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FOR THE DEGREE OF

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PHYSICS.

COURSE CODE: SPH 322

COURSE TITLE: ELECTROMAGNETISM

DATE: 19/1/2022

TIME: 8-10AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**Answer question ONE and any TWO of the remaining
Symbols used bear the usual meaning.**

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You may need the following information

Mass of an electron, $m_e = 9.0 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}$

Charge of an electron, $q = -1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$

Permittivity of free space, $\epsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \text{ C}^2/\text{N.m}^2$

Permeability of free space, $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} \text{ kgm/C}^2$

Mass of proton, $m_p = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$

Speed of light, $c=3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$
 Divergence Theorem $\oint_S A \cdot dS = \int_V \nabla \cdot A \, d\tau$

Electronic charge, $e=-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$
 Stokes Theorem $\oint_C A \cdot dl = \int_S (\nabla \times A) \cdot dS$

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) [30 Marks]

(a) A charge of $2.0 \mu\text{C}$ moves with a speed of $2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}$ along the positive X-axis. A magnetic field \vec{B} of strength $(0.20\vec{j} + 0.40\vec{k})\text{T}$ exists in space. Find the magnetic force acting on the charge. [3 marks]

(b) A wire placed along north-south direction carries a current of 10 A from south to north. Find the magnetic field due to a 1 cm piece of wire at a point 200 cm north-east from the piece. [3 marks]

(c) A proton is projected with a speed of $3 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$ horizontally from east to west. A uniform magnetic field \vec{B} of strength $2.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ T}$ exists in the vertically upward direction.

- i. Find the force on the proton just after it is projected. [2 marks]
- ii. What is the acceleration produced? [1 marks]

(d) A current of 10.0 nA is established in a circular loop of radius 5.0 cm . Find the magnetic dipole moment of the current loop. [2 marks]

(e) Figure 1 shows two long, straight wires carrying electric currents in opposite directions. The separation between the wires is 5.0 cm . Find the magnetic field at a point P midway between the

wires. [3 marks]

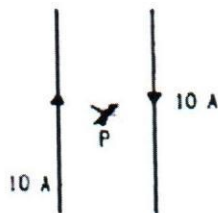


Figure 1.

(f) A current of 2.00 A exists in a square loop of edge 10.0 cm . Find the magnetic field B at the centre of the square loop. [3 marks]

(g) A bar magnet having a magnetic moment of $1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ J/T}$ is free to rotate in a horizontal plane. A horizontal magnetic field $B = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ T}$ exists in the space. Find the work done in rotating the magnet slowly from a direction parallel to the field to a direction 60° from the field. [3 marks]

(h) Find the magnetic field due to a dipole of a magnetic moment $1.2 \text{ A}\cdot\text{m}^2$ at a point 1 m away from it in a direction making an angle of 60° with the dipole axis. [2 marks]

(i) A bar magnet made of steel has a magnetic moment of $2.5 \text{ A}\cdot\text{m}^2$ and a mass of $6.6 \times 10^3 \text{ kg}$. If the density of steel is $7.9 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$, find the intensity of magnetization of the magnet.

[3 marks]

(j) An average induced emf of 0.20 V appears in a coil when the current in it is changed from 5.0 A in one direction to 5.0 A in the opposite direction in 0.20 s . Find the self-inductance of the coil.

[3 marks]

(k) The maximum electric field in a plane electromagnetic wave is 600 N/C . The wave is going in the x -direction and the electric field is in the y -direction. Find the maximum magnetic field in the wave and its direction.

