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REGULAR UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER

**SCHOOL OF PURE, APPLIED AND HEALTHY
SCIENCES**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: PHY 3227-1

COURSE TITLE: DIGITAL ELECTRONICS

DATE: 31/5/2024

TIME: 1430-1630HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- **Question One is Compulsory (20 Marks)**
- **Answer Any Other Two (15 Marks Each)**

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Question one [20 Marks]

- (a) Simplify the following expression [3marks]

$$\overline{\overline{A + BC} + \overline{AB}}$$

- (b) With suitable examples, distinguish between combinational logic circuit and sequential logic circuit. [2marks]
- (c) State De Morgan's theorems [2marks]
- (d) Using the theorems of Boolean algebra, prove the following identity. [4marks]

$$(A + B) \cdot (A + \overline{A} \cdot \overline{B}) \cdot C + \overline{\overline{A} \cdot (B + C)} + \overline{A} \cdot B + A \cdot B \cdot C = A + B + C$$

- (e) Find the binary equivalent of 374_8 . [3marks]
- (f) Draw a truth table of a 2-to-4 line decoder [2marks]
- (g) Write a truth table for Boolean expression for this 1-to-4 Demultiplexer with outputs A to D and data select lines a, b. [2marks]
- (h) Distinguish between digital to analogue conversion and analogue to digital conversion [2marks]

QUESTION TWO [15 MARKS]

- (a)(i) Draw a logic circuit that would open the gate when two security switches are put on or when a switch in the living room is put on. [3marks]
- (ii) Implement the circuit in c (i) using logic gates. [3marks]
- (iii) Write Boolean expression for c(ii) above. [1marks]
- (b) Discuss two applications of combinatorial networks [4marks]
- (c) Draw a logic symbol of R-S flip flops and describe its characteristic table. [4marks]

QUESTION THREE [15MARKS]

- (a) The following Boolean Algebra expression is given as:

$$Q = \overline{A}(\overline{BC} + BC + \overline{BC}) + ABC$$

- (i) Convert this logical equation into an equivalent sum of product term [3marks]
- (ii) Use a truth table to show all the possible combinations of input conditions that will produces a "1" output. [3marks]

- (iii) Draw a logic gate diagram for the sum of product expression. [4marks]
- (b) What is a Complementary Metal Oxide Semiconductor? Explain one advantages of CMOS [2marks]
- (c) Discuss three differences between Boolean Algebra and Ordinary Algebra [3marks]

QUESTION FOUR [15MARKS]

- (a) Draw the transistor logic circuit of a NAND gate and write its truth table [4marks]
- (b) State three advantages that binary number systems have over other number systems used in digital circuit design. [3marks]
- (c) Find the octal equivalent of $2F_{16}$. [2marks]
- (d) Draw a symbol of a 2-input Ex-OR gate and write its truth [3marks]
- (e) Define the term visual display. State any two examples of visual displays [3marks]

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