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**SIXTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION (R), MAY 2023****ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION****(2020 SCHEME)****Course Code : 20RBT304****Course Name: Electric Drives and Control****Max. Marks : 100****Duration: 3 Hours****PART A*****(Answer all questions. Each question carries 3 marks)***

1. Explain the necessity of starters in dc motors.
2. Describe the dynamics of motor-load system using fundamental torque equation.
3. Describe the structure of a power diode.
4. Compare natural and forced commutation in an SCR.
5. Describe the working of a step-up chopper with circuit diagram and waveforms.
6. A single-phase full-wave fully-controlled bridge rectifier is supplying highly inductive load. The r.m.s value of the a.c. input voltage is 230V. The firing angle is maintained constant at  $45^\circ$  so that the load current is continuous at a value of 5A. Calculate the dc output Voltage.
7. With block diagram explain variable voltage variable frequency drive.
8. List the advantages of a single-phase voltage source inverter.
9. Explain the closed loop control of stepper motor.
10. Describe the self-control mode of operation of PMSM.

**PART B*****(Answer one full question from each module, each question carries 14 marks)*****MODULE I**

11. a) Explain the construction and principle of operation of permanent magnet stepper motor. (7)
- b) Describe the working of AC servomotors. (7)

**OR**

12. a) Illustrate the 3-point starter in a dc motor. (8)
- b) Explain the speed-torque characteristics of a DC series motor. (6)

**MODULE II**

13. a) Explain the switching characteristics of an SCR. (9)

- b) Describe the V-I characteristics of a power MOSFET. (5)

**OR**

14. a) List the turn-on methods of SCR and explain any two methods. (6)  
b) Illustrate the switching characteristics of power BJT. (8)

**MODULE III**

15. Graphically explain the single phase fully controlled bridge converter circuit with RL load under continuous and discontinuous conduction mode. (14)

**OR**

16. a) Explain a 2-quadrant chopper with output voltage waveforms. (7)  
b) Describe the regenerative braking operation of a chopper-controlled DC drive. (7)

**MODULE IV**

17. a) Explain 3-phase bridge inverter with R load and 180° conduction mode with waveforms and equations. (10)  
b) Justify how harmonics are eliminated using pulse width modulation. (4)

**OR**

18. a) Explain the working of a single-phase full bridge voltage source inverter with R load. (8)  
b) Compare single pulse width and multiple pulse width modulation in inverters. (6)

**MODULE V**

19. a) Explain the method of speed control in BLDC motors using hall effect sensors. (9)  
b) Illustrate the operation of a microcontroller based permanent magnet synchronous motor drives. (5)

**OR**

20. a) Describe the full step and half step mode of operation of variable reluctance stepper motor drive circuit. (12)  
b) List the advantages and applications of BLDC motor drive circuit. (2)

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