

GCE

Electronics

Unit **F614**: Electronic Control Systems

Advanced GCE

Mark Scheme for June 2016

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Annotations, abbreviations and subject-specific conventions

1	BOD	31	BOD	Benefit of doubt
2	×	21	Cross	Cross
3	ECF	241	ECF	Error carried forward
4	NBOD	191	NBOD	Benefit of doubt not given
5	3	1841	Not Relevant	Expandable vertical wavy line
6	REP	271	REP	Repeat
7	TV	201	TV	Too vague
8	✓	11	Tick	Tick
9	0	1741	ZERO	Zero (big)

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
1a	Potential divider from 9 V to 0 V with centre at X	1	or V _D to 0 V
	Top resistor 2.1 larger than bottom	1	top resistor 1.14 larger than bottom if V _D used
1b	Output connected to VD through capacitor	1	
	Input connected through capacitor	1	
	Input connected to gate	1	Accept connected to X
1ci	Correct shape	1	
	Transition at 2.8 V	1	
	Slope of 100 mA / 0.5 V	1	
1cii	Use of correct equation and 0.2 S including - sign	1	
	Use of 220 Ω resistor	1	-44
1di	So that the output can change up and down	1	
	Without clipping/large amplitude	1	
1dii	V=9-5=4	1	
	4/220=18mA (no ecf)	1	
1e	Same shape as VGS=5V	1	
	Smaller max current and shallower gradient	1	
	Transistion at lower VDS (no ecf)	1	

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
2a	Adjust/set the desired water temperature in the fish tank	1	
2b	When cold, voltage at T low	1	Allow same marks for argument about when hot
	So output of op amp high	1	
	Turns on MOSFET	1	
	Makes heater operate	1	
	Discussion of signals to turn heater off	1	
	Keeps turning on and off	1	
2c	I=4/4700=0.85mA	1	
	$R=(12-4)/0.00085=9.4k\Omega$	1	
2d	T rises to 7 V	1	
	T hunts around 7 V	1	Curved lines only
	D digital 0V or 12 V	1	
	D initially low	1	
	D changes as T crosses 7 V	1	
2e	Proportional:		Allow other advantages with correct explanations
	No overshoot/reduced hunting	1	
	Reduces drive as gets close to desired value	1	
	On-off		
	Fast / simple circuit	1	
	Maximum drive to transducer / no need for difference amp	1	
	(and ramp generator)		

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
3a	Charges capacitor [through rectifier] increasing voltage [to	1	Accept explanation of how current to smoother increases
	above 5 V]		output voltage
	Max 3 from:	3	Answers to show understanding of on/off feedback
	Comparator changes state (wtte)		
	Opto-isolator turned on		
	Turns on oscillator		
	Produces an ac signal at output of transformer		
3bi	Correct shape	1	
	Amplitude 6.3 V by eye	1	
	Signal at 0 V when input < 0.7 V by eye	1	
3bii	Τ = 40 μs	1	
	F= 25 kHz	1	
3ci	Ring around zener (and resistor)	1	
3cii	Valid method (same I in both resistors or by ratio)	1	
	R2= 1.17 * R1	1	
3ciii	(V-1.7)/0.008=R	1	
	Reasonable assumption about op amp high saturation	1	e.g. output saturates high saturates at 5 V, saturates 2 V
	voltage V		below supply so saturates at 3 V, or any other reasonable
			assumption
			[412Ω for 5V]

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Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
4ai	Proportional control system	1	
4aii	It contains a difference amp	1	Accept ramp generator not in other systems
4bi	-2V	1	
4bii	2V ecf from i	1	
4c	Use of [±]13 V, 2.5 V and 0.33 V/s in ramp generator formula	1	
	R1C =7.6s	1	
	R2=R3	1	Alternatively allow for gain≠-1 compensating for different
	R2, R3 in k	1	ramp rate
4d	Positive	1	
	Increasing	1	
	Increasing	1	
	Increasing	1	
	Zero	1	
	Unchanging	1	
	Unchanging	1	
	Unchanging	1	

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
5a	MOVI Sn, 7E	2	1 mark for 7E
	OUT Q, Sn	1	
	RET	1	
5b	MOVI Sm, 40	2	1 mark for 40
	IN Sp, I	1	p≠m
	AND Sm, Sp / AND Sp, Sm	1	Do not allow SUB
5c	Maximum 6 from:	6	
	S7 set to zero initially		
	S2 mask for sensor		
	S4 mask for osciilator		
	S3 holds input value		
	S7 increases by one each time sensor goes high		
	Returns to main program when relaxation oscillator low		
	S7 returns number of pulses to main program		
5d	Turn on dp	1	flash: MOVI S6, 01
	Without changing rest of display [need to use S0]	1	MOVI S4, 32
	Wait	1	repeat: EOR S0, S6
	200ms	1	OUT Q,S0
	Turn off dp (or toggle)	1	MOVI S5, C8
	Do it for 10s	1	delay: RCALL wait1ms
			DEC S5
			JNZ delay
			DEC S4
			JNZ repeat
			RET

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
6a	Information retained when power switched off (wtte)	1	
6b	X Continues high until first write transition X Goes low at falling edge on write X Stays low until next falling edge on write Output inverse of X [digital]	1 1 1 1	input/V time
			time
			output/V time

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
6c	Tristate connected to drain of MOSFET [through NOT gate]	1	
	and read to control of tristate		5 V
	Tristate connected correct way around	1	10 kΩ
	NOT gate to read tristate [or from output]	1	data
	Data needs to connect to input of write tristate and output of read tristate (ecf)	1	write O V C Tread
			Tead
			Accept answers with one NOT gate producing active low
			read or inverting either input or output of memory

Question	Expected Answer	Mark	Additional Guidance
7a	General purpose register in CPU	1	
	Store/memory	1	
	For results/data needed for processing/calculations	1	
7b	Collection of wires	1	
	For moving information to and from	1	
	CPU to/from	1	
	memory/ports	1	
7c	1. Address of next instruction/contents of PC stored on	1	Sequence should be in correct order but allow swapping order
	stack		of 1 & 2 provided 5 & 6 swapped
	2. Stack pointer incremented/decremented	1	
	3. PC loaded with called address	1	
	4. Subroutine executed		
	5. When return executed PC loaded from top of stack	1	
	6. Stack pointer decremented/incremented	1	
	7. Program continues with main program	1	6 th mark for point 4 or 7 provided no incorrect elements added
			to sequence

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