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## Foreword

This circular contains the questions that will be used effective April 1, 2007, for making *Basic Qualification* examinations for the *Amateur Radio Operator Certificate*. The correct choice of the four suggested answers appears in brackets following each question identifier.

i.e. A-001-01-01 (4)

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A-001-01-01 (4)

What is the meaning of the term "time constant" in an RL circuit?

The time required for the current in the circuit to build up to 36.8% of the maximum value

The time required for the voltage in the circuit to build up to 63.2% of the maximum value

The time required for the voltage in the circuit to build up to 36.8% of the maximum value

The time required for the current in the circuit to build up to 63.2% of the maximum value

A-001-01-02 (2)

What is the term for the time required for the capacitor in an RC circuit to be charged to 63.2% of the supply voltage?

An exponential rate of one

One time constant

A time factor of one

One exponential period

A-001-01-03 (1)

What is the term for the time required for the current in an RL circuit to build up to 63.2% of the maximum value?

One time constant

An exponential period of one

A time factor of one

One exponential rate

A-001-01-04 (3)

What is the term for the time it takes for a charged capacitor in an RC circuit to discharge to 36.8% of its initial value of stored charge?

A discharge factor of one

An exponential discharge of one

One time constant

One discharge period

A-001-01-05 (2)

What is meant by "back EMF"?

A current that opposes the applied EMF

A voltage that opposes the applied EMF

An opposing EMF equal to R times C percent of the applied EMF

A current equal to the applied EMF

A-001-01-06 (2)

After two time constants, the capacitor in an RC circuit is charged to what percentage of the supply voltage?

63.2%

86.5%

95%

36.8%

A-001-01-07 (1)

After two time constants, the capacitor in an RC circuit is discharged to what percentage of the starting voltage?

13.5%

36.8%

86.5%

63.2%

A-001-01-08 (4)

What is the time constant of a circuit having a 100 microfarad capacitor in series with a 470 kilohm resistor?

4700 seconds

470 seconds

0.47 seconds

47 seconds

A-001-01-09 (3)

What is the time constant of a circuit having a 470 microfarad capacitor in series with a 470 kilohm resistor?

221 000 seconds

47 000 seconds

221 seconds

470 seconds

A-001-01-10 (3)

What is the time constant of a circuit having a 220 microfarad capacitor in series with a 470 kilohm resistor?

470 000 seconds

470 seconds

103 seconds

220 seconds

A-001-02-01 (1)

What is the result of skin effect?

As frequency increases, RF current flows in a thinner layer of the conductor, closer to the surface

As frequency decreases, RF current flows in a thinner layer of the conductor, closer to the surface

Thermal effects on the surface of the conductor increase impedance

Thermal effects on the surface of the conductor decrease impedance

A-001-02-02 (3)

What effect causes most of an RF current to flow along the surface of a conductor?

Piezoelectric effect

Resonance effect

Skin effect

Layer effect

A-001-02-03 (3)

Where does almost all RF current flow in a conductor?

In a magnetic field in the centre of the conductor

In a magnetic field around the conductor

Along the surface of the conductor

In the centre of the conductor

A-001-02-04 (2)

Why does most of an RF current flow within a very thin layer under the conductor's surface?

Because the RF resistance of a conductor is much less than the DC resistance

Because of skin effect

Because a conductor has AC resistance due to self-inductance

Because of heating of the conductor's interior

A-001-02-05 (1)

Why is the resistance of a conductor different for RF currents than for direct currents?

Because of skin effect

Because of the Hertzberg effect

Because conductors are non-linear devices

Because the insulation conducts current at high frequencies

A-001-02-06 (4)

What unit measures the capacity to store electrical energy in an electrostatic field?

Coulomb

Watt

Volt

Farad

A-001-02-07 (4)

What is an electromagnetic field?

Current through the space around a permanent magnet

The force that drives current through a conductor

The current between the plates of a charged capacitor

The space around a conductor, through which a magnetic force acts

A-001-02-08 (1)

In what direction is the magnetic field oriented about a conductor in relation to the direction of electron flow?

In the direction determined by the left-hand rule

In all directions

In the same direction as the current

In the direct opposite to the current

A-001-02-09 (1)

What is the term for energy that is stored in an electromagnetic or electrostatic field?

Potential energy

Kinetic energy

Ampere-joules

Joule-coulombs

A-001-02-10 (1)

What is an electrostatic field?

The current between the plates of a charged capacitor

The space around a conductor, through which a magnetic force acts

Current through the space around a permanent magnet

The force that drives current through a conductor

A-001-02-11 (4)

What unit measures the capacity to store electrical energy in an electromagnetic field?

Coulomb

Farad

Watt

Henry

A-001-03-01 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit if R is 47 ohms, L is 50 microhenrys and C is 40 picofarads?

1.78 MHz

3.56 MHz

7.96 MHz

79.6 MHz

A-001-03-02 (4)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 40 microhenrys and C is 200 picofarads?

1.99 kHz

1.99 MHz

1.78 kHz

1.78 MHz

A-001-03-03 (4)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 50 microhenrys and C is 10 picofarads?

7.12 kHz

3.18 MHz

3.18 kHz

7.12 MHz

A-001-03-04 (4)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 25 microhenrys and C is 10 picofarads?

63.7 MHz

10.1 kHz

63.7 kHz

10.1 MHz

A-001-03-05 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 3 microhenrys and C is 40 picofarads?

13.1 MHz

14.5 MHz

13.1 kHz

14.5 kHz

A-001-03-06 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 4 microhenrys and C is 20 picofarads?

- 19.9 MHz
- 17.8 MHz
- 19.9 kHz
- 17.8 kHz

A-001-03-07 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 8 microhenrys and C is 7 picofarads?

- 28.4 MHz
- 21.3 MHz
- 2.84 MHz
- 2.13 MHz

A-001-03-08 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 3 microhenrys and C is 15 picofarads?

- 35.4 MHz
- 23.7 MHz
- 35.4 kHz
- 23.7 kHz

A-001-03-09 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 4 microhenrys and C is 8 picofarads?

- 49.7 MHz
- 28.1 MHz
- 49.7 kHz
- 28.1 kHz

A-001-03-10 (1)

What is the resonant frequency of a series R-L-C circuit, if R is 47 ohms, L is 1 microhenry and C is 9 picofarads?

- 53.1 MHz
- 5.31 MHz
- 17.7 MHz
- 1.77 MHz

A-001-03-11 (3)

What is the value of capacitance (C) in a series R-L-C circuit, if the circuit resonant frequency is 14.25 MHz and L is 2.84 microhenrys?

- 2.2 microfarads
- 44 microfarads
- 44 picofarads
- 2.2 picofarads

A-001-04-01 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 1 microhenry and C is 10 picofarads?

- 15.9 kHz
- 50.3 MHz
- 50.3 kHz
- 15.9 MHz

A-001-04-02 (1)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 2 microhenrys and C is 15 picofarads?

- 29.1 MHz
- 29.1 kHz
- 5.31 MHz
- 5.31 kHz

A-001-04-03 (4)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 5 microhenrys and C is 9 picofarads?

- 23.7 kHz
- 3.54 MHz
- 3.54 kHz
- 23.7 MHz

A-001-04-04 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 2 microhenrys and C is 30 picofarads?

- 2.65 MHz
- 20.5 MHz
- 2.65 kHz
- 20.5 kHz

A-001-04-05 (3)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 15 microhenrys and C is 5 picofarads?

- 2.12 kHz
- 2.12 MHz
- 18.4 MHz
- 18.4 kHz

A-001-04-06 (3)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 3 microhenrys and C is 40 picofarads?

- 1.33 kHz
- 1.33 MHz
- 14.5 MHz
- 14.5 kHz

A-001-04-07 (2)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 40 microhenrys and C is 6 picofarads?

- 6.63 MHz
- 10.3 MHz
- 6.63 kHz
- 10.3 kHz

A-001-04-08 (1)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 10 microhenrys and C is 50 picofarads?

- 7.12 MHz

7.12 kHz

3.18 MHz

3.18 kHz

A-001-04-09 (4)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 200 microhenrys and C is 10 picofarads?

- 3.56 kHz
- 7.96 MHz
- 7.96 kHz
- 3.56 MHz

A-001-04-10 (3)

What is the resonant frequency of a parallel R-L-C circuit if R is 4.7 kilohms, L is 90 microhenrys and C is 100 picofarads?

- 1.77 kHz
- 1.77 MHz
- 1.68 MHz
- 1.68 kHz

A-001-04-11 (4)

What is the value of inductance (L) in a parallel R-L-C circuit, if the resonant frequency is 14.25 MHz and C is 44 picofarads?

- 253.8 millihenrys
- 3.9 millihenrys
- 0.353 microhenry
- 2.8 microhenrys

A-001-05-01 (4)

What is the Q of a parallel R-L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 14.128 MHz, L is 2.7 microhenrys and R is 18 kilohms?

- 7.51
- 0.013
- 71.5
- 75.1



A-001-05-02 (2)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 14.128 MHz, L is 4.7 microhenrys and R is 18 kilohms?

13.3

43.1

0.023

4.31

A-001-05-03 (1)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 4.468 MHz, L is 47 microhenrys and R is 180 ohms?

0.136

7.35

0.00735

13.3

A-001-05-04 (2)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 14.225 MHz, L is 3.5 microhenrys and R is 10 kilohms?

7.35

31.9

0.0319

71.5

A-001-05-05 (1)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 7.125 MHz, L is 8.2 microhenrys and R is 1 kilohm?

2.73

36.8

0.368

0.273

A-001-05-06 (3)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 7.125 MHz, L is 10.1 microhenrys and R is 100 ohms?

22.1

0.00452

0.221

4.52

A-001-05-07 (1)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 7.125 MHz, L is 12.6 microhenrys and R is 22 kilohms?

39

22.1

0.0256

25.6

A-001-05-08 (3)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 3.625 MHz, L is 3 microhenrys and R is 2.2 kilohms?

25.6

31.1

32.2

0.031

A-001-05-09 (3)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 3.625 MHz, L is 42 microhenrys and R is 220 ohms?

2.3

4.35

0.23

0.00435

A-001-05-10 (4)

What is the Q of a parallel R- L-C circuit, if it is resonant at 3.625 MHz, L is 43 microhenrys and R is 1.8 kilohms?

0.543

54.3

23

1.84

A-001-05-11 (4)

Why is a resistor often included in a parallel resonant circuit?

To increase the Q and decrease the skin effect

To decrease the Q and increase the resonant frequency

To increase the Q and decrease bandwidth

To decrease the Q and increase the bandwidth

A-002-01-01 (2)

What two elements widely used in semiconductor devices exhibit both metallic and non-metallic characteristics?

Galena and germanium

Silicon and germanium

Galena and bismuth

Silicon and gold

A-002-01-02 (2)

In what application is gallium-arsenide used as a semiconductor material in preference to germanium or silicon?

In high-power circuits

At microwave frequencies

At very low frequencies

In bipolar transistors

A-002-01-03 (1)

What type of semiconductor material contains fewer free electrons than pure germanium or silicon crystals?

P-type

N-type

Bipolar type

Superconductor type

A-002-01-04 (1)

What type of semiconductor material contains more free electrons than pure germanium or silicon crystals?

N-type

P-type

Bipolar

Superconductor

A-002-01-05 (3)

What are the majority charge carriers in P-type semiconductor material?

Free electrons

Free protons

Holes

Free neutrons

A-002-01-06 (4)

What are the majority charge carriers in N-type semiconductor material?

Holes

Free protons

Free neutrons

Free electrons

A-002-01-07 (2)

Silicon, in its pure form, is:

a superconductor

an insulator

a semiconductor

conductor

A-002-01-08 (4)

An element which is sometimes an insulator and sometimes a conductor is called a:

intrinsic conductor

N-type conductor

P-type conductor

semiconductor

A-002-01-09 (3)

Which of the following materials is used to make a semiconductor?

tantalum

copper

silicon

sulphur

A-002-01-10 (4)

Substances such as silicon in a pure state are usually good:

conductors  
tuned circuits  
inductors  
insulators

A-002-01-11 (4)

A semiconductor is said to be doped when it has added to it small quantities of:

protons  
ions  
electrons  
impurities

A-002-02-01 (4)

What is the principal characteristic of a zener diode?

A constant current under conditions of varying voltage

A negative resistance region

An internal capacitance that varies with the applied voltage

A constant voltage under conditions of varying current

A-002-02-02 (1)

What type of semiconductor diode varies its internal capacitance as the voltage applied to its terminals varies?

Varactor

Zener

Silicon-controlled rectifier

Hot-carrier

A-002-02-03 (1)

What is a common use for the hot-carrier diode?

As VHF and UHF mixers and detectors

As balanced mixers in FM generation

As a variable capacitance in an

automatic frequency control circuit

As a constant voltage reference in a power supply

A-002-02-04 (2)

What limits the maximum forward current in a junction diode?

Forward voltage

Junction temperature

Back EMF

Peak inverse voltage

A-002-02-05 (3)

What are the major ratings for junction diodes?

Maximum reverse current and capacitance

Maximum forward current and capacitance

Maximum forward current and PIV

Maximum reverse current and PIV

A-002-02-06 (3)

Structurally, what are the two main categories of semiconductor diodes?

Vacuum and point contact

Electrolytic and point contact

Junction and point contact

Electrolytic and junction

A-002-02-07 (3)

What is a common use for point contact diodes?

As a constant current source

As a constant voltage source

As an RF detector

As a high voltage rectifier

A-002-02-08 (2)

What is one common use for PIN diodes?

As a constant current source

As an RF switch

As a high voltage rectifier

As a constant voltage source

A-002-02-09 (1)

A Zener diode is a device used to:  
regulate voltage  
dissipate voltage  
decrease current  
increase current

A-002-02-10 (3)

If a Zener diode rated at 10 V and 50 watts were operated at maximum dissipation rating, it would conduct \_\_\_\_\_ amperes:  
50  
0.05  
5  
0.5

A-002-02-11 (2)

The power-handling capability of most Zener diodes is rated at 25 degrees C or approximately room temperature. If the temperature is increased, the power handling capability is:  
the same  
less  
much greater  
slightly greater

A-002-03-01 (2)

What is the alpha of a bipolar transistor?  
The change of collector current with respect to base current  
The change of collector current with respect to emitter current  
The change of base current with respect to collector current  
The change of collector current with respect to gate current

A-002-03-02 (4)

What is the beta of a bipolar transistor?  
The change of base current with respect to emitter current  
The change of collector current with respect to emitter current  
The change of base current with respect to gate current  
The change of collector current with respect to base current

A-002-03-03 (3)

Which component conducts electricity from a negative emitter to a positive collector when its base voltage is made positive?  
A varactor  
A triode vacuum tube  
An NPN transistor  
A PNP transistor

A-002-03-04 (4)

What is the alpha of a bipolar transistor in common base configuration?  
Forward voltage gain  
Reverse current gain  
Reverse voltage gain  
Forward current gain

A-002-03-05 (2)

In a bipolar transistor, the change of collector current with respect to base current is called:  
gamma  
beta  
delta  
alpha

A-002-03-06 (2)

The alpha of a bipolar transistor is specified for what configuration?  
Common collector  
Common base  
Common gate  
Common emitter

A-002-03-07 (3)

The beta of a bipolar transistor is specified for what configurations?

