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TITLE OF PAPER : ANALOG DESIGN - I

COURSE NUMBER : EE321

TIME ALLOWED : THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS : READ EACH CAREFULLY  
ANSWER ANY **FOUR** QUESTIONS.  
EACH QUESTION CARRIES **25 MARKS**  
MARKS FOR EACH SECTION ARE  
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Question No. 1

(a) Write short notes on:

- i. Transistor Biasing
- ii. Stability factor

[6Marks]

(b) i) With the aid of a neat sketch describe voltage divider method of biasing.

ii) Derive the equations for collector current ( $I_C$ ) and collector emitter voltage ( $V_{CE}$ ).

iii) Explain how stabilization of operating point is achieved by this method?

[13Marks]

(c) In voltage divider circuit, the operating point is chosen as  $I_C = 2\text{mA}$ ,  $V_{CE} = 3\text{V}$ . If  $R_C = 2.2\text{K}\Omega$ ,  $V_{CC} = 9\text{V}$  and  $\beta = 50$ , determine the values of  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_E$ . Take  $V_{BE} = 0.6\text{V}$  and  $I_1 = 10I_B$ .

[6Marks]

Question No. 2

(a) i) Draw the circuit of a practical single - stage common emitter transistor amplifier.

ii) Explain the function of each component.

[10Marks]

(b) i) With the aid of good sketches explain the small-signal model for the common-emitter configuration.

ii) Use your model to derive expressions for the following amplifier parameters:

Input resistance  $R_{in}$ ,

Overall small-signal voltage gain  $G_v$  ,

Partial small-signal voltage gain  $A_v$ ,

Overall small – signal current gain  $G_i$ ,

Short circuit small – signal current gain  $A_{is}$ , and

Output Resistance  $R_{out}$ .

[15Marks]

**Question No. 3**

- (a) Discuss the parallel tuned circuit with special reference to resonant frequency, circuit impedance and frequency response.

[13Marks]

- (b) A parallel resonant circuit has a capacitor of 250 pF in one branch and inductance of 1.25mH plus a resistance of  $10\Omega$  in the parallel branch. Find:
- i. Resonant frequency
  - ii. Impedance of the circuit at resonance
  - iii. Q-factor of the circuit.

[6Marks]

- (c) Discuss the operation of a single - tuned amplifier circuit.

[6Marks]

Question No.4

- a) i) What is an instrumentation amplifier?  
ii) List three applications of Instrumentation amplifier.

[6Marks]

- (b) i) Draw a circuit of an Instrumentation amplifier which uses a Transducer Bridge.  
ii) Derive the equation its output voltage as a function of the change in resistance of the transducer.

[12marks]

- (c) An instrumentation amplifier using a Transducer Bridge Circuit has  $R_1 = 1\text{K}\Omega$ ,  $R_F = 4.7\text{K}\Omega$ ,  $R_A = R_B = R_C = 100\text{K}\Omega$ ,  $V_{dc} = +5\text{V}$  and op-amp supply of voltages  $= \pm 15\text{V}$ .

The transducer is a thermistor with the following specifications:

$R_T = 100\text{K}\Omega$  at a reference temperature of  $25^\circ\text{C}$ ;  
Temperature coefficient of resistance  $= -1\text{K}\Omega/^\circ\text{C}$  or  $(-1\%/^\circ\text{C})$ .

Determine the output Voltage of the amplifier at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and at  $100^\circ\text{C}$ .

[7Marks]

Question No. 5

- (a) i) Draw the Schematic diagram of a triangular wave generator which uses a comparator and an integrator.
- ii) With the aid of relevant circuit waveforms, explain the operation of the circuit.

[10 Marks]

- (b) Derive the equations for amplitude and frequency of the triangular wave generator, you discussed in (a).

[10Marks]

- (c) In a triangular wave generator  
 $R_2 = 1.2K\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 6.8K\Omega$ ,  $R_1 = 120K\Omega$  and  
 $C_1 = 0.01\mu f$  and supply voltage is  $\pm 15V$ .

Determine:

- i) The Peak-to-peak output Amplitude of the triangular wave.  
ii) The Frequency of the triangular wave.

[5Marks]