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Instructions: Section A - Answer **all** questions  
Section B - Answer **two** questions

## Section A

**Attempt all questions in this section – 40 marks.**

(NB: where applicable you must include rough-work calculations to obtain full marks for these questions.)

- A1.** What forms of EM waves occur naturally in free space?
- (a) TM waves only  
(b) TE and TM waves only  
(c) TE waves only  
(d) TE, TM and TEM waves  
(e) TEM waves only  
(f) none of the above
- A2.** To analyse a TM wave, propagating in the z-direction in a rectangular waveguide we separate the field components into?
- (a)  $H_{xy}$ ,  $E_{xy}$ , and  $H_z$   
(b)  $H_{xy}$ , and  $E_z$  only  
(c)  $E_{xy}$ , and  $E_z$  only  
(d)  $H_{xy}$ ,  $E_{xy}$ , and  $E_z$   
(e)  $H_{xy}$ , and  $E_{xy}$  only  
(f) none of the above
- A3.** The requirements for a transmission line to be lossless are:
- (a)  $L = R = 0$   
(b)  $L = C = 0$   
(c)  $L = C = 0$   
(d)  $R = G = 0$   
(e)  $C = R = 0$   
(f) none of the above
- A4.** For a TE guided wave propagating in the z-direction the perpendicular field components are given as:
- (a)  $h_z = 0$ ;  $e_z \neq 0$   
(b)  $h_z \neq 0$ ;  $e_z = 0$   
(c)  $h_z = 0$ ;  $e_z = 0$   
(d)  $h_z \neq 0$ ;  $e_z \neq 0$   
(e) all of the above  
(f) none of the above
- A5.** The requirements for a transmission line to be distortionless are:
- (a)  $LG = RC$   
(b)  $LC = RG$   
(c)  $LR = CG$   
(d)  $LR = GC$   
(e)  $CL = GR$   
(f) none of the above
- A6.** For a conventional rectangular waveguide which of the following conditions will cause only the  $TE_{10}$  mode to propagate, given that  $a = 2b$  :
- (a)  $a < \lambda_0 < b$   
(b)  $a < \lambda_0 < 2b$   
(c)  $a < \lambda_0 < 2a$   
(d)  $a/2 < \lambda_0 < a$   
(e)  $b < \lambda_0 < 2b$   
(f) none of the above
- A7.** The typical operating frequency of a conventional rectangular waveguides lies in the range:
- (a) 1 – 25 GHz  
(b) 25 – 100 GHz  
(c) 100 – 1000 GHz  
(d) 1 – 10 THz  
(e) 100 – 1000 MHz  
(f) none of the above
- A8.** The Poynting vector,  $\vec{P}$ , is given by the expression:
- (a)  $\vec{P} = \nabla \cdot \vec{E} \times \nabla \cdot \vec{H}$   
(b)  $\vec{P} = \nabla \cdot (\vec{E} \times \vec{H})$   
(c)  $\vec{P} = \nabla \times (\vec{E} \times \vec{H})$   
(d)  $\vec{P} = (\nabla \times \vec{E}) \cdot (\nabla \times \vec{H})$   
(e)  $\vec{P} = \vec{E} \times \vec{H}$   
(f) none of the above

**A9.** By measuring the short-circuit and open-circuit impedances of a transmission line we can determine the following constants for that line:

- (a)  $Z_0$ , the characteristic impedance
- (b)  $\gamma$ , the propagation coefficient
- (c) Both  $Z_0$  and  $\gamma$
- (d) VSWR (voltage standing wave ratio)
- (e) all of the above
- (f) none of the above

**A10.** The near and far radiation fields are generally discussed in the context of:

- (a) waveguides
- (b) transmission lines
- (c) optic fibres
- (d) cavity resonators
- (e) antennas
- (f) none of the above

**A11.** For a TEM guided wave propagating in the z-direction the perpendicular field components are given as:

- (a)  $h_z = 0; e_z \neq 0$
- (b)  $h_z \neq 0; e_z = 0$
- (c)  $h_z = 0; e_z = 0$
- (d)  $h_z \neq 0; e_z \neq 0$
- (e) *all of the above*
- (f) none of the above

**A12.** The velocity of propagation in a transmission line can be written in terms of the phase change coefficient,  $\beta$ , as:

- (a)  $v_p = 2\pi\beta/\omega$
- (b)  $v_p = \beta/\omega$
- (c)  $v_p = \omega/\beta$
- (d)  $v_p = \omega/2\pi\beta$
- (e)  $v_p = 2\pi\beta\omega$
- (f) none of the above

