



B.E/B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV /DEC 2024

(Regulation 2018)

Fourth Semester

AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING

U18AUT4005: Automotive Electrical Engineering

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1: Apply the fundamental of ac and dc circuits to real time applications
 CO2: Classify the different types of motors and generators based on different parameters
 CO3: Select a suitable motor for automotive application
 CO4: Distinguish the various basic electrical and electronics systems of an automobile
 CO5: Outline the working of different batteries available and select them based on the application
 CO6: Recognize and build small wiring applications / wiring diagrams used in vehicles.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions: -
PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)
(Answer not more than 40 words)

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| 1. Define Ohm's Law and its application in electrical circuits | CO1 | [K ₁] |
| 2. Distinguish independent and dependent sources in circuit analysis. | CO2 | [K ₄] |
| 3. Compare the speed-torque characteristics of DC motors and AC induction motors | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 4. Classify different types of DC machines based on their applications in electrical systems. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 5. Label the components of a starter motor and explain their functions | CO3 | [K ₁] |
| 6. Discuss the importance of starter drive mechanisms in automotive starting systems. | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 7. Distinguish alternators and generators in automotive charging systems. | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 8. Outline the function of a voltage regulator in an alternator charging circuit | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 9. Classify different types of batteries used in automotive applications | CO6 | [K ₂] |
| 10. Relate the importance of electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) in automotive wiring systems. | CO6 | [K ₂] |

Answer any FIVE Questions: -
PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)
(Answer not more than 400 words)

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| 11. | a) | Explain the concept of RMS (Root Mean Square) value in AC circuits. How is it calculated, and why is it important in electrical engineering applications? | 8 | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| | b) | Demonstrate the application of Kirchhoff's laws in solving complex electrical circuits. Provide an example and show step-by-step analysis using Kirchhoff's laws. | 8 | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| 12. | a) | Analyze the construction and working principles of transformers. How do single-phase and three-phase transformers differ in their operation and applications? | 8 | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Discuss the advantages of synchronous motors over induction motors in specific industrial applications. Include a discussion on speed control and efficiency. | 8 | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 13. | a) | Explain the role of solenoids and overrunning clutches in starter motors. How do these components contribute to efficient engine starting? | 8 | CO3 | [K ₅] |
| | b) | Illustrate the process of starter motor fault diagnosis. What are the common faults encountered, and how are they identified and rectified? | 8 | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 14. | a) | Explain the construction and working principles of alternators. How do they convert AC to DC for charging batteries? | 8 | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Compare different charging methods for lead-acid batteries. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each method? | 8 | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 15. | a) | Discuss the construction and working principles of lithium-ion batteries. What are their advantages over traditional lead-acid batteries? | 8 | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Relate the importance of battery testing methods and fault diagnosis in maintaining a reliable electrical system in vehicles | 8 | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 16. | a) | Discuss the role of multiplexed wiring systems in modern vehicles. How do they enhance functionality and reduce wiring complexity? | 8 | CO6 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Explain the components and functionality of a basic automotive lighting system. How are headlamps, indicator lamps, and signaling systems integrated into the wiring system? | 8 | CO6 | [K ₂] |
