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M.E. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DEC 2025

Power Electronics and Drives

21PPE101 – POWER ELECTRONIC CONVERTORS

(Regulations 2021)

Duration: Three hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

PART - A (5 x 20 = 100 Marks)

1. (a) Analyze the factors limiting the switching speed of IGBT and BJT. CO1-Ana (20)
How do these limitations dictate their suitable applications?

Or

- (b) Analyze the factors limiting the switching speed of SCR and MOSFET. How do these limitations dictate their suitable applications? CO1-Ana (20)

2. (a) Analyze the output ripple of a three-phase fully controlled converter for an RL load. How does the load inductance influence the ripple? CO4-Ana (20)

Or

- (b) Perform a harmonic analysis of a dual converter in both circulating current and non-circulating current modes. Discuss the implications for efficiency and waveform quality. CO4-Ana (20)

3. (a) Analyze the operation of a Buck-Boost converter under varying input voltages. Discuss how it maintains a stable output voltage and its limitations. CO3-Ana (20)

Or

- (b) Analyze the impact of different control strategies (ON/OFF control, PWM control) on the performance of a step-down DC chopper. CO3-Ana (20)

4. (a) Analyze the effect of switching frequency on the output voltage, efficiency, and harmonic content of a three-phase bridge inverter in 120 degree mode. Discuss the trade-offs involved. CO4-Ana (20)

Or

- (b) Compare the performance of Cascaded H-Bridge, and Diode-Clamped, multilevel inverters in terms of efficiency, cost, and harmonic reduction. CO4-Ana (20)
5. (a) Evaluate the Total Harmonic Distortion (THD) in the output of a single-phase bidirectional controller for an R-L load. Discuss its effect on system performance. CO4-Ana (20)
- Or
- (b) Compare the operation of a three-phase cycloconverter and a matrix converter in terms of efficiency, harmonic distortion, and control complexity. CO4-Ana (20)