**A13.** In a rectangular waveguide which propagates a standard TE or TM mode, which of the following has a value greater than  $c$ , the velocity of light:

- (a)  $v_g$ , the group velocity
- (b)  $v_g$ , the guide velocity
- (c)  $v_0$ , the free-space velocity
- (d)  $v_p$ , the phase velocity
- (e)  $v_\pi$ , the rotational velocity
- (f) none of the above

**A14.** The time-averaged electric energy,  $W_e$ , stored in an E field with sinusoidal time variation is given as:

- (a)  $W_e = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} E.E^*$
- (b)  $W_e = \frac{1}{2} E.E^*$
- (c)  $W_e = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} E.E^*$
- (d)  $W_e = \sqrt{2} E.E^*$
- (e)  $W_e = \frac{1}{4} E.E^*$
- (f) none of the above

**A15.** At the interface to a current-carrying conductor the relationship between magnetic field and surface current density is given as:

- (a)  $\hat{n} \times \vec{H} = \vec{J}_s$
- (b)  $\hat{n} \times \vec{H} = \nabla \cdot \vec{J}_s$
- (c)  $\vec{H} = \hat{n} \times \nabla \cdot \vec{J}_s$
- (d)  $\hat{n} \times \vec{H} = \vec{E} \cdot \vec{J}_s$
- (e)  $\hat{n} \times \vec{H} = \nabla \times \vec{J}_s$
- (f) none of the above

## Section B

Attempt 2 questions in this section – **60 marks; 30 marks per question.**

(NB: Candidates should note that marks may be lost if answers are not presented in a neat and orderly manner)

- Q 1.** (a) Discuss briefly the circuit theory model of a transmission line. Derive general equations for voltage and current at an arbitrary point along the line and obtain general hyperbolic solutions to these equations. [12 marks]

(b) State the conditions for a transmission line to be loss-free. Describe and derive the relevant expressions for attenuation and phase change coefficients for low-loss, high-frequency and distortionless transmission lines. In each case explain how these lines approximate to a loss-free line. State clearly your assumptions. [12 marks]

(c) Explain the concepts of *phase* and *group* delay. Why is it desirable for a transmission line to have a phase coefficient that varies linearly with frequency? [6 marks]

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- Q 2.** (a) Explain how a TE wave can propagate in a waveguide. Derive modified forms of Maxwell's equations, in terms of field components parallel and perpendicular to the main axis of the waveguide. [12 marks]

(b) Outline the main steps in the analysis of the propagation of a TE wave in a guide. In the  $TE_{10}$  mode of propagation, given that  $H_z = A_0 \cos(\pi x/a)$  derive expressions for (i) the time-averaged electric energy, (ii) average power flow and (iii) group velocity in the guide. [18 marks]

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- Q 3.** (a) Describe briefly how a rectangular waveguide carrying a  $TE_{10}$  mode can be made to operate as a cavity resonator. [10 marks]

(b) Given that, for the  $TE_{101}$  mode,

$$\begin{aligned} E_y &= A \sin(\pi x/a) \sin(\pi z/d) \\ H_x &= [-j\pi/(\omega\mu_0 d)] A \sin(\pi x/a) \cos(\pi z/d) \\ H_z &= [j\pi/(\omega\mu_0 d)] A \cos(\pi x/a) \sin(\pi z/d) \end{aligned}$$

Calculate (i) the total time-averaged energy stored in the cavity, (ii) the power loss in the cavity walls and (iii) the quality factor (Q-factor) of the cavity.

(Note: You may assume that the energy stored by the electric field is equal to the energy stored by the magnetic field.) [20 marks]

**Q 4.** (a) Given that the static electric and magnetic potential within a closed volume are given as:

$$V = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon} \int \frac{\rho.dV}{r} \text{ (electric potential)} \quad \bar{a} = \frac{\mu}{4\pi} \int \frac{\bar{J}.dV}{r} \text{ (magnetic potential)}$$

Demonstrate that equivalent, but *retarded*, potentials exist for time-varying electric and magnetic fields.

[8 marks]

(b) Derive detailed expressions for the  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields around a small elemental antenna which carries a current of  $I_0 e^{j\omega t}$ .

[14 marks]

(c) What are the *induction* and *radiation* fields around the elemental antenna of (b)? At what distance from the antenna are they equal in magnitude? Show that at a distance  $r \gg \lambda$  from the antenna that the  $\mathbf{E}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  fields form a spherical TEM wave.

[8 marks]

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