






EXAMINATION FOR THE ISSUE OF A LICENCE TO  
ACT AS WIREMAN - LIC 'A'

Paper I (Theory)

Time Allowed - 3Hrs

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**WRITE ALL YOUR WORK IN THE ANSWER BOOK PROVIDED.  
EVERY ANSWER SHOULD INCLUDE ALL WORKINGS, NECESSARY  
DIAGRAMS AND FORMULAE.**

**START EACH ANSWER ON A FRESH PAGE.**

Choose any **FIVE** questions.

1. (a) With the aid of a well labelled cell diagram explain briefly the following terms:
- the cell e.m.f. (E). Note: It is important to show the correct connection of the +ve and -ve terminals
  - the internal resistance of the cell
  - the terminal voltage (V) across the load. (4 marks)
- (b) A cell has an e.m.f. of 1.5 V and an internal resistance of  $0.02 \Omega$ . This is connected across a  $0.8 \Omega$  load resistor. Calculate the current that will flow. (6 marks)
- (c) Consider two batteries that each has a 12V, e.m.f. and an internal resistance of  $0.1 \Omega$  respectively. These are connected in series.  
Calculate :
- (i) its terminal voltage when the serial combination is connected to a  $10\Omega$  load. (6 marks)
  - (ii) what power does the  $10\Omega$  load dissipation. (4 marks)
2. (a) A d.c. single phase 8kW load is to be fed from a Distribution Board 40 metres away. The supply voltage at the Board is 110V DC. A 2-core copper cable having a cross sectional area of  $4.0\text{mm}^2$  already exist and will be used to supply the load.  
Calculate:
- (i) The cable resistance if the *resistivity* of copper is  $17.5 \mu\Omega\text{mm}$ . (3 marks)
  - (ii) The load current. (2 marks)
  - (iii) The voltage drop in the cable. (5 marks)
- (b) If another 2-core copper cable having a cross-sectional area of  $10\text{mm}^2$  is connected in parallel with existing cable,  
Calculate:
- (i) The resistance of the new cable. (2 marks)
  - (ii) The current in each cable. (6 marks)
  - (iii) The voltage at the load terminals. (2 marks)

3. (a) Express Ohm's Law in symbols and state it in words. (2 marks)

(b) A circuit is built up from five resistors. Resistors of 4, 6, and 8 ohms respectively are connected in parallel to form a group. Resistors of 3 and 6 ohms respectively are connected in parallel to form another group. The two parallel groups of resistors are connected in series across a 100 volts supply.

- (i) Draw a well labelled circuit diagram. (2 marks)
- (ii) Calculate the voltage across each parallel group. (4 marks)
- (iii) Calculate the main supply current. (3 marks)
- (iv) Calculate the current taken by each resistor. (5 marks)

(c) Calculate the value of the resistor that must be connected in parallel across the whole combination so that the total current will be increased by 100%. (4 marks)

4. (a) Explain the type of losses found in a transformer. (4 marks)

(b) Draw a single-phase step-up auto transformer, clearly indicating the connections labelling. Give one advantage and one disadvantage for the auto transformer. (5 marks)

(c) A water fountain has a water pump with the following ratings:

Voltage	Power	Power factor	Frequency
24V a.c	35W	0.82	50Hz

This water pump is to be controlled from a single-phase 230V a.c. supply.

- (i) What type of transformer is required? (1 mark)
- (ii) Calculate the minimum VA rating of the transformer and choose the correct rating from the following table. (2 marks)

VA	35	35	40	40	50	50	100	100
$V_{prim}$	240	230	230	230	230	220	230	230
$V_{sec}$	24	24	12	24	24	24	12	24

(iii) Calculate the primary and secondary currents (4 marks)

(iv) Calculate the primary and secondary number of turns if the volt per turn is 0.2Volts (4 marks)

5. (a) With the aid of a diagram explain what is meant by a capacitor.  
Give also two types of capacitors. (5 marks)
- (b) Three capacitors of  $60\ \mu\text{F}$ ,  $40\ \mu\text{F}$  and  $24\ \mu\text{F}$  are connected in series to a 300V d.c. supply.  
Calculate:
- (i) the equivalent single capacitor (5 marks)  
(ii) the charge stored on each capacitor (4 marks)  
(iii) the p.d. across each capacitor (6 marks)
6. When an inductive coil is connected across a direct current (d.c.) supply of 210 Volts there is a current of 16 amperes flowing in the circuit but when the same coil is connected across a 240 Volts alternating current (a.c.) 50 HZ supply a current of 15 amperes flows through the circuit.  
Calculate:
- (i) The resistance of the coil. (5 marks)  
(ii) The impedance of the coil. (5 marks)  
(iii) The inductance of the coil. (5 marks)  
(iv) What will be the effect on the current flowing through the coil when it is connected across an a.c. mains supply if the frequency is increased? Explain why. (5 marks)

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