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## University Examinations 2013/2014

SECOND YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERING

### EEE 0223: ELECTRICAL MACHINES I

DATE: APRIL 2014

TIME: 1 ½ HOURS

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question *one* and any other *two* questions

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#### QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- (a) A 500V shunt motor runs at its normal speed of 250rpm. When the armature current is 200A. The armature resistance is  $0.12\Omega$  calculate the speed when a resistance is inserted in the field reducing the shunt field to 80% of normal value and armature current to 100A. Find the new speed under these conditions. (6 Marks)
- (b) State four merits of rheostatic field control method in speed control of d.c motors. (5 Marks)
- (c) With aid of appropriate diagram explain the rheostatic braking as applied to series motor. (6 Marks)
- (d) With aid of appropriate diagrams explain the construction of:
- Wave windings
  - Lap windings (6 Marks)
- (e) An 8 pole lap wound, 1200 conductors, with 0.003 wb per pole d.c motor runs at 500 rev/min. Find e.m.f generated for
- A lap machine (4 Marks)
  - A wave machine (3 Marks)

### QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)

- (a) State the material used to make commutator brushes and one property of the same. (3 Marks)
- (b) A d.c shunt wound generator runs at a constant speed to generate a voltage of 150V at a certain value of field current. Find the change in generated voltage when the current is reduced by 20% ( $\phi \propto I$ ). (6 Marks)
- (c) With aid of sketches show the following connections
- (i) Series (2 Marks)
  - (ii) Parallel (2 Marks)
  - (iii) Compound connections for d.c motors (2 Marks)

### QUESTION THREE – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Enumerate the significance of back e.m.f in d.c machines. (4 Marks)
- (b) Determine the terminal voltage of a d.c machines that develops an e.m.f of 200V with an armature current of 20A. (4 Marks)
- (c) Explain the nature of the following losses:
- (i) Brush contact (2 Marks)
  - (ii) Friction and windage losses (2 Marks)
  - (iii) Iron losses (2 Marks)
- (d) State the expression for efficiency in a d.c motor. (1 Mark)

### QUESTION FOUR – (15 MARKS)

- (a) With aid of appropriate diagram describe the d.c motor starter (a well labelled face plate starter). (8 Marks)
- (b) Describe the plugging method of speed control in d.c motors. (7 Marks)

### QUESTION FIVE – (15 MARKS)

A series motor runs at 800rev/min when the voltage is 400V and current is 25A. The armature resistance is  $0.2\Omega$ . Find the resistance to be connected in series to reduce the speed to 600rev/min with the same current. (15 Marks)