

B.Tech. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Term-End Examination

June, 2013

BIEE-023 : SWITCHGEAR AND PROTECTION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : Answer any seven questions from ten questions.

1. Explain Slepian's theory of arc interruption and discuss its limitations. How does energy balance theory explain the process of arc interruption? 10
2. Explain with a neat sketch the working of cross-jet explosion pot used for arc - quenching in bulk oil circuit breakers. What are its limitations? 10
3. Explain the construction of an SF₆ breaker. How does it essentially differ from an air - blast circuit breaker? 10
4. Describe with a schematic diagram the equipment and procedure of testing a breaker in a testing station. Explain the principle of synthetic testing and enumerate its limitations. 10

5. Write short notes on : **5x2=10**
- (a) Surge impedance and velocity propagation.
 - (b) Specifications of travelling waves
 - (c) Reflection and refraction of travelling waves.
 - (d) Equivalent circuit of travelling wave studies
 - (e) Bewley lattice or zig-zag diagram
6. Give an idea about lightning voltages and currents that occur in power system. Hence sketch typical voltage wave and explain it. What is the function of a surge absorber ? In what way is it different from lightning arrester. **10**
7. How are the following measurements carried out ? **10**
- (a) Measurement of earth resistance
 - (b) Measurement of soil resistivity
8. Explain the basic features of a 3-Zone stepped distance protection scheme for a long transmission line, employing mho characteristics for Zone 1 and Zone 2, with an offset mho characteristic for Zone-3 and starting. Briefly comment on the following : **10**
- (a) high source to line impedance ratio
 - (b) differing effective impedances with different type of fault at a given point.

9. Describe the block schematic of static - time current relay. Discuss the time current characteristics mathematically for the standard time current characteristics. 10
10. What are the types of faults that are likely to occur in a three-phase induction motor ? If motor is not fully loaded, is it necessary to provide protection against single phasing ? Explain why. 10
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