Common emitter or common gate

Common base or common collector

Common emitter or common collector

Common base or common emitter

A-002-03-08 (2)

Which component conducts electricity from a positive emitter to a negative collector when its base is made negative?

A triode vacuum tube

A PNP transistor

A varactor

An NPN transistor

A-002-03-09 (2)

Alpha of a bipolar transistor is equal to :

$\beta / (1 + \beta)$

$\beta / (1 - \beta)$

$\beta / (1 + \beta)$

$\beta / (1 - \beta)$

A-002-03-10 (1)

The current gain of a bipolar transistor in common emitter or common collector compared to common base configuration is:

large to very large

very small

usually about double

usually about half

A-002-03-11 (1)

Beta of a bipolar transistor is equal to:

$\alpha / (1 - \alpha)$

$\alpha / (1 + \alpha)$

$\alpha / (1 - \alpha)$

$\alpha / (1 + \alpha)$

A-002-04-01 (1)

What is an enhancement-mode FET?

An FET without a channel; no current occurs with zero gate voltage

An FET with a channel that blocks voltage through the gate

An FET with a channel that allows current when the gate voltage is zero

An FET without a channel to hinder current through the gate

A-002-04-02 (2)

What is a depletion-mode FET?

An FET without a channel; no current flows with zero gate voltage

An FET that has a channel with no gate voltage applied; a current flows with zero gate voltage

An FET without a channel to hinder current through the gate

An FET that has a channel that blocks current when the gate voltage is zero

A-002-04-03 (3)

Why do many MOSFET devices have built-in gate protective Zener diodes?

The gate-protective Zener diode keeps the gate voltage within specifications to prevent the device from overheating

The gate-protective Zener diode protects the substrate from excessive voltages

The gate-protective Zener diode prevents the gate insulation from being punctured by small static charges or excessive voltages

The gate-protective Zener diode provides a voltage reference to provide the correct amount of reverse-bias gate voltage

A-002-04-04 (2)

Why are special precautions necessary in handling FET and CMOS devices?

They are light-sensitive

They are susceptible to damage from static charges

They have micro-welded semiconductor junctions that are susceptible to breakage

They have fragile leads that may break off

A-002-04-05 (4)

How does the input impedance of a field-effect transistor (FET) compare with that of a bipolar transistor?

One cannot compare input impedance without knowing supply voltage

An FET has low input impedance; a bipolar transistor has high input impedance

The input impedance of FETs and bipolar transistors is the same

An FET has high input impedance; a bipolar transistor has low input impedance

A-002-04-06 (3)

What are the three terminals of a junction field-effect transistor (JFET)?

Emitter, base 1, base 2

Emitter, base, collector

Gate, drain, source

Gate 1, gate 2, drain

A-002-04-07 (1)

What are the two basic types of junction field-effect transistors (JFET)?

N-channel and P-channel

High power and low power

MOSFET and GaAsFET

Silicon and germanium

A-002-04-08 (1)

Electron conduction in an n- channel depletion type MOSFET is associated with:

n-channel depletion

p-channel depletion

p-channel enhancement

q-channel enhancement

A-002-04-09 (3)

Electron conduction in an n- channel enhancement MOSFET is associated with:

q-channel depletion

p-channel enhancement

n-channel enhancement

p-channel depletion

A-002-04-10 (2)

Hole conduction in a p-channel depletion type MOSFET is associated with:

n-channel enhancement

p-channel depletion

q-channel depletion

n-channel depletion

A-002-04-11 (4)

Hole conduction in a p-channel enhancement type MOSFET is associated with:

n-channel depletion

n-channel enhancement

q-channel enhancement

p-channel enhancement

A-002-05-01 (3)

What are the three terminals of a silicon controlled rectifier (SCR)?

Gate, base 1 and base 2

Base, collector and emitter

Anode, cathode and gate

Gate, source and sink

A-002-05-02 (2)

What are the two stable operating conditions of a silicon controlled rectifier (SCR)?

Forward conducting and reverse conducting

Conducting and non- conducting

NPN conduction and PNP conduction

Oscillating and quiescent

A-002-05-03 (1)

When a silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) is triggered, to what other semiconductor diode are its electrical characteristics similar (as measured between its cathode and anode)?

- The junction diode
- The PIN diode
- The hot-carrier diode
- The varactor diode

A-002-05-04 (4)

Under what operating condition does a silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) exhibit electrical characteristics similar to a forward-biased silicon rectifier?

- When it is gated "off"
- When it is used as a detector
- During a switching transition
- When it is gated "on"

A-002-05-05 (1)

The silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) is what type of device?

- PNPN
- NPPN
- PNNP
- PPNN

A-002-05-06 (4)

The control element in the silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) is called the:

- anode
- cathode
- emitter
- gate

A-002-05-07 (3)

The silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) is a member of which family?

- Phase locked loops
- Varactors
- Thyristors
- Varistors

A-002-05-08 (1)

In amateur radio equipment, which is the major application for the silicon controlled rectifier (SCR)?

- Power supply overvoltage "crowbar" circuit
- Class C amplifier circuit
- Microphone preamplifier circuit
- SWR detector circuit

A-002-05-09 (2)

Which of the following devices has anode, cathode, and gate?

- The bipolar transistor
- The silicon controlled rectifier (SCR)
- The field effect transistor
- The triode vacuum tube

A-002-05-10 (4)

When it is gated "on", the silicon controlled rectifier (SCR) exhibits electrical characteristics similar to a:

- reverse-biased silicon rectifier
- forward-biased PIN diode
- reverse-biased hot-carrier diode
- forward-biased silicon rectifier

A-002-05-11 (4)

Which of the following is a PNPN device?

- PIN diode
- Hot carrier diode
- Zener diode
- Silicon controlled rectifier (SCR)

A-002-06-01 (3)

For what portion of a signal cycle does a Class A amplifier operate?

- Exactly 180 degrees
- More than 180 degrees but less than 360 degrees
- The entire cycle
- Less than 180 degrees

A-002-06-02 (1)

Which class of amplifier has the highest linearity and least distortion?

- Class A
- Class AB
- Class B
- Class C

A-002-06-03 (4)

For what portion of a cycle does a Class AB amplifier operate?

- Exactly 180 degrees
- The entire cycle
- Less than 180 degrees
- More than 180 degrees but less than 360 degrees

A-002-06-04 (3)

For what portion of a cycle does a Class B amplifier operate?

- Less than 180 degrees
- More than 180 degrees but less than 360 degrees
- 180 degrees
- The entire cycle

A-002-06-05 (2)

For what portion of a signal cycle does a Class C amplifier operate?

- More than 180 degrees but less than 360 degrees
- Less than 180 degrees
- The entire cycle
- 180 degrees

A-002-06-06 (1)

Which class of amplifier provides the highest efficiency?

- Class C
- Class A
- Class AB
- Class B

A-002-06-07 (1)

In order to provide the greatest efficiency in the output stage of a CW, RTTY or FM transmitter, you would operate the amplifier:

- Class C
- Class AB
- Class B
- Class A

A-002-06-08 (3)

Which class of amplifier provides the least efficiency?

- Class C
- Class B
- Class A
- Class AB

A-002-06-09 (2)

Which class of amplifier has the poorest linearity and the most distortion?

- Class AB
- Class C
- Class A
- Class B

A-002-06-10 (1)

Which class of amplifier operates over the full cycle?

- Class A
- Class AB
- Class B
- Class C

A-002-06-11 (2)

Which class of amplifier operates over less than 180 degrees of the cycle?

- Class AB
- Class C
- Class A
- Class B



A-002-07-01 (3)

What determines the input impedance of a FET common- source amplifier?

The input impedance is essentially determined by the resistance between the source and substrate

The input impedance is essentially determined by the resistance between the source and the drain

The input impedance is essentially determined by the gate biasing network

The input impedance is essentially determined by the resistance between the drain and substrate

A-002-07-02 (2)

What determines the output impedance of a FET common- source amplifier?

The output impedance is essentially determined by the drain supply voltage

The output impedance is essentially determined by the drain resistor

The output impedance is essentially determined by the gate supply voltage

The output impedance is essentially determined by the input impedance of the FET

A-002-07-03 (1)

What are the advantages of a Darlington pair audio amplifier?

High gain, high input impedance and low output impedance

Mutual gain, high stability and low mutual inductance

Mutual gain, low input impedance and low output impedance

Low output impedance, high mutual impedance and low output current

A-002-07-04 (2)

In the common base amplifier, when the input and output signals are compared :  
the output signal lags the input signal by 90 degrees  
the signals are in phase

the output signals leads the input signal by 90 degrees

the signals are 180 degrees out of phase

A-002-07-05 (3)

In the common base amplifier, the input impedance, when compared to the output impedance is:

only slightly higher

only slightly lower

very low

very high

A-002-07-06 (3)

In the common emitter amplifier, when the input and output signals are compared:

the output signal leads the input signal by 90 degrees

the output signal lags the input signal by 90 degrees

the signals are 180 degrees out of phase

the signals are in phase

A-002-07-07 (3)

In the common collector amplifier, when the input and output signals are compared:

the output signal leads the input signal by 90 degrees

the output signal lags the input signal by 90 degrees

the signals are in phase

the signals are 180 degrees out of phase

A-002-07-08 (2)

The FET amplifier source follower circuit is another name for:

common source circuit

common drain circuit

common mode circuit

common gate circuit

A-002-07-09 (4)

The FET amplifier common source circuit is similar to which of the following bipolar transistor amplifier circuits?

Common collector  
Common base  
Common mode  
Common emitter

A-002-07-10 (1)

The FET amplifier common drain circuit is similar to which of the following bipolar transistor amplifier circuits?

Common collector  
Common emitter  
Common base  
Common mode

A-002-07-11 (3)

The FET amplifier common gate circuit is similar to which of the following bipolar transistor amplifier circuits?

Common mode  
Common collector  
Common base  
Common emitter

A-002-08-01 (4)

What is an operational amplifier (op-amp)?

A high-gain, direct-coupled audio amplifier whose characteristics are determined by components mounted externally

An amplifier used to increase the average output of frequency modulated amateur signals to the legal limit

A program subroutine that calculates the gain of an RF amplifier

A high-gain, direct-coupled differential amplifier whose characteristics are determined by components mounted externally

A-002-08-02 (2)

What would be the characteristics of the ideal op-amp?

Zero input impedance, zero output impedance, infinite gain, and flat frequency response

Infinite input impedance, zero output impedance, infinite gain, and flat frequency response

Infinite input impedance, infinite output impedance, infinite gain and flat frequency response

Zero input impedance, infinite output impedance, infinite gain, and flat frequency response

A-002-08-03 (3)

What determines the gain of a closed-loop op-amp circuit?

The PNP collector load

The power supply voltage

The external feedback network

The collector-to-base capacitance of the PNP stage

A-002-08-04 (2)

What is meant by the term op-amp offset voltage?

The difference between the output voltage of the op-amp and the input voltage required for the next stage

The potential between the amplifier input terminals of the op-amp in a closed-loop condition

The potential between the amplifier input terminals of the op-amp in an open-loop condition

The output voltage of the op-amp minus its input voltage

A-002-08-05 (4)

What is the input impedance of a theoretically ideal op-amp?

Very low

Exactly 100 ohms

Exactly 1000 ohms

Very high

A-002-08-06 (4)

What is the output impedance of a theoretically ideal op-amp?

Very high

Exactly 100 ohms

Exactly 1000 ohms

Very low

A-002-08-07 (4)

What are the advantages of using an op-amp instead of LC elements in an audio filter?

Op-amps are more rugged and can withstand more abuse than can LC elements

Op-amps are available in more styles and types than are LC elements

Op-amps are fixed at one frequency

Op-amps exhibit gain rather than insertion loss

A-002-08-08 (2)

What are the principal uses of an op-amp RC active filter in amateur circuitry?

Op-amp circuits are used as low-pass filters at the output of transmitters

Op-amp circuits are used as audio filters for receivers

Op-amp circuits are used as filters for smoothing power supply output

Op-amp circuits are used as high-pass filters to block RFI at the input of receivers

A-002-08-09 (1)

What is an inverting op-amp circuit?

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input and output signals are 180 degrees out of phase

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input and output signals are in phase

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input and output signals are 90 degrees out of phase

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input impedance is held to zero, while the output impedance is high

A-002-08-10 (2)

What is a non-inverting op-amp circuit?

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input and output signals are 90 degrees out of phase

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input and output signals are in phase

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input impedance is held low, and the output impedance is high

An operational amplifier circuit connected such that the input and output signals are 180 degrees out of phase

A-002-08-11 (2)

What term is most appropriate for a high gain, direct-coupled differential amplifier whose characteristics are determined by components mounted externally?

Difference amplifier

Operational amplifier

High gain audio amplifier

Summing amplifier

A-002-09-01 (3)

What is the mixing process?

The elimination of noise in a wideband receiver by phase differentiation

The recovery of intelligence from a modulated signal

The combination of two signals to produce sum and difference frequencies

The elimination of noise in a wideband receiver by phase comparison

A-002-09-02 (1)

What are the principal frequencies that appear at the output of a mixer circuit?

The original frequencies and the sum and difference frequencies

1.414 and 0.707 times the input frequencies

The sum, difference and square root of the input frequencies

Two and four times the original frequency

A-002-09-03 (2)

What occurs when an excessive amount of signal energy reaches the mixer circuit?

