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<b>TITLE OF PAPER: BASIC ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING</b>	
<b>COURSE CODE:</b>	<b>EE251</b>
<b>TIME ALLOWED:</b>	<b>THREE HOURS</b>

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answer all questions
2. Each question carries 20 marks.
3. Marks for different sections are shown in the right-hand margin.

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**Question 1**

a) Determine the nodal voltages for the network of Figure 1 (a)

(10 marks)

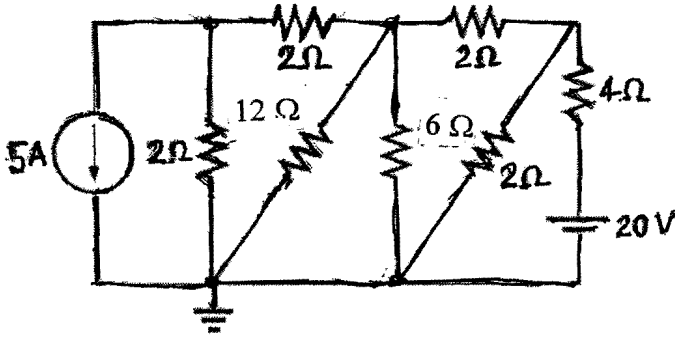


Figure 1(a)

b) For Figure 1(b) identify resistors which are connected in delta and then replace them with a Y equivalent. Redraw the circuit and then find the voltage across the current source marked 3A.

(10 marks)

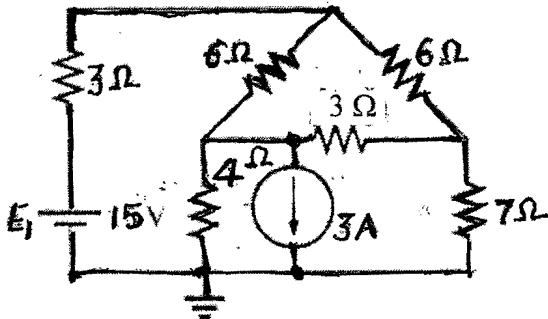


Figure 1(b)

**Question 2**

a) Find the equivalent capacitance between terminals x and y for the circuit shown in Figure 2(a).

(4 marks)

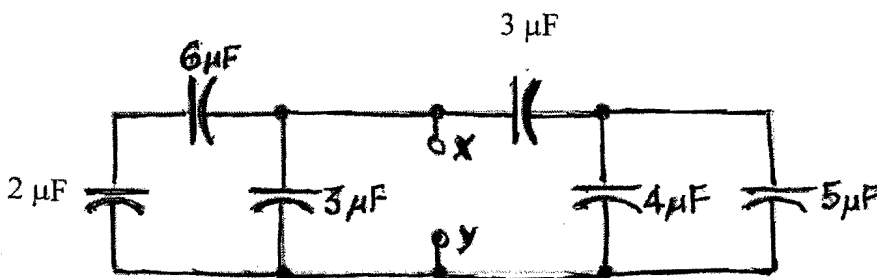
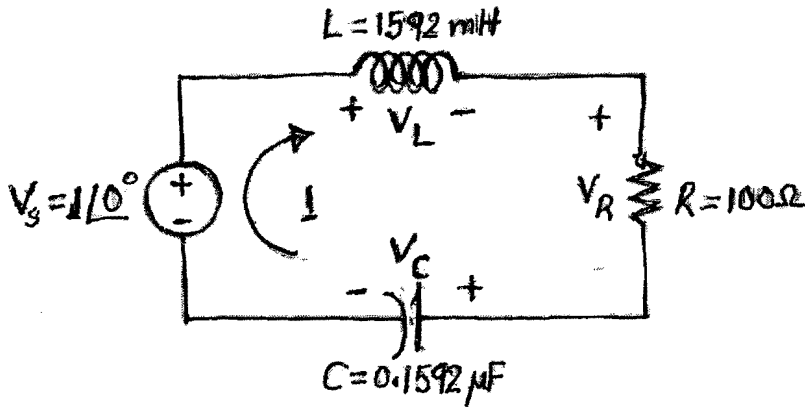


Figure 2(a)

**Question 2 (continued)**

b) For the series circuit shown in figure 2 (b):

- i. The resonance frequency  $f_0$ , (3 marks)
- ii. The quality factor  $Q_s$ , (3 marks)
- iii. The bandwidth BW, (3 marks)
- iv. The half power frequencies, (4 marks)
- v. The total impedance of the circuit at resonance (3 marks)

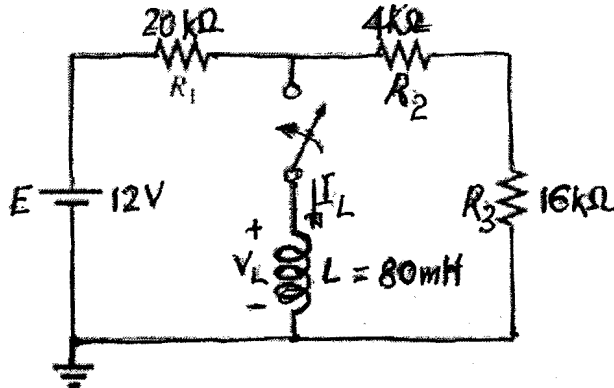


**Figure 2(b)**

**Question 3**

For the network of Figure 3:

- a) Apply Thevenin's theorem the 80 mH inductor . (6 marks)
- b) Find the expression for the transient of the current  $i_L$  and the voltage  $v_L$  after the closing of the switch ( $i_L = 0$ ) (8 marks)
- c) Draw the resultant waveforms for  $i_L$  and  $v_L$  on the same graph. (6 marks)



**Figure 3**

#### Question 4

For the series-parallel circuit shown in Figure 4

- Draw the magnetic circuit equivalent and label the flux densities ( $\Phi_1, \Phi_2$ ) and the reluctances (6 marks)
- If  $\mu = 6 \times 10^{-5}$  find  $H_{bcde}$  (3 marks)
- Use Ampere's circuital law to find  $H_{bc}$  (3 marks)
- Find the total flux density  $\Phi_T$  (3 marks)
- Find the current  $I$  (5 marks)

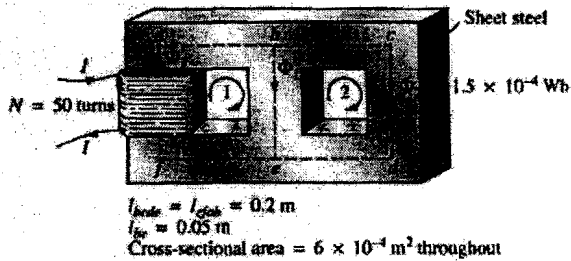


Figure 4

#### Question 5

A DC machine having the armature resistance of  $0.30 \Omega$  and the field resistance of  $R_F = 500 \Omega$  operates as a motor at a speed of 1200 rpm with induced armature voltage  $E_A = 145 \text{ V}$ . If the speed is changed to 600 rpm the armature current  $I_A = 30 \text{ A}$  and field current  $I_F = 2.5 \text{ A}$ . Find

- the voltage applied to the field circuit (3 marks)
- the voltage  $V_T$  applied to the armature (8 marks)
- the developed torque, and (6 marks)
- the developed power. (3 marks)