65 \text{ mH}$ , capacitance,  $C = 300 \text{ }\mu\text{F}$  and resistance,  $R = 0.15 \text{ }\Omega$ . The single phase supplied voltage,  $V_i = 15 \text{ kV}_{\text{a.c. rms}}$ . Calculate the maximum current,  $I_{\text{max}}$ , the voltage overshoot,  $V_L$  and  $Q$  factor of the circuit occurrence at the resonance frequency,  $f_r$  condition. Neglect any losses in the circuit. (4 marks)

- (c) The Schering Bridge circuit is typically being used to verify the aging condition (tan delta or dissipation factor angle) of insulation material. The related test is considered under the non-destructive test method. Propose circuitry connections and logical working conditions of the mentioned circuit. (7 marks)

- (d) The impulse tests usually being used to verify the durability of insulation product or sample in withstanding the transient impulse stress. The tests usually being conducted under dry and wet conditions. Propose **one (1)** comprehensive experiment setup and the working concept of the wet impulse test that use the two-stage Marx generator. (10 marks)

- Q4** (a) Summarise implication of the power transmission system condition when the insulators and the span conductors are swung closer towards the tower structure frame due to high wind. (2 marks)



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- (b) Analyse the important of insulation coordination based on **two (2)** appropriate examples of high voltage applications.  
(4 marks)
- (c) According to Standard IEC 60071, types of overvoltages are classified based on their voltage magnitude and the duration. Sketch with appropriate labels and time scale (*voltage p.u vs. duration*) to illustrate these types of overvoltages classification.  
(4 marks)
- (d) An overhead line suspended on transmission tower needs to have 50 % ability to withstand  $1425 \text{ kV}_{\text{peak}}$  lightning,  $1050 \text{ kV}_{\text{peak}}$  switching and  $480 \text{ kV}_{\text{peak}}$  power frequency overvoltages.
- (i) As an engineer, classify the required electrical clearance distances for the conductor to tower structure. Consider the gap factor,  $K_g = 1.55$  and the altitude correction factor,  $K_A = 1.15$ .  
( 3 marks)
- (ii) Calculate the value of gap factor,  $K_g$  if the electrical clearance distance for temporary overvoltages, *TOV* is to be at 0.55 m. Use  $K_A = 1.15$ .  
(2 marks)
- (e) **Figure Q4(e)(i)** shows the peak phase to earth U50 overvoltages of lightning, switching and power frequency for the conductor to the tower window clearance. Their distance relationship under electric field E50 overvoltages are shown in **Figure Q4(e)(ii)**. Based on the information observed in these graphs, analyse the behaviour of these overvoltages upon increases the gap clearances.  
(10 marks)

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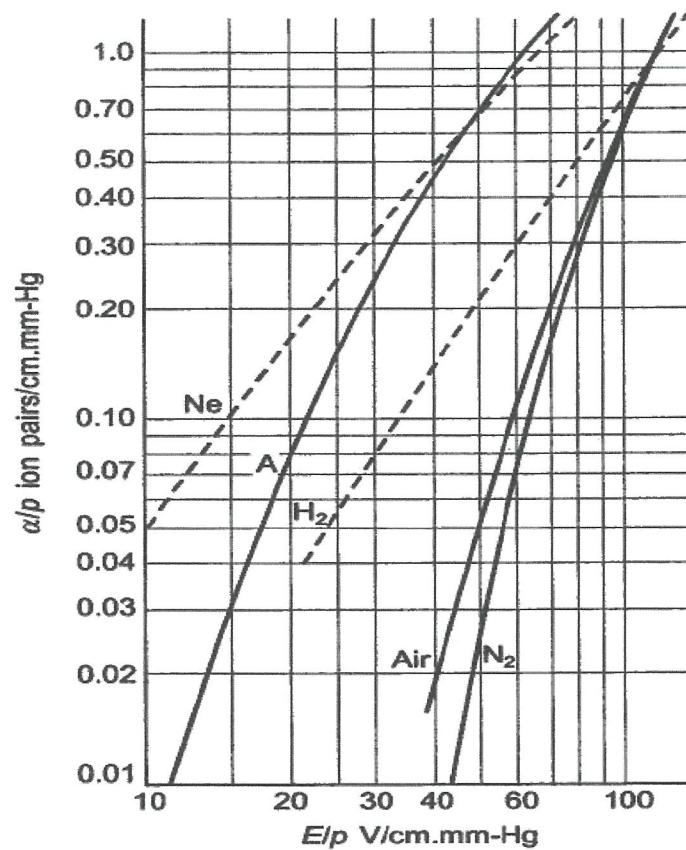


Figure Q1(c)(ii)