Automatic limiting occurs

Spurious signals are generated

A beat frequency is generated

Mixer blanking occurs

A-002-09-04 (1)

In a frequency multiplier circuit, the input signal is coupled to the base of a transistor through a capacitor. A radio frequency choke is connected between the base of the transistor and ground. The capacitor is:

a DC blocking capacitor

part of the input tuned circuit

a by-pass for the circuit

part of the output tank circuit

A-002-09-05 (4)

A frequency multiplier circuit must be operated in:

class AB

class B

class A

class C

A-002-09-06 (1)

In a frequency multiplier circuit, an inductance (L1) and a variable capacitor (C2) are connected in series between VCC+ and ground. The collector of a transistor is connected to a tap on L1. The purpose of the variable capacitor is to:

tune L1 to the desired harmonic

by-pass RF

tune L1 to the frequency applied to the base

provide positive feedback

A-002-09-07 (3)

In a frequency multiplier circuit, an inductance (L1) and a variable capacitor (C2) are connected in series between VCC+ and ground. The collector of a transistor is connected to a tap on L1. A fixed capacitor (C3) is connected between the VCC+ side of L1 and ground. The purpose of C3 is to: form a pi filter with L1 and C2 resonate with L1

keep RF out of the power supply

by-pass any audio components

A-002-09-08 (2)

In a frequency multiplier circuit, an inductance (L1) and a variable capacitor (C2) are connected in series between VCC+ and ground. The collector of a transistor is connected to a tap on L1. C2 in conjunction with L1 operate as a:

frequency divider

frequency multiplier

voltage divider

voltage doubler

A-002-09-09 (1)

In a circuit where the components are tuned to resonate at a higher frequency than applied, the circuit is most likely a:  
a frequency multiplier  
a VHF/UHF amplifier  
a linear amplifier  
a frequency divider

A-002-09-10 (3)

In a frequency multiplier circuit, an inductance (L1) and a variable capacitor (C2) are connected in series between VCC+ and ground. The collector of a transistor is connected to a tap on L1. A fixed capacitor (C3) is connected between the VCC+ side of L1 and ground. C3 is a:  
DC blocking capacitor  
tuning capacitor  
RF by-pass capacitor  
coupling capacitor

A-002-09-11 (3)

What stage in a transmitter would change a 5.3-MHz input signal to 14.3 MHz?  
A linear translator  
A frequency multiplier  
A mixer  
A beat frequency oscillator

A-002-10-01 (2)

What is a NAND gate?  
A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output only when all inputs are logic "1"  
A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output only when all inputs are logic "1"  
A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output if some but not all of its inputs are logic "1"  
A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output only when all inputs are logic "0"

A-002-10-02 (2)

What is an OR gate?

A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output if all inputs are logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output if any input is logic "1"

A circuit that produces logic "1" at its output if all inputs are logic "0"

A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output if any input is logic "1"

A-002-10-03 (4)

What is a NOR gate?

A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output only if all inputs are logic "0"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output only if all inputs are logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output if some but not all of its inputs are logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output if any or all inputs are logic "1"

A-002-10-04 (4)

What is an INVERT gate?

A circuit that does not allow data transmission when its input is high

A circuit that allows data transmission only when its input is high

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output when the input is logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output when the input is logic "1"

A-002-10-05 (4)

What is an EXCLUSIVE OR gate?

A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output when only one of the inputs is logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output when all of the inputs are logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output when all of the inputs are logic "0"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output when only one of the inputs is logic "1"

A-002-10-06 (1)

What is an EXCLUSIVE NOR gate?

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output when all of the inputs are logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output when only one of the inputs is logic "0"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output when only one of the inputs are logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "0" at its output when all of the inputs are logic "1"

A-002-10-07 (4)

What is an AND gate?

A circuit that produces a if all its inputs are logic logic "0" at its output only "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output only if one of its inputs is logic "1"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output if all inputs are logic "0"

A circuit that produces a logic "1" at its output only if all its inputs are logic "1"

A-002-10-08 (2)

What is a flip-flop circuit?

A binary sequential logic element with eight stable states

A binary sequential logic element with two stable states

A binary sequential logic element with four stable states

A binary sequential logic element with one stable state

A-002-10-09 (1)

What is a bistable multivibrator?

A flip-flop

An OR gate

An AND gate

A clock

A-002-10-10 (3)

What type of digital logic is also known as a latch?

A decade counter

An OR gate

A flip-flop

An op-amp

A-002-10-11 (3)

In a multivibrator circuit, when one transistor conducts, the other is:

amplified

reverse-biased

cut off

forward-biased

A-002-11-01 (3)

What is a crystal lattice filter?

A filter with wide bandwidth and shallow skirts made using quartz crystals

An audio filter made with four quartz crystals that resonate at 1 kHz intervals

A filter with narrow bandwidth and steep skirts made using quartz crystals

A power supply filter made with interlaced quartz crystals

A-002-11-02 (1)

What factor determines the bandwidth and response shape of a crystal lattice filter?

The relative frequencies of the individual crystals

The centre frequency chosen for the filter

The gain of the RF stage following the filter

The amplitude of the signals passing through the filter

A-002-11-03 (3)

For single-sideband phone emissions, what would be the bandwidth of a good crystal lattice filter?

15 kHz

500 Hz

2.1 kHz

6 kHz

A-002-11-04 (4)

The main advantage of a crystal oscillator over a tuned LC oscillator is:  
longer life under severe operating use  
freedom from harmonic emissions  
simplicity  
much greater frequency stability

A-002-11-05 (4)

A quartz crystal filter is superior to an LC filter for narrow bandpass applications because of the:  
crystal's low Q  
LC circuit's high Q  
crystal's simplicity  
crystal's high Q

A-002-11-06 (3)

Piezoelectricity is generated by:  
touching crystals with magnets  
adding impurities to a crystal  
deforming certain crystals  
moving a magnet near a crystal

A-002-11-07 (1)

Electrically, what does a crystal look like?

A very high Q tuned circuit

A very low Q tuned circuit

A variable capacitance

A variable tuned circuit

A-002-11-08 (4)

Crystals are sometimes used in a circuit which has an output an integral multiple of the crystal frequency. This circuit is called:

a crystal multiplier

a crystal lattice

a crystal ladder

an overtone oscillator

A-002-11-09 (1)

Which of the following properties DOES NOT apply to a crystal when used in an oscillator circuit?

High power output

Good frequency stability

Very low noise because of high Q

Good frequency accuracy

A-002-11-10 (1)

Crystal oscillators, filters and microphones depend upon which principle?

Piezoelectric effect

Hertzberg effect

Ferro-resonance

Overtone effect

A-002-11-11 (1)

Crystals are NOT applicable to which of the following?

Active filters

Microphones

Lattice filters

Oscillators

A-002-12-01 (3)

What are the three general groupings of filters?

Hartley, Colpitts and Pierce

Audio, radio and capacitive

High-pass, low-pass and band-pass

Inductive, capacitive and resistive

A-002-12-02 (3)

What are the distinguishing features of a Butterworth filter?

The product of its series and shunt-element impedances is a constant for all frequencies

It only requires conductors

It has a maximally flat response over its pass-band

It only requires capacitors

A-002-12-03 (3)

Which filter type is described as having ripple in the passband and a sharp cutoff?

An active LC filter

A passive op-amp filter

A Chebyshev filter

A Butterworth filter

A-002-12-04 (2)

What are the distinguishing features of a Chebyshev filter?

It requires only inductors

It allows ripple in the passband in return for steeper skirts

It requires only capacitors

It has a maximally flat response in the passband

A-002-12-05 (3)

Resonant cavities are used by amateurs as a:

power line filter

low pass-filter below 30 MHz

narrow bandpass filter at VHF and higher frequencies

high pass-filter above 30 MHz

A-002-12-06 (1)

On VHF and above, 1/4 wavelength coaxial cavities are used to give protection from high-level signals. For a frequency of approximately 50 MHz, the diameter of such a device would be about four inches (10 cm). What would be its approximate length?

1.5 metres (5 ft)

0.6 metres (2 ft)

2.4 metres (8 ft)

3.7 metres (12 ft)

A-002-12-07 (1)

A device which helps with receiver overload and spurious responses at VHF, UHF and above may be installed in the receiver front end. It is called a:

helical resonator

diplexer

directional coupler

duplexer

A-002-12-08 (4)

Where you require bandwidth at VHF and higher frequencies about equal to a television channel, a good choice of filter is the:

resonant cavity

Butterworth

Chebyshev

None of the above

A-002-12-09 (4)

What is the primary advantage of the Butterworth filter over the Chebyshev filter?

It allows ripple in the passband in return for steeper skirts

It requires only inductors

It requires only capacitors

It has maximally flat response over its passband



A-002-12-10 (3)

What is the primary advantage of the Chebyshev filter over the Butterworth filter?

It requires only capacitors

It requires only inductors

It allows ripple in the passband in return for steeper skirts

It has maximally flat response over the passband

A-002-12-11 (3)

Which of the following filter types IS NOT suitable for use at audio and low radio frequencies?

Elliptical

Chebyshev

Cavity

Butterworth

A-003-01-01 (1)

What is the easiest amplitude dimension to measure by viewing a pure sine wave on an oscilloscope?

Peak-to-peak voltage

Peak voltage

RMS voltage

Average voltage

A-003-01-02 (4)

What is the RMS value of a 340 volt peak-to-peak pure sine wave?

170 volts

240 volts

300 volts

120 volts

A-003-01-03 (2)

What is the equivalent to the RMS value of an AC voltage?

The AC voltage found by taking the square of the average value of the peak AC voltage

The AC voltage causing the same heating of a given resistor as a DC voltage of the same value

The DC voltage causing the same heating of a given resistor as the peak AC voltage

The AC voltage found by taking the square root of the average AC value

A-003-01-04 (4)

If the peak value of a 100 Hz sinusoidal waveform is 20 volts, the RMS value is:

28.28 volts

7.07 volts

16.38 volts

14.14 volts

A-003-01-05 (4)

In applying Ohm's law to AC circuits, current and voltage values are:

average values

average values times 1.414

none of the proposed answers

peak values times 0.707

A-003-01-06 (2)

The effective value of a sine wave of voltage or current is:

50% of the maximum value

70.7% of the maximum value

100% of the maximum value

63.6% of the maximum value

A-003-01-07 (3)

AC voltmeter scales are usually calibrated to read:

peak voltage

instantaneous voltage

RMS voltage

average voltage

A-003-01-08 (3)

An AC voltmeter is calibrated to read the:

peak-to-peak value

average value

effective value

peak value

A-003-01-09 (2)

Which AC voltage value will produce the same amount of heat as a DC voltage, when applied to the same resistance?

The average value

The RMS value

The peak value

The peak-to-peak value

A-003-01-10 (4)

What is the peak-to-peak voltage of a sine wave that has an RMS voltage of 120 volts?

84.8 volts

169.7 volts

204.8 volts

339.5 volts

A-003-01-11 (2)

A sine wave of 17 volts peak is equivalent to how many volts RMS?

24 volts

12 volts

34 volts

8.5 volts

A-003-02-01 (1)

The power supplied to the antenna transmission line by a transmitter during an RF cycle at the highest crest of the modulation envelope is known as:

peak-envelope power

mean power

carrier power

full power

A-003-02-02 (3)

To compute one of the following, multiply the peak- envelope voltage by 0.707 to obtain the RMS value, square the result and divide by the load resistance. Which is the correct answer?

PIV

ERP

PEP

power factor

A-003-02-03 (1)

Peak-Envelope Power (PEP) for SSB transmission is:

Peak-Envelope Voltage (PEV)

multiplied by 0.707, squared and divided by the load resistance

peak-voltage multiplied by peak current equal to the rms power

a hypothetical measurement

A-003-02-04 (2)

The formula to be used to calculate the power output of a transmitter into a resistor load using a voltmeter is:

$P = EI/R$

$P = E^2/R$

$P = EI \cos \theta$

$P = IR$

A-003-02-05 (1)

How is the output Peak-Envelope Power of a transmitter calculated, if an oscilloscope is used to measure the Peak- Envelope Voltage across a dummy resistive load? PEP = Peak-Envelope Power PEV = Peak-Envelope Voltage  $V_p$  = peak-voltage  $R_L$  = load resistance

$PEP = [(0.707 PEV)(0.707 PEV)] / R_L$

$PEP = [(V_p)(V_p)] / (R_L)$

$PEP = (V_p)(V_p)(R_L)$

$PEP = [(1.414 PEV)(1.414 PEV)] / R_L$

A-003-02-06 (2)

What is the output PEP from a transmitter if an oscilloscope measures 200 volts peak-to-peak across a 50-ohm dummy load connected to the transmitter output?

400 watts

100 watts

1000 watts

200 watts

A-003-02-07 (2)

What is the output PEP from a transmitter if an oscilloscope measures 500 volts peak-to-peak across a 50-ohm dummy load connected to the transmitter output?

- 1250 watts
- 625 watts
- 2500 watts
- 500 watts

A-003-02-08 (3)

What is the output PEP of an unmodulated carrier transmitter if a wattmeter connected to the transmitter output indicates an average reading of 1060 watts?

- 2120 watts
- 1500 watts
- 1060 watts
- 530 watts

A-003-02-09 (1)

What is the output PEP from a transmitter, if an oscilloscope measures 400 volts peak-to-peak across a 50 ohm dummy load connected to the transmitter output?

- 400 watts
- 200 watts
- 600 watts
- 1000 watts

A-003-02-10 (2)

What is the output PEP from a transmitter, if an oscilloscope measures 800 volts peak-to-peak across a 50 ohm dummy load connected to the transmitter output?

- 800 watts
- 1600 watts
- 6400 watts
- 3200 watts

A-003-02-11 (4)

An oscilloscope measures 500 volts peak-to-peak across a 50 ohm dummy load connected to the transmitter output during unmodulated carrier conditions. What would an average-reading power meter indicate under the same transmitter conditions?

- 427.5 watts
- 884 watts
- 442 watts
- 625 watts

A-003-03-01 (3)

What is a dip meter?

- An SWR meter
- A marker generator
- A variable frequency oscillator with metered feedback current
- A field-strength meter

A-003-03-02 (4)

What does a dip meter do?

- It measures transmitter output power accurately
- It measures field strength accurately
- It measures frequency accurately
- It gives an indication of the resonant frequency of a circuit

A-003-03-03 (1)

What two ways could a dip meter be used in an amateur station?

