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SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

SCHOOL OF PURE, APPLIED AND HEALTHY SCIENCES
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS
(ELECTRONICS)

COURSE CODE: PHY 8210

COURSE TITLE: INTEGRATED LECTRONICS

DATE: 30/1/2024 **TIME: 0830-1130 HRS**

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Answer Question **ONE** and any other **Two** questions

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Question One [30 Marks]

(a) State and explain two main problems which face designers who have to integrate analog and digital circuits on the same PCB (printed circuit board). [4marks]

(b) Sketch a neat diagram of an NPN transistor circuit configuration for use in a digital circuit. [3marks]

(c) Explain the main drawback of the analog circuits**.** [2marks]

(d) State two noncomputer applications of digital circuits. [2marks]

(e) Draw a well labelled circuit of basic Sample-and-Hold amplifier. [4marks]

(f) State three applications of a high-speed analog-to-digital converter. [3marks]

(g) Differentiate between digital to analog converters and analog to digital converters. [4marks]

(h) Explain two advantages of implementing a lock–in amplifier using digital technologies [4marks]

(i) Explain two advantages of digital circuit over analog circuit. [4marks]
is accurate and much more immune to noise problems.

QUESTION TWO [20 MARKS]

(a). (i) State two examples of digital computer circuits [2marks]

(ii) Discuss the operation of a digital circuit. [4marks]

(b) State and explain two sources of electronic noise. [4marks]

(c) Find the network function V_2 / V_1 in the circuits shown in Fig.

(i) 1 (a) [3marks]

(ii) 1 (b) [3marks]

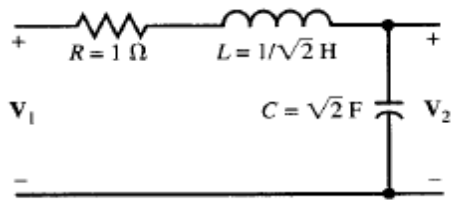

Fig 1 (a)

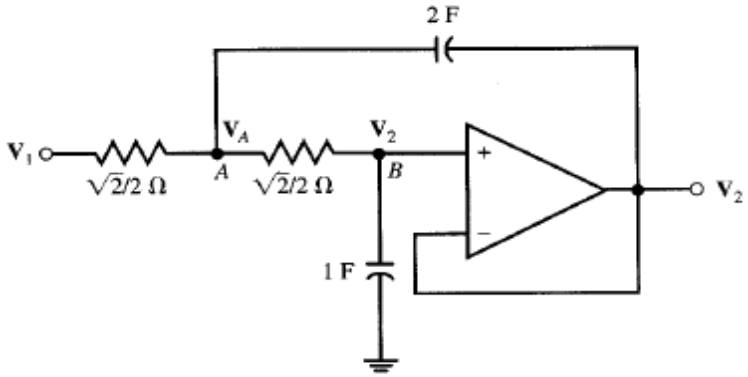

Fig. 1 (b)

(d) With suitable circuit diagrams, differentiate between a low pass filter and a high pass filter [4marks]

QUESTION THREE [20MARKS]

(a) Draw a circuit diagram of a Schmitt trigger [3marks]

(b) What is an Analog comparator? Explain its working principle. [5marks]

(c) Explain two types of the analog circuit based on the circuit behavior and the components used. [4marks]

(d) Briefly explain the basic operation of a Sample and Hold Amplifier. [4marks]

(e) State four analog physical quantities found in nature. [4marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20MARKS]

(a) State and explain the successive approximation A–D converter [4marks]

(b) Discuss two applications of DACs and ADCs [4marks]

(c) Draw a block diagram of a triangular wave generator. Explain how it works. [4marks]

(d) Define the term555 timers as used in electronics. [2marks]

(e) State and explain three differences between analog and digital circuits. [6marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20MARKS]

(a) Explain two advantages of a binary system [4marks]

(b) Draw a well-labelled diagram of:
(i) the block diagram of a counter-ramp and a successive approximation A–D converter. [4marks]
(ii) the analog waveforms in a counter-ramp A–D converter. [3marks]
(iii) the analog waveforms in a successive approximation A–D converter. [3marks]

(c) Describe the operation of an analog comparators. [4marks]

(d) Differentiate between square and triangular wave generators [2marks]

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