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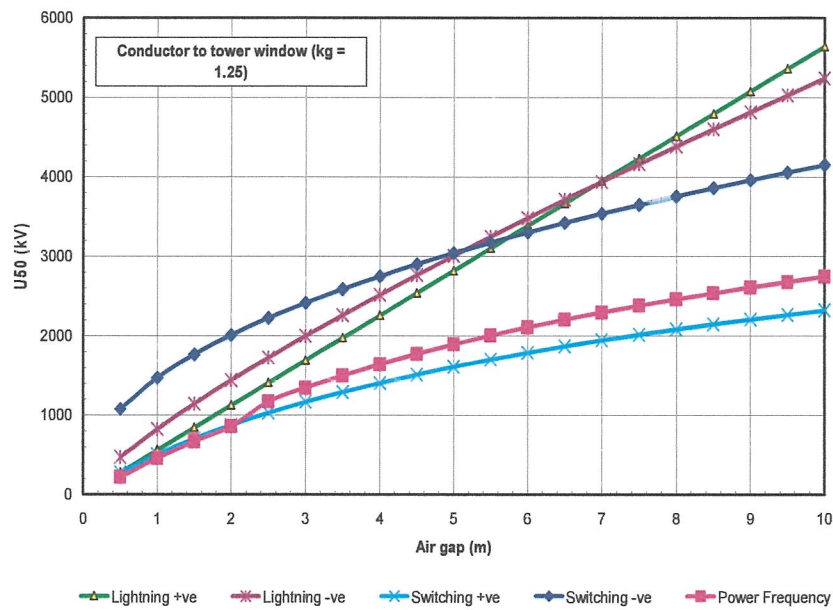


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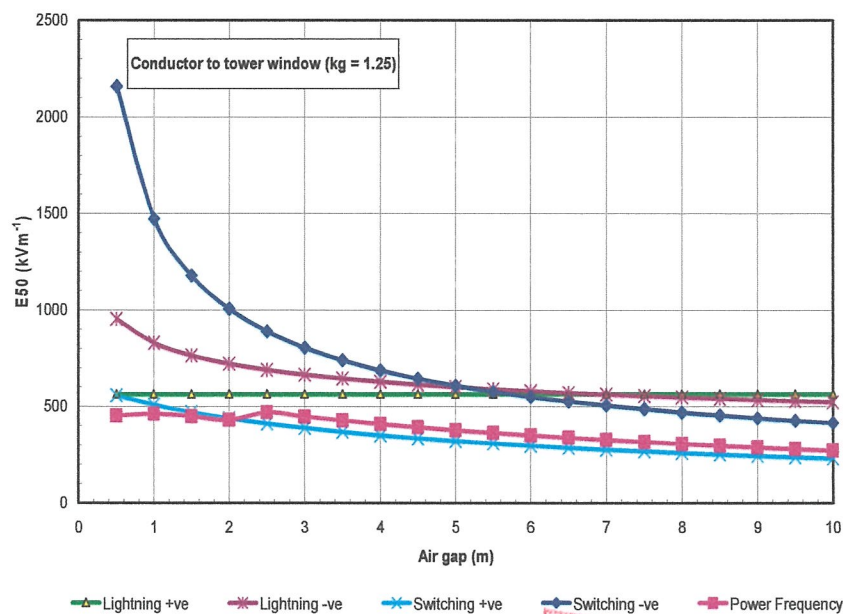


Figure Q4(e)(ii)

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## Appendix A

The Townsend's Ion Pairs Criterion Equation

$$\alpha d = \ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\gamma} \right) = \text{ion\_pairs}$$

The Electric Field of Charged Sphere Surface Equation

$$E_{r\_v/m} = \frac{\epsilon e^{\alpha d}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_d^2}$$

The Paschen's Law Equation

$$V_{b\_kV} = 24.22 \frac{293p}{760T} d + 6.08 \sqrt{\frac{293p}{760T} d}$$

The Stark and Garton's Equation

$$V_s = d \sqrt{\frac{2Y}{\epsilon_0 \epsilon_r} \ln \left( \frac{d_o}{d} \right)}$$

The Dielectric Dissipation Factor's (tan δ) Equation

$$\tan \delta = \frac{W_{ac} \times 1.8 \times 10^{12}}{E^2 f \epsilon_r}$$

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U50 Electrical Clearances (metre) in Accordance with IEC 60071-1 (1993)

$$d_{-ffo} = \frac{U50_{ffo}}{530 \times (0.74 + 0.26K_g) \times K_A}$$

$$d_{-sfo} = \frac{e^{\left(\frac{U50_{sfo}}{1080 \times K_g \times K_A}\right)} - 1}{0.46}$$

$$d_{-pf} = \left( \frac{e^{\left(\frac{U50_{pf}}{750\sqrt{2} \times K_g \times K_A}\right)} - 1}{0.55} \right)^{0.833}$$

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