- To measure resonant frequencies of antenna traps and to measure a tuned circuit resonant frequency
- To measure antenna resonance and impedance
- To measure antenna resonance and percentage modulation
- To measure resonant frequency of antenna traps and percentage modulation

A-003-03-04 (1)

A dip meter supplies the radio frequency energy which enables you to check:  
the resonant frequency of a circuit  
the calibration of an absorption-type wavemeter  
the impedance mismatch in a circuit  
the adjustment of an inductor

A-003-03-05 (1)

A dip meter may not be used to:  
measure the value of capacitance or inductance  
align transmitter-tuned circuits  
determine the frequency of oscillations  
align receiver-tuned circuits

A-003-03-06 (4)

The dial calibration on the output attenuator of a signal generator:  
always reads the true output of the signal generator  
reads twice the true output when the attenuator is properly terminated  
reads half the true output when the attenuator is properly terminated  
reads accurately only when the attenuator is properly terminated

A-003-03-07 (2)

What is a signal generator?  
A low-stability oscillator which sweeps through a range of frequencies  
A high-stability oscillator which can produce a wide range of frequencies and amplitudes  
A low-stability oscillator used to inject a signal into a circuit under test  
A high-stability oscillator which generates reference signals at exact frequency intervals

A-003-03-08 (4)

A dip meter:  
should be tightly coupled to the circuit under test  
may be used only with series tuned circuits  
accurately measures frequencies  
should be loosely coupled to the circuit under test

A-003-03-09 (4)

A dip meter is:  
an SWR meter  
an RF amplifier tuning meter  
a battery electrolyte level gauge  
a variable frequency oscillator with metered feedback current

A-003-03-10 (3)

The dip meter is most directly applicable to:  
operational amplifier circuits  
digital logic circuits  
parallel tuned circuits  
series tuned circuits

A-003-03-11 (4)

Which of the following IS NOT a factor affecting the frequency accuracy of a dip meter?  
hand capacity  
stray capacity  
over coupling  
transmitter power output

A-003-04-01 (2)

What does a frequency counter do?  
It measures frequency deviation  
It makes frequency measurements  
It generates broad-band white noise for calibration  
It produces a reference frequency

A-003-04-02 (4)

What factors limit the accuracy, frequency response and stability of a frequency counter?

Time base accuracy, temperature coefficient of the logic and time base stability

Number of digits in the readout, speed of the logic, and time base stability

Number of digits in the readout, external frequency reference and temperature coefficient of the logic

Time base accuracy, speed of the logic, and time base stability

A-003-04-03 (4)

How can the accuracy of a frequency counter be improved?

By using slower digital logic

By using faster digital logic

By improving the accuracy of the frequency response

By increasing the accuracy of the time base

A-003-04-04 (4)

If a frequency counter with a time base accuracy of +/- 0.1 PPM reads 146 520 000 Hz, what is the most that the actual frequency being measured could differ from that reading? "PPM = parts per million"

0.1 MHz

1.4652 Hz

1.4652 kHz

14.652 Hz

A-003-04-05 (1)

If a frequency counter, with a time base accuracy of 10 PPM reads 146 520 000 Hz, what is the most the actual frequency being measured could differ from that reading? "PPM = parts per million"

1465.2 Hz

146.52 Hz

146.52 kHz

1465.2 kHz

A-003-04-06 (1)

The clock in a frequency counter normally uses a:

crystal oscillator

self-oscillating Hartley oscillator

mechanical tuning fork

free-running multivibrator

A-003-04-07 (3)

The frequency accuracy of a frequency counter is determined by:

the size of the frequency counter

type of display used in the counter

the characteristics of the internal time-base generator

the number of digits displayed

A-003-05-01 (2)

If a 100 Hz signal is fed to the horizontal input of an oscilloscope and a 150 Hz signal is fed to the vertical input, what type of pattern should be displayed on the screen?

A rectangular pattern 100 mm wide and 150 mm high

A looping pattern with 3 horizontal loops, and 2 vertical loops

An oval pattern 100 mm wide and 150 mm high

A looping pattern with 100 horizontal loops and 150 vertical loops

A-003-05-02 (2)

What factors limit the accuracy, frequency response and stability of an oscilloscope?

Deflection amplifier output impedance and tube face frequency increments

Accuracy of the time base and the linearity and bandwidth of the deflection amplifiers

Accuracy and linearity of the time base and tube face voltage increments

Tube face voltage increments and deflection amplifier voltages

A-003-05-03 (2)

How can the frequency response of an oscilloscope be improved?

By using a crystal oscillator as the time base and increasing the vertical sweep rate

By increasing the horizontal sweep rate and the vertical amplifier frequency response

By increasing the vertical sweep rate and the horizontal amplifier frequency response

By using triggered sweep and a crystal oscillator for the timebase

A-003-05-04 (3)

You can use an oscilloscope to display the input and output of a circuit at the same time by:

measuring the input on the X axis and the output on the Y axis

measuring the input on the X axis and the output on the Z axis

utilizing a dual trace oscilloscope

measuring the input on the Y axis and the output on the X axis

A-003-05-05 (3)

An oscilloscope cannot be used to:

measure frequency

measure DC voltage

determine FM carrier deviation

determine the amplitude of complex voltage wave forms

A-003-05-06 (3)

The bandwidth of an oscilloscope is: directly related to gain compression indirectly related to screen persistence the highest frequency signal the scope can display

a function of the time-base accuracy

A-003-05-07 (3)

When using Lissajous figures to determine phase differences, an indication of zero or 180 degrees is represented on the screen of an oscilloscope by:

a horizontal straight line

an ellipse

a diagonal straight line

a circle

A-003-05-08 (3)

A 100-kHz signal is applied to the horizontal channel of an oscilloscope. A signal of unknown frequency is applied to the vertical channel. The resultant wave form has 5 loops displayed vertically and 2 loops horizontally. The unknown frequency is:

20 kHz

50 kHz

40 kHz

30 kHz

A-003-05-09 (2)

What item of test equipment contains horizontal and vertical channel amplifiers?

A signal generator

An oscilloscope

An ammeter

An ohmmeter

A-003-05-10 (2)

What is the best instrument to use to check the signal quality of a CW or single-sideband phone transmitter?

A sidetone monitor

An oscilloscope

A signal tracer and an audio amplifier

A field-strength meter

A-003-05-11 (1)

What signal source is connected to the vertical input of an oscilloscope when checking the quality of a transmitted signal?

the RF signals of a nearby receiving antenna

the IF output of a monitoring receiver

the audio input of the transmitter

the RF output of the transmitter

A-003-06-01 (3)

A meter has a full-scale deflection of 40 microamps and an internal resistance of 96 ohms. You want it to read 0 to 1 mA. The value of the shunt to be used is:

24 ohms

16 ohms

4 ohms

40 ohms

A-003-06-02 (2)

A moving-coil milliammeter having a full-scale deflection of 1 mA and an internal resistance of 0.5 ohms is to be converted to a voltmeter of 20 volts full-scale deflection. It would be necessary to insert a:

series resistance of 1 999.5 ohms

series resistance of 19 999.5 ohms

shunt resistance of 19 999.5 ohms

shunt resistance of 19.5 ohms

A-003-06-03 (4)

A voltmeter having a range of 150 volts and an internal resistance of 150 000 ohms is to be extended to read 750 volts. The required multiplier resistor would have a value of:

1 500 ohms

750 000 ohms

1 200 000 ohms

600 000 ohms

A-003-06-04 (1)

The sensitivity of an ammeter is an expression of:

the amount of current causing full-scale deflection

the resistance of the meter

the loading effect the meter will have on a circuit

the value of the shunt resistor

A-003-06-05 (1)

Voltmeter sensitivity is usually expressed in ohms per volt. This means that a voltmeter with a sensitivity of 20 kilohms per volt would be a:

50 microampere meter

1 milliamperere meter

50 milliamperere meter

100 milliamperere meter

A-003-06-06 (2)

The sensitivity of a voltmeter, whose resistance is 150 000 ohms on the 150-volt range, is:

100 000 ohms per volt

1000 ohms per volt

10 000 ohms per volt

150 ohms per volt

A-003-06-07 (3)

The range of a DC ammeter can easily be extended by:

connecting an external resistance in series with the internal resistance  
changing the internal inductance of the meter

connecting an external resistance in parallel with the internal resistance  
changing the internal capacitance of the meter to resonance

A-003-06-08 (2)

What happens inside a multimeter when you switch it from a lower to a higher voltage range?

Resistance is reduced in series with the meter

Resistance is added in series with the meter

Resistance is reduced in parallel with the meter

Resistance is added in parallel with the meter

A-003-06-09 (1)

How can the range of an ammeter be increased?

By adding resistance in parallel with the meter

By adding resistance in series with the circuit under test

By adding resistance in parallel with the circuit under test

By adding resistance in series with the meter

A-003-06-10 (2)

Where should an RF wattmeter be connected for the most accurate readings of transmitter output power?

One-half wavelength from the transmitter output

At the transmitter output connector

One-half wavelength from the antenna feed point

At the antenna feed point

A-003-06-11 (4)

At what line impedance do most RF wattmeters usually operate?

25 ohms

100 ohms

300 ohms

50 ohms

A-004-01-01 (3)

For the same transformer secondary voltage, which rectifier has the highest average output voltage?

Half-wave

Quarter-wave

Bridge

Full-wave

A-004-01-02 (2)

In a half-wave power supply with a capacitor input filter and a load drawing little or no current, the peak inverse voltage (PIV) across the diode can reach \_\_\_\_\_ times the RMS voltage.

0.45

2.8

5.6

1.4

A-004-01-03 (2)

In a full-wave centre-tap power supply, regardless of load conditions, the peak inverse voltage (PIV) will be \_\_\_\_\_ times the RMS voltage:

0.636

2.8

0.707

1.4



A-004-01-04 (3)

A full-wave bridge rectifier circuit makes use of both halves of the AC cycle, but unlike the full-wave centre-tap rectifier circuit it does not require:  
any output filtering  
a centre-tapped primary on the transformer  
a centre-tapped secondary on the transformer  
diodes across each leg of the transformer

A-004-01-05 (3)

The output from a full-wave bridge rectifier circuit will appear to be:  
double that of the full-wave centre-tap rectifier  
half that of the full-wave centre-tap rectifier  
the same as the full-wave centre-tap rectifier  
the same as the half-wave rectifier

A-004-01-06 (1)

The ripple frequency produced by a full-wave power supply connected to a normal household circuit is:  
120 Hz  
60 Hz  
90 Hz  
30 Hz

A-004-01-07 (2)

The ripple frequency produced by a half-wave power supply connected to a normal household circuit is:  
90 Hz  
60 Hz  
120 Hz  
30 Hz

A-004-01-08 (3)

Full-wave voltage doublers:  
create four times the half-wave voltage output  
use less power than half-wave doublers

use both halves of an AC wave  
are used only in high-frequency power supplies

A-004-01-09 (4)

What are the two major ratings that must not be exceeded for silicon-diode rectifiers used in power-supply circuits?  
Average power; average voltage  
Capacitive reactance; avalanche voltage  
Peak load impedance; peak voltage  
Peak inverse voltage; average forward current

A-004-01-10 (2)

Why should a resistor and capacitor be wired in parallel with power-supply rectifier diodes?  
To smooth the output waveform  
To equalize voltage drops and guard against transient voltage spikes  
To decrease the output voltage  
To ensure that the current through each diode is about the same

A-004-01-11 (3)

What is the output waveform of an unfiltered full-wave rectifier connected to a resistive load?  
A steady DC voltage  
A sine wave at half the frequency of the AC input  
A series of pulses at twice the frequency of the AC input  
A series of pulses at the same frequency as the AC input

A-004-02-01 (4)

Filter chokes are rated according to:  
reactance at 1000 Hz  
power loss  
breakdown voltage  
inductance and current-handling capacity

A-004-02-02 (3)

Which of the following circuits gives the best regulation, under similar load conditions?

A half-wave bridge rectifier with a capacitor input filter

A half-wave rectifier with a choke input filter

A full-wave rectifier with a choke input filter

A full-wave rectifier with a capacitor input filter

A-004-02-03 (4)

The advantage of the capacitor input filter over the choke input filter is: better filtering action or smaller ripple voltage

improved voltage regulation

lower peak rectifier currents

a higher terminal voltage output

A-004-02-04 (1)

With a normal load, the choke input filter will give the:

best regulated output

greatest percentage of ripple

greatest ripple frequency

highest output voltage

A-004-02-05 (2)

There are two types of filters in general use in a power supply. They are called:

choke output and capacitor output

choke input and capacitor input

choke input and capacitor output

choke output and capacitor input

A-004-02-06 (1)

The main function of the bleeder resistor in a power supply is to provide a discharge path for the capacitor in the power supply. But it may also be used for a secondary function, which is to: improve voltage regulation

provide a ground return for the transformer

inhibit the flow of current through the supply

act as a secondary smoothing device in conjunction with the filter

A-004-02-07 (1)

In a power supply, series chokes will: readily pass the DC but will impede the flow of the AC component

readily pass the DC and the AC component

impede the passage of DC but will pass the AC component

impede both DC and AC

A-004-02-08 (4)

When using a choke input filter, a minimum current should be drawn all the time when the device is switched on.

This can be accomplished by:

utilizing a full-wave bridge rectifier circuit

placing an ammeter in the output circuit

increasing the value of the output capacitor

adjusting the bleeder resistance

A-004-02-09 (3)

In the design of a power supply, the designer must be careful of resonance effects because the ripple voltage could build up to a high value. The

components that must be carefully selected are:

the bleeder resistor and the first choke

first capacitor and second capacitor

first choke and first capacitor

first choke and second capacitor

A-004-02-10 (3)

Excessive rectifier peak current and abnormally high peak inverse voltages can be caused in a power supply by the filter forming a:

short circuit across the bleeder  
parallel resonant circuit with the first choke and second capacitor  
series resonant circuit with the first choke and first capacitor  
tuned inductance in the filter choke

A-004-02-11 (3)

In a properly designed choke input filter power supply, the filter capacitor will be about nine-tenths of the AC RMS no-load voltage across the voltage; yet it is advisable to use capacitors rated at the peak transformer voltage. Why is this large safety margin suggested?

Resonance can be set up in the filter producing high voltages

Under heavy load, high currents and voltages are produced

Under no-load conditions and a burned-out bleeder, voltages could reach the peak transformer voltage

Under no-load conditions, the current could reach a high level

A-004-03-01 (1)

What is one characteristic of a linear electronic voltage regulator?