[2 marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 Marks)

(a) Show that the magnetic field due to current in a straight wire on a perpendicular bisector, is given by: [7 marks]

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i a}{2\pi d \sqrt{a^2 + d^2}}$$

(where $OP=d$, O is the foot of the perpendicular from P to the wire. a is the length of the wire)

(b) Show that

i) The magnetic scalar potential due to a Magnetic Dipole is given by; [6 marks]

$$V(r) = \frac{\mu_0 M \cos \theta}{4\pi r^2}$$

ii) The magnetic field due to a dipole is given by [7 marks]

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 M}{4\pi r^3} \sqrt{1 + 3\cos^2 \theta}$$

QUESTION THREE (20 Marks)

(a) Two long wires a and b , carrying equal currents of 10.0 A , are placed parallel to each other with a separation of 4.00 cm between them as shown in the figure 2. Find the magnetic field

B at each of the points P , Q and R .

[4 marks]

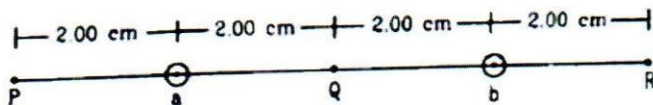


Figure 2.

(b) A solenoid of length 10 cm and radius 1 cm contains 200 turns and carries a current of 10 A. Find the magnetic field at a point on the axis at a distance of 10 cm from the centre.

[5 marks]

(c) An infinite wire is oriented East-West and carries a current of 4.5 A, flowing towards the East. There is a uniform horizontal magnetic field of 0.25 T pointing North. What force (magnitude

and direction) acts on unit length of the wire?

[3 marks]

(d) Two parallel wires P and Q placed at a separation $d = 6$ cm carry electric currents $i_1 = 5$ A and $i_2 = 2$ A in opposite directions as shown in figure 3. Find the point on the line PQ where the

resultant magnetic field is zero.

[4 marks]

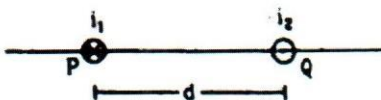


Figure 3.

(l) Find the magnetic intensity H at the centre of a long solenoid having n turns per unit length and carrying a current i ;

i. When no material is kept in it

[2 marks] ii.

When a long copper rod is inserted in the solenoid

[2 marks]

QUESTION FOUR

(20 Marks)

a) Given Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction, $V = -\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$ derive the equation

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t}$$

[5 marks]

b) Differentiate between paramagnetism, ferromagnetism and diamagnetism. [6 marks]

c) A magnetic scalar potential due to a magnetic dipole at a point on its axis situated at a distance of 20 cm from its centre is found to be $1.2 \times 10^{-5} T - m$. Find the magnetic moment of the dipole. [4 marks]

d) Find the per cent increase in the magnetic field B when the space within a current carrying toroid is filled with aluminium. The susceptibility of aluminium is 2.1×10^{-5} . [5 marks]

e)

QUESTION FIVE (20 Marks)

- a) An inductor ($L = 20 \text{ mH}$), a resistor ($R = 100 \Omega$) and a battery ($\epsilon = 10 \text{ V}$) are connected in series. Find
- The time constant [1 marks]
 - The maximum current [1 marks]
- iii. The time elapsed before the current reaches 99% of the maximum value. [2 marks]

b) Show that Ampere's circuital law $\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{L} = \mu_0 \sum I$, where B is the magnetic field vector, $d\mathbf{L}$ is the vector specifying an element of a closed path and I is the current, leads to the differential equation $\nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \mu_0 \mathbf{J}$, where J is the current density.

[4 marks]

c) An infinitely long, cylindrical conductor of radius a carries total current I distributed uniformly across the conductor. Derive expressions for the magnetic field at a distance r from the centre of the conductor the cases (i) $r < a$ and (ii) $r > a$. Sketch the variation of the field with r.

[4 marks]

d) State Maxwell's equations in terms of electric (\mathbf{E}) and magnetic (\mathbf{B}) fields in a region in which there are charge and current densities (ρ and \mathbf{J} respectively) which are functions both of space and time. For each equation briefly explain the physical concepts that it encapsulates.

[5 marks]

e) What form do the Maxwell equations reduce to in a vacuum i.e. in the absence of any dielectric or magnetic material? [3 marks]