



# **MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

## **SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

**DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING**

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**2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**THIRDYEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR, DIPLOMA IN  
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS**

**SEE 1323 – ELECTRICAL PROTECTION SYSTEM**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

**TIME: 9:00-11:00 AM**

**Instructions to candidates:**

1. Answer question One and Any Other Two questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

**SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define the following circuit breaker ratings:
- (i) Breaking capacity
  - (ii) Making capacity
  - (iii) Short-time rating (6marks)
- b) Explain any three faults that occur in a.c generator (6marks)
- c) Explain three main factors to be considered in the design of transmission lines. (6marks)
- d) Using diagrams explain the operation of current differential relay. (3marks)
- e) State any three limitations of merz-prize current circulating scheme. (3marks)
- f) Describe fault bus protection system as applied in bus-bar protection. (4marks)

**SECTION B – ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION**

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define the following terms as used in electrical protection systems:
- (i) Grounding
  - (ii) Isolated neutral system (4marks)
- b) State any four advantages of neutral grounding. (5marks)
- c) With a diagram explain operation process of 3-phase neutral grounding. (8marks)
- d) A 33kv, 50 Hz, 3phase transmission line having a capacitance to the earth of each conductor as  $4.5\mu\text{f}$ . calculate the reactance of Peterson coil suitable for this system. (3marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define the term voltage surge (2marks)
- b) Explain four causes of voltage surge on a transmission system. (8marks)
- c) Overhead ground wire provides an effective method of protection to transmission lines against direct lightning strokes:
- i. State any two advantages and two disadvantages of ground wires over surge absorbers. (4marks)
  - ii. With the aid of a sketch diagram, describe how protection against lightning is achieved using ground wire. (6marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) State two advantages and two disadvantages of solid state relay over electromechanical relay. (4marks)
- b) Describe the following attributes of protection system and state two ways through which it is achieved:  
(i) Reliability  
(ii) Selectivity (8marks)
- c) A 230kv, 3phase, 50 Hz, 200km transmission line has a capacitance to earth of 0.2  $\mu\text{F}/\text{km}$  per phase. If the system is protected using Peterson coil method of earthing, calculate:  
(i) Inductance of the coil.  
(ii)KVA rating of the coil. (8marks)