The conduction of a control element is varied in direct proportion to the line voltage or load current

It has a ramp voltage at its output

A pass transistor switches from its "on" state to its "off" state

The control device is switched on or off, with the duty cycle proportional to the line or load conditions

A-004-03-02 (1)

What is one characteristic of a switching voltage regulator?

The control device is switched on and off, with the duty cycle proportional to the line or load conditions

The conduction of a control element is varied in direct proportion to the line voltage or load current

It provides more than one output voltage

It gives a ramp voltage at its output

A-004-03-03 (4)

What device is typically used as a stable reference voltage in a linear voltage regulator?

An SCR

A varactor diode

A junction diode

A zener diode

A-004-03-04 (4)

What type of linear regulator is used in applications requiring efficient utilization of the primary power source?

A shunt regulator

A constant current source

A shunt current source

A series regulator

A-004-03-05 (3)

What type of linear voltage regulator is used in applications requiring a constant load on the unregulated voltage source?

A constant current source

A shunt current source

A shunt regulator

A series regulator

A-004-03-06 (3)

How is remote sensing accomplished in a linear voltage regulator?

An error amplifier compares the input voltage to the reference voltage

A load connection is made outside the feedback loop

A feedback connection to an error amplifier is made directly to the load

By wireless inductive loops

A-004-03-07 (2)

What is a three-terminal regulator?

A regulator that supplies three voltages at a constant current

A regulator containing a voltage reference, error amplifier, sensing resistors and transistors, and a pass element

A regulator containing three error amplifiers and sensing transistors

A regulator that supplies three voltages with variable current

A-004-03-08 (2)

What are the important characteristics of a three-terminal regulator?

Maximum and minimum input voltage, minimum output current and maximum output voltage

Maximum and minimum input voltage, maximum output current and voltage

Maximum and minimum input voltage, minimum output voltage and maximum output current

Maximum and minimum input voltage, minimum output current and voltage

A-004-03-09 (2)

What type of voltage regulator contains a voltage reference, error amplifier, sensing resistors and transistors, and a pass element in one package?

An op-amp regulator

A three-terminal regulator

A switching regulator

A zener regulator

A-004-03-10 (1)

When extremely low ripple is required, or when the voltage supplied to the load must remain constant under conditions of large fluctuations of current and line voltage, a closed-loop amplifier is used to regulate the power supply. There are two main categories of electronic regulators. They are:

linear and switching

non-linear and switching

linear and non-linear

"stiff" and switching

A-004-03-11 (2)

A modern type of regulator, which features a reference, high-gain amplifier, temperature-compensated voltage sensing resistors and transistors as well as a pass- element is commonly referred to as a:

nine-pin terminal regulator

three-terminal regulator

twenty-four pin terminal regulator

six-terminal regulator

A-004-04-01 (2)

In a series-regulated power supply, the power dissipation of the pass transistor is:

the inverse of the load current and the input/output voltage differential  
directly proportional to the load current and the input/output voltage differential  
dependent upon the peak inverse voltage appearing across the Zener diode  
indirectly proportional to the load voltage and the input/output voltage differential

A-004-04-02 (1)

In any regulated power supply, the output is cleanest and the regulation is best:

at the point where the sampling network or error amplifier is connected across the secondary of the pass transistor

across the load

at the output of the pass transistor

A-004-04-03 (1)

When discussing a power supply the \_\_\_\_\_ resistance is equal to the output voltage divided by the total current drawn, including the current drawn by the bleeder resistor:

- load
- ideal
- rectifier
- differential

A-004-04-04 (3)

The regulation of long-term changes in the load resistance of a power supply is called:

- active regulation
- analog regulation
- static regulation
- dynamic regulation

A-004-04-05 (1)

The regulation of short-term changes in the load resistance of a power supply is called:

- dynamic regulation
- static regulation
- analog regulation
- active regulation

A-004-04-06 (3)

The dynamic regulation of a power supply is improved by increasing the value of :

- the choke
- the input capacitor
- the output capacitor
- the bleeder resistor

A-004-04-07 (4)

The output capacitor, in a power supply filter used to provide power for an SSB or CW transmitter, will give better dynamic regulation if:  
the negative terminal of the electrolytic is connected to the positive and the positive terminal to ground

a battery is placed in series with the output capacitor

it is placed in series with other capacitors

the output capacitance is increased

A-004-04-08 (3)

In a regulated power supply, four diodes connected together in a BRIDGE act as:

- equalization across the transformer
- matching between the secondary of the power transformer and the filter
- a rectifier
- a tuning network

A-004-04-09 (3)

In a regulated power supply, components that conduct alternating current at the input before the transformer and direct current before the output are:

- capacitors
- diodes
- fuses
- chokes

A-004-04-10 (1)

In a regulated power supply, the output of the electrolytic filter capacitor is connected to the :

- voltage regulator
- pi filter
- solid-state by-pass circuit
- matching circuit for the load

A-004-04-11 (4)

In a regulated power supply, a diode connected across the input and output terminals of a regulator is used to:

- provide an RF by-pass for the voltage control
- provide additional capacity
- protect the regulator from voltage fluctuations in the primary of the transformer
- protect the regulator

A-005-01-01 (1)

How is the positive feedback coupled to the input in a Hartley oscillator?

Through a tapped coil

Through a capacitive divider

Through link coupling

Through a neutralizing capacitor

A-005-01-02 (4)

How is positive feedback coupled to the input in a Colpitts oscillator?

Through a tapped coil

Through a neutralizing capacitor

Through a link coupling

Through a capacitive divider

A-005-01-03 (3)

How is positive feedback coupled to the input in a Pierce oscillator?

Through a neutralizing capacitor

Through link coupling

Through capacitive coupling

Through a tapped coil

A-005-01-04 (2)

Why is the Colpitts oscillator circuit commonly used in a VFO?

It can be used with or without crystal lock-in

It is stable

The frequency is a linear function with load impedance

It has high output power

A-005-01-05 (2)

Why must a very stable reference oscillator be used as part of a phase-locked loop (PLL) frequency synthesizer?

Any phase variations in the reference oscillator signal will produce harmonic distortion in the modulating signal

Any phase variations in the reference oscillator signal will produce phase noise in the synthesizer output

Any amplitude variations in the reference oscillator signal will prevent the loop from changing frequency

Any amplitude variations in the reference oscillator signal will prevent the loop from locking to the desired signal

A-005-01-06 (4)

Positive feedback from a capacitive divider indicates the oscillator type is:

Pierce

Hartley

Miller

Colpitts

A-005-01-07 (4)

In an oscillator circuit designed for high stability, the positive feedback is drawn from two capacitors connected in series. These two capacitors would most likely be:

ceramic

electrolytics

mylar

silver mica

A-005-01-08 (4)

In an oscillator circuit where positive feedback is obtained through a single capacitor in series with the crystal, the type of oscillator is:

Colpitts

Hartley

Miller

Pierce

A-005-01-09 (3)

A circuit depending on positive feedback for its operation would be a:

mixer

detector

variable-frequency oscillator

audio amplifier

A-005-01-10 (1)

An apparatus with an oscillator and a class C amplifier would be:  
a two-stage CW transmitter  
a fixed-frequency single- sideband transmitter  
a two-stage frequency- modulated transmitter  
a two-stage regenerative receiver

A-005-01-11 (4)

In an oscillator where positive feedback is provided through a capacitor in series with a crystal, that type of oscillator is a:  
Colpitts  
Hartley  
Franklin  
Pierce

A-005-02-01 (2)

The output tuning controls on a transmitter power amplifier:  
allow switching to different antennas  
allow efficient transfer of power to the antenna  
reduce the possibility of cross-modulation in adjunct receivers  
are involved with frequency multiplication in the previous stage

A-005-02-02 (1)

The purpose of using a centre-tap return connection on the secondary of transmitting tube's filament transformer is to:  
prevent modulation of the emitted wave by the alternating current filament supply  
reduce the possibility of harmonic emissions  
keep the output voltage constant with a varying load  
obtain optimum power output

A-005-02-03 (1)

In a grounded grid amplifier using a triode vacuum tube, the input signal is applied to:  
the cathode  
the plate  
the control grid  
the filaments

A-005-02-04 (4)

In a grounded grid amplifier using a triode vacuum tube, the plate is connected to the pi-network through a:  
by-pass capacitor  
tuning capacitor  
electrolytic capacitor  
blocking capacitor

A-005-02-05 (2)

In a grounded grid amplifier using a triode vacuum tube, the plate is connected to a radio frequency choke. The other end of the radio frequency choke connects to the:  
filament voltage  
B+ (high voltage)  
ground  
B- (bias)

A-005-02-06 (3)

In a grounded grid amplifier using a triode vacuum tube, the cathode is connected to a radio frequency choke. The other end of the radio frequency choke connects to the:  
ground  
filament voltage  
B- (bias)  
B+ (high voltage)

A-005-02-07 (4)

In a grounded grid amplifier using a triode vacuum tube, the secondary winding of a transformer is connected directly to the vacuum tube. This transformer provides:

B- (bias)

B+ (high voltage)

Screen voltage

filament voltage

A-005-02-08 (2)

In a grounded grid amplifier using a triode vacuum tube, what would be the approximate B+ voltage required for an output of 400 watts at 400 mA with approximately 50 percent efficiency?

500 volts

2000 volts

3000 volts

1000 volts

A-005-02-09 (2)

In a grounded grid amplifier using a triode vacuum tube, each side of the filament is connected to a capacitor whose other end is connected to ground. These are:

tuning capacitors

by-pass capacitors

electrolytic capacitors

blocking capacitors

A-005-02-10 (2)

After you have opened a VHF power amplifier to make internal tuning adjustments, what should you do before you turn the amplifier on?

Make sure that the power interlock switch is bypassed so you can test the amplifier

Be certain all amplifier shielding is fastened in place

Be certain no antenna is attached so that you will not cause any interference

Remove all amplifier shielding to ensure maximum cooling

A-005-02-11 (3)

Harmonics produced in an early stage of a transmitter may be reduced in a later stage by :

larger value coupling capacitors

greater input to the final stage

tuned circuit coupling between stages

transistors instead of tubes

A-005-03-01 (2)

In a simple 2 stage CW transmitter circuit, the oscillator stage and the class C amplifier stage are inductively coupled by a RF transformer. Another role of the RF transformer is to:

act as part of a pi filter

be part of a tuned circuit

provide the necessary feedback for oscillation

act as part of a balanced mixer

A-005-03-02 (2)

In a simple 2 stage CW transmitter, current to the collector of the transistor in the class C amplifier stage flows through a radio frequency choke (RFC) and a tapped inductor. The RFC, on the tapped inductor side, is also connected to grounded capacitors. The purpose of the RFC and capacitors is to:

provide negative feedback

form a low-pass filter

form a key-click filter

form a RF-tuned circuit

A-005-03-03 (3)

In a simple 2 stage CW transmitter, the transistor in the second stage would act as:

a frequency multiplier

the master oscillator

a power amplifier

an audio oscillator



A-005-03-04 (2)

An advantage of keying the buffer stage in a transmitter is that:  
key clicks are eliminated  
changes in oscillator frequency are less likely  
the radiated bandwidth is restricted  
high RF voltages are not present

A-005-03-05 (2)

As a power amplifier is tuned, what reading on its grid-current meter indicates the best neutralization?  
Minimum grid current  
A minimum change in grid current as the output circuit is changed  
Maximum grid current  
A maximum change in grid current as the output circuit is changed

A-005-03-06 (2)

What does a neutralizing circuit do in an RF amplifier?  
It eliminates AC hum from the power supply  
It cancels the effects of positive feedback  
It reduces incidental grid modulation  
It controls differential gain

A-005-03-07 (4)

What is the reason for neutralizing the final amplifier stage of a transmitter?  
To limit the modulation index  
To cut off the final amplifier during standby periods  
To keep the carrier on frequency  
To eliminate self-oscillations

A-005-03-08 (3)

Parasitic oscillations are usually generated due to:  
harmonics from some earlier multiplier stage  
excessive drive or excitation to the power amplifier

accidental resonant frequencies in the power amplifier  
a mismatch between power amplifier and feedline

A-005-03-09 (4)

Parasitic oscillations would tend to occur mostly in:  
high gain audio output stages  
high voltage rectifiers  
mixer stages  
RF power output stages

A-005-03-10 (2)

Why is neutralization necessary for some vacuum-tube amplifiers?  
To reduce grid-to-cathode leakage  
To cancel oscillation caused by the effects of interelectrode capacitance  
To cancel AC hum from the filament transformer  
To reduce the limits of loaded Q

A-005-03-11 (3)

Parasitic oscillations in an RF power amplifier may be caused by:  
overdriven stages  
unintended tuned circuits  
lack of neutralisation  
excessive harmonic production

A-005-04-01 (2)

What type of signal does a balanced modulator produce?  
FM with balanced deviation  
Double sideband, suppressed carrier  
Full carrier  
Single sideband, suppressed carrier

A-005-04-02 (3)

How can a single-sideband phone signal be produced?

By driving a product detector with a DSB signal

By using a loop modulator followed by a mixer

By using a balanced modulator followed by a filter

By using a reactance modulator followed by a mixer

A-005-04-03 (2)

Carrier suppression in a single-sideband transmitter takes place in:

the carrier decouple stage

the balanced modulator stage

the mechanical filter

the frequency multiplier stage

A-005-04-04 (2)

Transmission with SSB, as compared to conventional AM transmission, results in:

6 dB gain in the receiver

6 dB gain in the transmitter and 3 dB gain in the receiver

a greater bandpass requirement in the receiver

3 db gain in the transmitter

A-005-04-05 (3)

The peak power output of a single-sideband transmitter, when being tested by a two-tone generator is:

equal to the RF peak output power of any of the tones

one-half of the RF peak output power of any of the tones

twice the RF power output of any of the tones

one-quarter of the RF peak output power of any of the tones

A-005-04-06 (2)

What kind of input signal is used to test the amplitude linearity of a single-sideband phone transmitter while

viewing the output on an oscilloscope?

An audio-frequency sine wave

Two audio-frequency sine waves

An audio-frequency square wave

Normal speech

A-005-04-07 (1)

When testing the amplitude linearity of a single-sideband microphone input and

on what audio tones are fed into the

transmitter, what kind of kind of

instrument is the output observed?

Two non-harmonically related tones are fed in, and the output is observed on an

oscilloscope

Two harmonically related tones are fed in, and the output is observed on an

oscilloscope

Two harmonically related tones are fed in, and the output is observed on a

distortion analyzer

Two non-harmonically related tones are fed in, and the output is observed on a

distortion analyzer

A-005-04-08 (4)

What audio frequencies are used in a two-tone test of the linearity of a single-sideband phone transmitter?

20 Hz and 20 kHz tones must be used

1200 Hz and 2400 Hz tones must be

used

Any two audio tones may be used, but they must be within the transmitter audio

passband, and must be harmonically related

related

Any two audio tones may be used, but they must be within the transmitter audio

passband, and should not be

harmonically related

A-005-04-09 (3)

What measurement can be made of a single-sideband phone transmitter's amplifier by performing a two-tone test using an oscilloscope?

Its frequency deviation

Its percent of carrier phase shift

Its linearity

Its percent of frequency modulation

A-005-04-10 (1)

How much is the carrier suppressed below peak output power in a single-sideband phone transmission?

At least 40 dB

No more than 20 dB

No more than 30 dB

At least 60 dB

A-005-04-11 (1)

What is meant by flattopping in a single-sideband phone transmission?

Signal distortion caused by excessive drive

Signal distortion caused by insufficient collector current

The transmitter's automatic level control is properly adjusted

The transmitter's carrier is properly suppressed

A-005-05-01 (1)

In an FM phone signal having a maximum frequency deviation of 3000 Hz either side of the carrier frequency, what is the modulation index, when the modulating frequency is 1000 Hz?

3

0.3

3000

1000

A-005-05-02 (3)

What is the modulation index of an FM phone transmitter producing an instantaneous carrier deviation of 6 kHz when modulated with a 2 kHz modulating frequency?

0.333

2000

3

6000

A-005-05-03 (4)

What is the deviation ratio of an FM phone signal having a maximum frequency swing of plus or minus 5 kHz and accepting a maximum modulation rate of 3 kHz?

60

0.16

0.6

1.66

A-005-05-04 (2)

What is the deviation ratio of an FM phone signal having a maximum frequency swing of plus or minus 7.5 kHz and accepting a maximum modulation rate of 3.5 kHz?

0.47

2.14

47

0.214

A-005-05-05 (4)

When the transmitter is not modulated, or the amplitude of the modulating signal is zero, the frequency of the carrier is called its:

frequency deviation

frequency shift

modulating frequency

centre frequency

A-005-05-06 (1)

In a FM transmitter system, the number of cycles of deviation from the centre frequency is determined solely by the:  
amplitude of the modulating frequency  
frequency of the modulating frequency  
amplitude and the frequency of the modulating frequency  
modulating frequency and the amplitude of the centre frequency

A-005-05-07 (4)

Any FM wave with single-tone modulation has:  
two sideband frequencies  
four sideband frequencies  
one sideband frequency  
an infinite number of sideband frequencies

A-005-05-08 (3)

The deviation meter works on the principle of:  
detecting the frequencies in the sidebands  
the amplitude of power in the sidebands  
a carrier null and multiplying the modulation frequency by the modulation index  
a carrier peak and dividing by the modulation index

A-005-05-09 (1)

When using a deviation meter, it is important to know:  
modulating frequency and the modulation index  
modulation index  
modulating frequency  
pass-band of the IF filter

A-005-05-10 (3)

What is the total bandwidth of an FM-phone transmission having a 5-kHz deviation and a 3-kHz modulating frequency?

8 kHz

5 kHz

16 kHz

3 kHz

A-005-05-11 (3)

What is the frequency deviation for a 12.21-MHz reactance-modulated oscillator in a 5-kHz deviation, 146.52-MHz FM-phone transmitter?

12 kHz

5 kHz

416.7 Hz

41.67 Hz

A-005-06-01 (2)

If the signals of two repeater transmitters mix together in one or both of their final amplifiers and unwanted signals at the sum and difference frequencies of the original signals are generated, what is this called?

Neutralization

Intermodulation interference

Adjacent channel interference

Amplifier desensitization

A-005-06-02 (3)

How does intermodulation interference between two repeater transmitters usually occur?

When the signals are reflected in phase by aircraft passing overhead

When they are in close proximity and the signals cause feedback in one or both of their final amplifiers

When they are in close proximity and the signals mix in one or both of their final amplifiers

When the signals are reflected out of phase by aircraft passing overhead

A-005-06-03 (3)

How can intermodulation interference between two repeater transmitters in close proximity often be reduced or eliminated?

By installing a low-pass filter in the antenna feed line

By installing a high-pass filter in the antenna feed line

By installing a terminated circulator or ferrite isolator in the feed line to the transmitter and duplexer

By using a Class C final amplifier with high driving power

A-005-06-04 (4)

If a receiver tuned to 146.70 MHz receives an intermodulation product signal whenever a nearby transmitter transmits on 146.52, what are the two most likely frequencies for the other interfering signal?

146.88 MHz and 146.34 MHz

146.01 MHz and 147.30 MHz

73.35 MHz and 239.40 MHz

146.34 MHz and 146.61 MHz

A-005-06-05 (1)

What type of circuit varies the tuning of an amplifier tank circuit to produce FM signals?

A phase modulator

A balanced modulator

A double balanced mixer

An audio modulator

A-005-06-06 (3)

What audio shaping network is added at an FM transmitter to attenuate the lower audio frequencies?

An audio prescaler

A heterodyne suppressor

A pre-emphasis network

A de-emphasis network

A-005-06-07 (2)

Which type of filter would be best to use in a 2-metre repeater duplexer?

A DSP filter

A cavity filter

An L-C filter

A crystal filter

A-005-06-08 (1)

The characteristic difference between a phase modulator and a frequency modulator is:

pre-emphasis

the centre frequency

de-emphasis

frequency inversion

A-005-06-09 (4)

In most modern FM transmitters, to produce a better sound, a compressor and a clipper are placed:

between the multiplier and the PA

between the modulator and the oscillator

in the microphone circuit, before the audio amplifier

between the audio amplifier and the modulator

A-005-06-10 (1)

Three important parameters to be verified in an FM transmitter are:

linearity, frequency deviation and

frequency stability

distortion, bandwidth and sideband power

modulation, pre-emphasis and carrier suppression

frequency stability, de-emphasis and linearity

A-005-06-11 (2)

For a repeater to operate automatically, the circuit that determines when to turn the transmitter on and off is the:

- limiter
- carrier operated relay
- automatic identifier
- multiplier

A-005-07-01 (1)

Maintaining the peak RF output of a SSB transmitter at a relatively constant level requires a circuit called the:

- automatic level control (ALC)
- automatic gain control (AGC)
- automatic output control (AOC)
- automatic volume control (AVC)

A-005-07-02 (1)

Speech compression associated with SSB transmission implies:

- full amplification of low level signals and reducing or eliminating amplification of high level signals
- full amplification of high level signals and reducing or eliminating signals amplification of low level
- a lower signal-to-noise ratio
- circuit level instability

A-005-07-03 (1)

Which of the following functions IS NOT included in a typical digital signal processor?

- Aliasing amplifier
- Analog to digital converter
- Digital to analog converter
- Mathematical transform

A-005-07-04 (3)

How many bits are required to provide 256 discrete levels, or a ratio of 256:1?

- 6 bits
- 16 bits
- 8 bits
- 4 bits

A-005-07-05 (3)

Adding one bit to the word length, is equivalent to adding \_\_\_\_ dB to the dynamic range of the digitizer:

- 1 dB
- 4 dB
- 6 dB
- 3 dB

A-005-07-06 (3)

What do you call the circuit which employs an analog to digital converter, a mathematical transform, a digital to analog converter and a low pass filter?

- Digital formatter
- Mathematical transformer
- Digital signal processor
- Digital transformer

A-005-07-07 (2)

Which principle IS NOT associated with analog signal processing?

- compression
- frequency division
- bandwidth limiting
- clipping

A-005-07-08 (2)

Which of the following IS NOT a method used for peak limiting, in a signal processor?

- RF clipping
- frequency clipping
- compression
- AF clipping

A-005-07-09 (3)

What is the undesirable result of AF clipping in a speech processor?

- Reduced average power
- Increased average power
- Increased harmonic distortion
- Reduction in peak amplitude

A-005-07-10 (4)

Which description IS NOT correct? You are planning to build a speech processor for your transceiver. Compared to AF clipping, RF clipping:  
has less distortion  
is more expensive to implement  
is more difficult to implement  
is easier to implement

A-005-07-11 (1)

Automatic Level Control (ALC) is another name for:  
RF compression  
AF compression  
RF clipping  
AF clipping

A-005-08-01 (3)

What digital code consists of elements having unequal length?  
AX.25  
Baudot  
Morse code  
ASCII

A-005-08-02 (2)

The International Organization for Standardization has developed a seven-level reference model for a packet-radio communications structure. What level is responsible for the actual transmission of data and handshaking signals?  
The link layer  
The physical layer  
The network layer  
The transport layer

A-005-08-03 (1)

The International Organization for Standardization has developed a seven-layer reference model for a packet-radio communications structure. What level arranges the bits into frames and controls data flow?  
The link layer

The synchronization layer  
The communications layer  
The transport layer

A-005-08-04 (1)

What is one advantage of using ASCII rather than Baudot code?  
It is possible to transmit upper and lower case text  
ASCII includes built-in error correction  
ASCII characters contain fewer information bits  
The larger character set allows store-and-forward

A-005-08-05 (3)

What type of error control system is used in AMTOR ARQ (Mode A)?  
The receiving station checks the frame check sequence (FCS) against the transmitted FCS  
Each character is sent twice  
The receiving station automatically requests repeats when needed  
Mode A AMTOR does not include an error control system

A-005-08-06 (4)

What error-correction system is used in AMTOR FEC (Mode B)?  
Mode B AMTOR does not include an error-correction system  
The receiving station automatically requests repeats when needed  
The receiving station checks the frame check sequence (FCS) against the transmitted FCS  
Each character is sent twice

A-005-08-07 (2)  
What is the primary advantage of AMTOR over Baudot RTTY?  
Surplus teletype machines that use AMTOR are readily available  
AMTOR includes an error detection system  
Photographs may be transmitted using AMTOR  
AMTOR characters contain fewer information bits than Baudot characters

7  
6  
5

A-005-08-08 (2)  
We have all used the term ASCII when using computers or teletypewriting equipment. What do those initials represent?  
A Standard Code for Information Interchange  
American Standard Code for Information Interchange  
North American System Compatible with International Interchange  
Amalgamated System Code for Information Interchange

A-005-08-09 (1)  
The designator AX.25 is associated with which amateur radio mode?  
packet  
RTTY  
ASCII  
spread spectrum speech

A-005-08-10 (2)  
How many information bits are included in the Baudot code?  
7  
5  
8  
6

A-005-08-11 (1)  
How many information bits are included in the ASCII code?  
8

A-005-09-01 (1)  
What term describes a wide-band communications system in which the RF carrier varies according to some predetermined sequence?  
Spread spectrum communication  
Amplitude-compandored single sideband  
AMTOR  
Time domain frequency modulation

A-005-09-02 (4)  
What is the term used to describe a spread spectrum communications system where the centre frequency of a conventional carrier is altered many times per second in accordance with a pseudo- random list of channels?  
Direct sequence  
Time-domain frequency modulation  
Frequency compandored spread spectrum  
Frequency hopping

A-005-09-03 (3)  
What term is used to describe a spread spectrum communications system in which a very fast binary bit stream is used to shift the phase of an RF carrier?  
Frequency hopping  
Phase compandored spread spectrum  
Direct sequence  
Binary phase-shift keying

A-005-09-04 (1)  
Frequency hopping is used with which type of transmission?  
Spread spectrum  
AMTOR  
Packet  
RTTY



A-005-09-05 (1)

Direct sequence is used with which type of transmission?

Spread spectrum

AMTOR

Packet

RTTY

A-005-09-06 (3)

Which type of signal is used to produce a predetermined alteration in the carrier for spread spectrum communication?

Frequency-compandored sequence

Quantizing noise

Pseudo-random sequence

Random noise sequence

A-005-09-07 (4)

Why is it difficult to monitor a spread spectrum transmission?

It requires narrower bandwidth than most receivers have

It varies too quickly in amplitude

The signal is too distorted for comfortable listening

Your receiver must be frequency-synchronized to the transmitter

A-005-09-08 (3)

What is frequency hopping spread spectrum?

The carrier is amplitude-modulated over a wide range called the spread

The carrier is frequency-compandored

The carrier is altered in accordance with a pseudo-random list of channels

The carrier is phase-shifted by a fast binary bit stream

A-005-09-09 (3)

What is direct-sequence spread spectrum?

The carrier is amplitude modulated over a range called the spread

The carrier is frequency-compandored

The carrier is phase-shifted by a fast binary bit stream

The carrier is altered in accordance with a pseudo-random list of channels

A-005-09-10 (2)

Why are received spread-spectrum signals so resistant to interference?

The receiver is always equipped with a special digital signal processor (DSP) interference filter

Signals not using the spectrum-spreading algorithm are suppressed in the receiver

If interference is detected by the receiver, it will signal the transmitter to change frequencies

The high power used by a spread-spectrum transmitter keeps its signal from being easily overpowered

A-005-09-11 (1)

How does the spread-spectrum technique of frequency hopping (FH) work?

The frequency of an RF carrier is changed very rapidly according to a particular pseudo-random sequence

If interference is detected by the receiver, it will signal the transmitter to change frequency

If interference is detected by the receiver, it will signal the transmitter to wait until the frequency is clear

A pseudo-random bit stream is used to shift the phase of an RF carrier very rapidly in a particular sequence

A-006-01-01 (3)

What are the advantages of the frequency-conversion process in a superheterodyne receiver?  
Automatic detection in the RF amplifier and increased sensitivity  
Automatic soft-limiting and automatic squelching  
Increased selectivity and optimal tuned circuit design  
Automatic squelching and increased sensitivity

A-006-01-02 (1)

What factors should be considered when selecting an intermediate frequency?  
Image rejection  
Noise figure and distortion  
Interference to other services  
Cross-modulation distortion and interference

A-006-01-03 (3)

One of the greatest advantages of the double-conversion over the single-conversion receiver is that it:  
is much more stable  
is much more sensitive  
suffers less from image interference  
produces a louder signal at the output

A-006-01-04 (1)

In a communications receiver, a crystal filter would be located in the:  
IF circuits  
local oscillator  
audio output stage  
detector

A-006-01-05 (1)

A multiconversion superheterodyne receiver is more susceptible to spurious responses than a single-conversion receiver because of the:  
additional oscillators and mixing frequencies involved in the design

poorer selectivity in the IF caused by the multitude of frequency changes  
greater sensitivity introducing higher levels of RF to the receiver  
AGC being forced to work harder causing the stages concerned to overload

A-006-01-06 (2)

Most superheterodyne receivers operating on the HF amateur bands through to 30 MHz use a standard intermediate frequency (IF) of:  
200 kHz  
455 kHz  
500 kHz  
355 kHz

A-006-01-07 (4)

Which stage of a receiver has its input and output circuits tuned to the received frequency?  
The local oscillator  
The audio frequency amplifier  
The detector  
The RF amplifier

A-006-01-08 (4)

Which stage of a superheterodyne receiver lies between a tuneable stage and a fixed tuned stage?  
Radio frequency amplifier  
Intermediate frequency amplifier  
Local oscillator  
Mixer

A-006-01-09 (4)

A single conversion receiver with a 9 MHz IF has a local oscillator operating at 16 MHz. The frequency it is tuned to is:  
16 MHz  
21 MHz  
9 MHz  
7 MHz

A-006-01-10 (2)

A double conversion receiver designed for SSB reception has a beat frequency oscillator and:

- one IF stage and one local oscillator
- two IF stages and two local oscillators
- two IF stages and three local oscillators
- two IF stages and one local oscillator

A-006-01-11 (2)

The advantage of a double conversion receiver over a single conversion receiver is that it:

- does not drift off frequency
- suffers less from image interference
- is a more sensitive receiver
- produces a louder audio signal

A-006-02-01 (4)

The mixer stage of a superheterodyne receiver is used to:

- allow a number of IF frequencies to be used
- remove image signals from the receiver
- produce an audio frequency for the speaker
- change the frequency of the incoming signal to that of the IF

A-006-02-02 (1)

A superheterodyne receiver designed for SSB reception must have a beat-frequency oscillator (BFO) because:

- the suppressed carrier must be replaced for detection

- it phases out the unwanted sideband signal
- it reduces the pass-band of the IF stages
- it beats with the receiver carrier to produce the missing sideband

A-006-02-03 (4)

The first mixer in the receiver mixes the incoming signal with the local oscillator to produce:

- an audio frequency
- a radio frequency
- a high frequency oscillator (HFO) frequency
- an intermediate frequency

A-006-02-04 (1)

If the incoming signal to the mixer is 3 600 kHz and the first IF is 9 MHz, at which one of the following frequencies would the high frequency oscillator (HFO) operate?

- 5 400 kHz
- 3 400 kHz
- 10 600 kHz
- 21 600 kHz

A-006-02-05 (1)

The BFO is off-set slightly (500 - 1 500 Hz) from the incoming signal to the detector. This is required:

- to beat with the incoming signal
- to pass the signal without interruption
- to provide additional amplification
- to protect the incoming signal from interference

A-006-02-06 (1)

It is very important that the oscillators contained in a superheterodyne receiver are:

- stable and spectrally pure
- sensitive and selective
- stable and sensitive
- selective and spectrally pure

A-006-02-07 (4)

In a superhetrodyne receiver, a stage before the IF amplifier has a variable capacitor in parallel with a trimmer capacitor and an inductance. The variable capacitor is for:  
tuning both the antenna and the BFO  
tuning of the beat-frequency oscillator (BFO)

tuning both the antenna and the HFO  
tuning of the high-frequency oscillator (HFO)

A-006-02-08 (4)

In a superhetrodyne receiver without an RF amplifier, the input to the mixer stage has a variable capacitor in parallel with an inductance. The variable capacitor is for:  
tuning both the antenna and the BFO  
tuning the beat-frequency oscillator (BFO)

tuning both the antenna and the HFO  
tuning of the antenna

A-006-02-09 (4)

What receiver stage combines a 14.25-MHz input signal with a 13.795-MHz oscillator signal to produce a 455-kHz intermediate frequency (IF) signal?

BFO

VFO

Multiplier

Mixer

A-006-02-10 (4)

Which two stages in a superheterodyne receiver have input tuned circuits tuned to the same frequency?

IF and local oscillator

RF and IF

RF and local oscillator

RF and first mixer

A-006-02-11 (1)

The mixer stage of a superheterodyne receiver:

produces an intermediate frequency

produces spurious signals

acts as a buffer stage

demodulates SSB signals

A-006-03-01 (4)

What is meant by the noise floor of a receiver?

The weakest signal that can be detected under noisy atmospheric conditions

The minimum level of noise that will overload the receiver RF amplifier stage

The amount of noise generated by the receiver local oscillator

The weakest signal that can be detected above the receiver internal noise

A-006-03-02 (2)

Which of the following is a purpose of the first IF amplifier stage in a receiver?

To tune out cross-modulation distortion

To improve selectivity

To increase dynamic response

To improve noise figure performance

A-006-03-03 (2)

How much gain should be used in the RF amplifier stage of a receiver?

As much gain as possible, short of self-oscillation

Sufficient gain to allow weak signals to overcome noise generated in the first mixer stage

It depends on the amplification factor of the first IF stage

Sufficient gain to keep weak signals

below the noise of the first mixer stage

A-006-03-04 (4)

What is the primary purpose of an RF amplifier in a receiver?

To vary the receiver image rejection by using the AGC

To develop the AGC voltage

To provide most of the receiver gain

To improve the receiver noise figure

A-006-03-05 (3)

What is the primary source of noise that can be heard in a VHF/UHF band receiver with its antenna connected?

Detector noise

Atmospheric noise

Receiver front-end noise

Man-made noise

A-006-03-06 (2)

What is the term used for the decibel difference (or ratio) between the largest tolerable receiver input signal (without causing audible distortion products) and the minimum discernible signal (sensitivity)?

design parameter

dynamic range

stability

noise figure

A-006-03-07 (3)

The lower the receiver noise figure becomes, the greater will be the receiver's \_\_\_\_\_ :

rejection of unwanted signals

selectivity

sensitivity

stability

A-006-03-08 (3)

The noise generated in a receiver of good design originates in the:

detector and AF amplifier

BFO and detector

RF amplifier and mixer

IF amplifier and detector

A-006-03-09 (2)

Why are very low noise figures relatively unimportant for a receiver? the received signal creates high noise levels

external HF noise, man-made and natural, are higher than the internal noise generated by the receiver

the use of SSB and CW on the HF bands overcomes the noise

regardless of the front end, the succeeding stages when used on HF are very noisy

A-006-03-10 (1)

The term which relates specifically to the amplitude levels of multiple signals that can be accommodated during reception is called:

dynamic range

AGC

cross-modulation index

noise figure

A-006-03-11 (4)

Normally, front-end selectivity is provided by the resonant networks both before and after the RF stage in a superheterodyne receiver. This whole section of the receiver is often referred to as the:

preamplifier

pass-selector

preselector

A-006-04-01 (2)

What audio shaping network is added at an FM receiver to restore proportionally attenuated lower audio frequencies?

A pre-emphasis network

A de-emphasis network

An audio prescaler

A heterodyne suppressor

A-006-04-02 (4)

What does a product detector do?

It provides local oscillations for input to a mixer

It amplifies and narrows band-pass frequencies

It detects cross-modulation products

It mixes an incoming signal with a locally generated carrier

A-006-04-03 (2)

Distortion in a receiver that only affects strong signals usually indicates a defect in the:

IF amplifier

AGC

AF amplifier

RF amplifier

A-006-04-04 (1)

In a superheterodyne receiver with AGC, as the strength of the signal increases, the AGC:

reduces the receiver gain

increases the receiver gain

distorts the signal

introduces limiting

A-006-04-05 (2)

The amplified IF signal is applied to the \_\_\_\_\_ stage in a superheterodyne receiver:

RF amplifier

detector

audio output

HFO

A-006-04-06 (1)

The low-level output of a detector is:

applied to the AF amplifier

grounded via the chassis

fed directly to the speaker

applied to the RF amplifier

A-006-04-07 (3)

The overall output of an AM/CW/SSB receiver can be adjusted by means of manual controls on the receiver or by use of a circuit known as:

automatic frequency control

inverse gain control

automatic gain control

automatic load control

A-006-04-08 (4)

AGC voltage is applied to the:

AF and IF amplifiers

RF and AF amplifiers

detector and AF amplifiers

RF and IF amplifiers

A-006-04-09 (2)

AGC is derived in a receiver from one of two circuits. Depending on the method used, it is called:

RF derived or audio derived

IF derived or audio derived

IF derived or RF derived

detector derived or audio derived

A-006-04-10 (4)

In a superheterodyne receiver, the output of an oscillator is connected to a transformer. What is the function of the transformer?

It provides isolation between the high-frequency oscillator and the detector

It provides tuning for the output of the intermediate frequency amplifier

It provides tuning for the input of the intermediate frequency amplifier

It provides coupling between the beat-frequency oscillator and the detector

A-006-04-11 (4)

What circuit combines signals from an IF amplifier stage and a beat-frequency oscillator (BFO), to produce an audio signal?

An AGC circuit

A power supply circuit

A VFO circuit

A detector circuit

A-006-05-01 (4)

What part of a superheterodyne receiver determines the image rejection ratio of the receiver?

Product detector

AGC loop

IF filter

RF amplifier

A-006-05-02 (2)

What is the term for the reduction in receiver sensitivity caused by a strong signal near the received frequency?

Cross-modulation interference

Desensitization

Squelch gain rollback

Quieting

A-006-05-03 (3)

What causes receiver desensitization?

Squelch gain adjusted too high

Squelch gain adjusted too low

Strong adjacent channel signals

Audio gain adjusted too low

A-006-05-04 (2)

What is one way receiver desensitization can be reduced?

Decrease the receiver squelch gain

Shield the receiver from the transmitter causing the problem

Increase the receiver bandwidth

Increase the transmitter audio gain

A-006-05-05 (1)

What causes intermodulation in an electronic circuit?

Nonlinear circuits or devices

Too little gain

Positive feedback

Lack of neutralization

A-006-05-06 (1)

Which of the following is an important reason for using a VHF intermediate frequency in an HF receiver?

To move the image response far away from the filter passband

To provide a greater tuning range

To tune out cross-modulation distortion

To prevent the generation of spurious mixer products

A-006-05-07 (2)

Intermodulation distortion is produced by:

the interaction of products from high-powered transmitters in the area

the mixing of more than one signal in the mixer of a superheterodyne receiver

the high-voltage stages in the final amplifier of an amplitude or frequency-modulated transmitter

the mixing of more than one signal in the first or second intermediate frequency amplifiers of a receiver

A-006-05-08 (4)

Three of the following answers are direct causes of instability in a receiver.

Choose the answer which is NOT a direct cause:

mechanical strength

feedback components

temperature

dial tracking

A-006-05-09 (2)

Poor stability in a receiver usually originates in the:  
detector  
local oscillator and power supply  
RF amplifier  
mixer

A-006-05-10 (4)

Poor dynamic range of a receiver can cause many problems when a strong signal appears within the front-end bandpass or even outside it. Which of the following is NOT caused as a direct result?

Desensitization  
Intermodulation  
Cross-modulation  
Feedback

A-006-05-11 (3)

If a receiver mixes a 13.800-MHz VFO with a 14.255-MHz received signal to produce a 455-kHz intermediate frequency (IF) signal, what type of interference will a 13.345-MHz signal produce in the receiver?

Intermediate interference  
Mixer interference  
Image response  
Local oscillator

A-007-01-01 (3)

For an antenna tuner of the "Transformer" type, which of the following statements is FALSE?  
The input is suitable for 50 ohm impedance  
The output is suitable for impedances from low to high  
The circuit is known as a Pi-type antenna tuner (transmatch)  
The circuit is known as a transformer-type antenna tuner (transmatch)

A-007-01-02 (4)

For an antenna tuner of the "Series" type, which of the following statements is FALSE?

The circuit is known as a Series-type antenna tuner (transmatch)  
The output is suitable for impedances from low to high  
The input is suitable for impedance of 50 ohms  
The circuit is known as a Pi-type antenna tuner (transmatch)

A-007-01-03 (3)

For an antenna tuner of the "L" type, which of the following statements is FALSE?

The transmitter input is suitable for 50 ohms impedance  
The antenna output is high impedance  
The circuit is suitable for matching to a vertical groundplane antenna  
The circuit is known as an L-type antenna tuner (transmatch)

A-007-01-04 (3)

For an antenna tuner of the "Pi" type, which of the following statements is FALSE?  
The transmitter input is suitable for impedance of 50 ohms  
The antenna output is suitable for impedances from low to high  
The circuit is a series-type antenna tuner (transmatch)  
The circuit is a Pi-type antenna tuner (transmatch)



A-007-01-05 (3)

What is a pi-network?

An antenna matching network that is isolated from ground

A network consisting of four inductors or four capacitors

A network consisting of one inductor and two capacitors or two inductors and one capacitor

A power incidence network

A-007-01-06 (3)

Which type of network offers the greatest transformation ratio?

Chebyshev

Butterworth

Pi-network

L-network

A-007-01-07 (2)

Why is an L-network of limited utility in impedance matching?

It is thermally unstable

It matches only a small impedance range

It is prone to self-resonance

It has limited power handling capability

A-007-01-08 (3)

How does a network transform one impedance to another?

It produces transconductance to cancel the reactive part of an impedance

It introduces negative resistance to cancel the resistive part of an impedance

It cancels the reactive part of an impedance and changes the resistive part

Network resistances substitute for load resistances

A-007-01-09 (1)

What advantage does a pi-L network have over a pi-network for impedance matching between a vacuum tube linear amplifier and a multiband antenna?

Greater harmonic suppression

Higher efficiency

Lower losses

Greater transformation range

A-007-01-10 (3)

Which type of network provides the greatest harmonic suppression?

Inverse pi-network

Pi-network

Pi-L network

L-network

A-007-01-11 (3)

Which three types of networks are most commonly used to match an RF power amplifier to a transmission line?

T, M and Q

M, pi and T

L, pi and pi-L

L, M and C

A-007-02-01 (3)

What kind of impedance does a quarter wavelength transmission line present to the source when the line is shorted at the far end?

The same as the characteristic impedance of the transmission line

The same as the output impedance of the source

A very high impedance

A very low impedance

A-007-02-02 (4)

What kind of impedance does a quarter wavelength transmission line present to the source if the line is open at the far end?

A very high impedance

The same as the output impedance of the source

The same as the characteristic impedance of the transmission line

A very low impedance

A-007-02-03 (3)

What kind of impedance does a half wavelength transmission line present to the source when the line is open at the far end?

The same as the characteristic impedance of the transmission line  
The same as the output impedance of the source

A very high impedance

A very low impedance

A-007-02-04 (3)

What kind of impedance does a half wavelength transmission line present to the source when the line is shorted at the far end?

A very high impedance

The same as the characteristic impedance of the transmission line

A very low impedance

The same as the output impedance of the source

A-007-02-05 (3)

What is the velocity factor of a transmission line?

The velocity of the wave on the transmission line multiplied by the velocity of light in a vacuum

The index of shielding for coaxial cable

The velocity of the wave on the transmission line divided by the velocity of light

The ratio of the characteristic impedance of the line to the terminating impedance

A-007-02-06 (4)

What is the term for the ratio of the actual velocity at which a signal travels through a transmission line to the speed of light in a vacuum?

Characteristic impedance

Surge impedance

Standing wave ratio

Velocity factor

A-007-02-07 (2)

What is a typical velocity factor for coaxial cable with polyethylene dielectric?

0.33

0.66

0.1

2.7

A-007-02-08 (4)

What determines the velocity factor in a transmission line?

The line length

The centre conductor resistivity

The terminal impedance

Dielectrics in the line

A-007-02-09 (4)

Why is the physical length of a coaxial cable shorter than its electrical length?

The surge impedance is higher in the parallel feed line

Skin effect is less pronounced in the coaxial cable

The characteristic impedance is higher in a parallel feed line

RF energy moves slower along the coaxial cable than in air

A-007-02-10 (1)

The reciprocal of the square root of the dielectric constant of the material used to separate the conductors in a transmission line gives the \_\_\_\_\_ of the line:

velocity factor

VSWR

impedance

hermetic losses

A-007-02-11 (1)

The velocity factor of a transmission line is the:

ratio of the velocity of propagation in the transmission line to the velocity of propagation in free space

impedance of the line, e.g. 50 ohm, 75 ohm, etc.

speed at which the signal travels in free space

speed to which the standing waves are reflected back to the transmitter

A-007-03-01 (4)

What term describes a method used to match a high-impedance transmission line to a lower impedance antenna by connecting the line to the driven element in two places, spaced a fraction of a wavelength on each side of the driven element centre?

The gamma match

The omega match

The stub match

The T match

A-007-03-02 (2)

What term describes an unbalanced feed system in which the driven element of an antenna is fed both at the centre and a fraction of a wavelength to one side of centre?

The omega match

The gamma match

The stub match

The T match

A-007-03-03 (1)

What term describes a method of antenna impedance matching that uses a short section of transmission line connected to the antenna feed line near the antenna and perpendicular to the feed line?

The stub match

The omega match

The delta match

The gamma match

A-007-03-04 (4)

What would be the physical length of a typical coaxial stub that is electrically one quarter wavelength long at 14.1 MHz? (Assume a velocity factor of 0.66)

20 metres (65.6 feet)

2.33 metres (7.64 feet)

0.25 metre (0.82 foot)

3.51 metres (11.5 feet)

A-007-03-05 (1)

The driven element of a Yagi antenna is connected to a coaxial transmission line. The coax braid is connected to the centre of the driven element and the centre conductor is connected to a variable capacitor in series with an adjustable mechanical arrangement on one side of the driven element. The type of matching is:

gamma match

lambda match

"T" match

zeta match

A-007-03-06 (3)

A quarter-wave stub, for use at 15 MHz, is made from a coaxial cable having a velocity factor of 0.8. Its physical length will be:

12 m (39.4 ft)

8 m (26.2 ft)

4 m (13.1 ft)

7.5 m (24.6 ft)

A-007-03-07 (1)

The matching of a driven element with a single adjustable mechanical and capacitive arrangement is descriptive of:

a "gamma" match

a "T" match

an "omega" match

a "Y" match

A-007-03-08 (1)

A Yagi antenna uses a gamma match.  
The coaxial braid connects to:  
the centre of the driven element  
the variable capacitor  
the adjustable gamma rod  
the centre of the reflector

A-007-03-09 (1)

A Yagi antenna uses a gamma match.  
The centre of the driven element connects to:  
the coaxial line braid  
the coaxial line centre conductor  
the adjustable gamma rod  
a variable capacitor

A-007-03-10 (2)

A Yagi antenna uses a gamma match.  
The adjustable gamma rod connects to:  
the coaxial line centre conductor  
the variable capacitor  
an adjustable point on the reflector  
the centre of the driven element

A-007-03-11 (4)

A Yagi antenna uses a gamma match.  
The variable capacitor connects to the:  
an adjustable point on the director  
center of the driven element  
coaxial line braid  
adjustable gamma rod

A-007-04-01 (4)

In a half-wave dipole, the distribution of \_\_\_\_\_ is highest at each end.  
current  
inductance  
capacitance  
voltage

A-007-04-02 (4)

In a half-wave dipole, the distribution of \_\_\_\_\_ is lowest at each end.  
voltage  
inductance

capacitance  
current

A-007-04-03 (2)

The feed point in a centre-fed half-wave antenna is at the point of:  
minimum current  
maximum current  
minimum voltage and current  
maximum voltage

A-007-04-04 (4)

In a half-wave dipole, the lowest distribution of \_\_\_\_\_ occurs at the middle.  
capacity  
inductance  
current  
voltage

A-007-04-05 (3)

In a half-wave dipole, the highest distribution of \_\_\_\_\_ occurs at the middle.  
inductance  
voltage  
current  
capacity

A-007-04-06 (1)

A half-wave dipole antenna is normally fed at the point where:  
the current is maximum  
the voltage is maximum  
the resistance is maximum  
the antenna is resonant

A-007-04-07 (4)

At the ends of a half-wave dipole:  
voltage and current are both high  
voltage and current are both low  
voltage is low and current is high  
voltage is high and current is low

A-007-04-08 (3)

The impedance of a half-wave antenna at its centre is low, because at this point:  
voltage and current are both high  
voltage and current are both low  
voltage is low and current is high  
voltage is high and current is low

A-007-04-09 (3)

In a half-wave dipole, where does minimum voltage occur?

At the right end

It is equal at all points

The centre

Both ends

A-007-04-10 (1)

In a half-wave dipole, where does the minimum current occur?

At both ends

At the centre

It is equal at all points

At the right end

A-007-04-11 (2)

In a half-wave dipole, where does the minimum impedance occur?

It is the same at all points

At the centre

At the right end

At both ends

A-007-05-01 (4)

What is meant by circularly polarized electromagnetic waves?

Waves with an electric field bent into circular shape

Waves that circle the earth

Waves produced by a circular loop antenna

Waves with a rotating electric field

A-007-05-02 (3)

What is the polarization of an electromagnetic wave if its magnetic field is parallel to the surface of the Earth?

Elliptical

Circular

Vertical

Horizontal

A-007-05-03 (4)

What is the polarization of an electromagnetic wave if its magnetic field is perpendicular to the surface of the Earth?

Vertical

Circular

Elliptical

Horizontal

A-007-05-04 (2)

The polarization of a radio wave is taken as the direction of the lines of force in the \_\_\_\_\_ field:

force

electric

magnetic

electromagnetic

A-007-05-05 (1)

A transmitted wave is vertically polarized when:

its electrical component is vertical

the antenna is pointing north in the northern hemisphere

the antenna is parallel to the ground

its magnetic component is vertical

A-007-05-06 (4)

The polarisation of an antenna is the :  
orientation of its radiated magnetic field  
length of the radiating element  
radiation angle

orientation of its radiated electric field

A-007-05-07 (4)

A parabolic antenna is very efficient because:  
a dipole antenna can be used to pick up the received energy  
no impedance matching is required  
a horn-type radiator can be used to trap the received energy  
all the received energy is focused to a point where the pick-up antenna is located

A-007-05-08 (1)

A helical-beam antenna with right-hand polarization will best receive signals with:  
right-hand polarization  
left-hand polarization  
vertical polarization only  
horizontal polarization

A-007-05-09 (1)

One antenna which will respond simultaneously to vertically- and horizontally-polarized signals is the:  
helical-beam antenna  
folded dipole antenna  
ground-plane antenna  
quad antenna

A-007-05-10 (1)

What precaution should you take whenever you make adjustments to the feed system of a parabolic dish antenna?  
Be sure no one can activate the transmitter  
Disconnect the antenna- positioning mechanism  
Point the dish away from the sun so it doesn't concentrate solar energy on you  
Be sure you and the antenna structure are properly grounded

A-007-05-11 (1)

Why should a protective fence be placed around the base of a ground-mounted parabolic dish transmitting antenna?  
To reduce the possibility of persons being harmed by RF energy during transmissions  
To reduce the possibility that animals will damage the antenna  
To increase the property value through increased security awareness  
To protect the antenna from lightning damage and provide a good ground system for the installation

A-007-06-01 (2)

A transmitter has an output of 100 watts. The cable and connectors have a composite loss of 3 dB, and the antenna has a gain of 6 dB. What is the Effective Radiated Power?

350 watts  
200 watts  
400 watts  
300 watts

A-007-06-02 (4)

As standing wave ratio rises, so does the loss in the transmission line. This is caused by:  
high antenna currents  
high antenna voltage  
leakage to ground through the dielectric  
dielectric and conductor heat losses

A-007-06-03 (4)

What is the Effective Radiated Power of an amateur transmitter, if the transmitter output power is 200 watts, the transmission line loss is 5 watts, and the antenna power gain is 3 dB?

197 watts  
228 watts  
178 watts  
390 watts

A-007-06-04 (1)

Effective Radiated Power means the:  
transmitter output power, minus line losses, plus antenna gain  
power supplied to the antenna before the modulation of the carrier  
power supplied to the feedline plus antenna gain  
ratio of signal output power to signal input power

A-007-06-05 (3)

A transmitter has an output power of 200 watts. The coaxial and connector losses are 3 dB in total, and the antenna gain is 9 dB. What is the approximate Effective Radiated Power of this system?

- 3200 watts
- 1600 watts
- 800 watts
- 400 watts

A-007-06-06 (3)

A transmitter has a power output of 100 watts. There is a loss of 1.30 dB in the transmission line, a loss of 0.2 dB through the transmatch, and a gain of 4.50 dB in the antenna. The Effective Radiated Power (ERP) is:

- 800 watts
- 400 watts
- 200 watts
- 100 watts

A-007-06-07 (3)

If the overall gain of an amateur station is increased by 3 dB the ERP (Effective Radiated Power) will:

- decrease by 3 watts
- remain the same
- double
- be cut in half

A-007-06-08 (4)

A transmitter has a power output of 125 watts. There is a loss of 0.8 dB in the transmission line, 0.2 dB in the transmatch, and a gain of 10 dB in the antenna. The Effective Radiated Power (ERP) is:

- 1250
- 1125
- 134
- 1000

A-007-06-09 (2)

If a 3 dB gain antenna is replaced with a 9 dB gain antenna, with no other changes, the Effective Radiated Power (ERP) will increase by:

- 6
- 4
- 1.5
- 2

A-007-06-10 (4)

A transmitter has an output of 2000 watts PEP. The transmission line, connectors and transmatch have a composite loss of 1 dB, and the gain from the stacked Yagi antenna is 10 dB. What is the Effective Radiated Power (ERP) in watts PEP?

- 18 000
- 20 000
- 2009
- 16 000

A-007-06-11 (3)

A transmitter has an output of 1000 watts PEP. The coaxial cable, connectors and transmatch have a composite loss of 1 dB, and the antenna gain is 10 dB.

What is the Effective Radiated Power (ERP) in watts PEP?

- 1009
- 10 000
- 8000
- 9000

A-007-07-01 (1)

For a 3-element Yagi antenna with horizontally mounted elements, how does the main lobe takeoff angle vary with height above flat ground?

It decreases with increasing height

It increases with increasing height

It does not vary with height

It depends on E-region height, not antenna height

A-007-07-02 (3)

Most simple horizontally polarized antennas do not exhibit any directivity unless they are:

an eighth of a wavelength above the ground

a quarter wavelength above the ground

a half wavelength or more above the ground

three-eighths of a wavelength above the ground

A-007-07-03 (2)

The plane from which ground reflections can be considered to take place, or the effective ground plane for an antenna is:

as much as 6 cm below ground

depending upon soil conditions

several centimeters to as much as 2

meters below ground, depending upon soil conditions

as much as a meter above ground

at ground level exactly

A-007-07-04 (2)

Why is a ground-mounted vertical quarter-wave antenna in reasonably open surroundings better for long distance contacts than a half-wave dipole at a quarter wavelength above ground?

The radiation resistance is lower

The vertical radiation angle is lower

It has an omnidirectional characteristic

It uses vertical polarization

A-007-07-05 (4)

When a half-wave dipole antenna is installed one-half wavelength above ground, the:

radiation pattern changes to produce side lobes at 15 and 50 degrees

side lobe radiation is cancelled

radiation pattern is unaffected

vertical or upward radiation is cancelled

A-007-07-06 (2)

How does antenna height affect the horizontal (azimuthal) radiation pattern of a horizontal dipole HF antenna?

Antenna height has no effect on the pattern

If the antenna is less than one-half wavelength high, reflected radio waves from the ground significantly distort the pattern

If the antenna is less than one-half wavelength high, radiation off the ends of the wire is eliminated

If the antenna is too high, the pattern becomes unpredictable

A-007-07-07 (2)

For long distance propagation, the vertical radiation angle of the energy from the antenna should be:

more than 45 degrees but less than 90 degrees

less than 30 degrees

90 degrees

more than 30 degrees but less than 45 degrees

A-007-07-08 (2)

Greater distance can be covered with multiple-hop transmissions by decreasing the:

power applied to the antenna

vertical radiation angle of the antenna

main height of the antenna

length of the antenna



A-007-07-09 (1)

The impedance at the centre of a dipole antenna more than 3 wavelengths above ground would be nearest to:

75 ohms

25 ohms

300 ohms

600 ohms

A-007-07-10 (2)

What is the main reason why so many VHF base and mobile antennas are  $\frac{5}{8}$  of a wavelength?

The angle of radiation is high giving excellent local coverage

Most of the energy is radiated at a low angle

It's easy to match the antenna to the transmitter

It's a convenient length on VHF

A-007-07-11 (1)

The most important consideration when deciding upon an antenna for contacting stations at great distances (DX) is:

vertical angle of radiation

sunspot activity

impedance

bandwidth

A-007-08-01 (4)

What is meant by the radiation resistance of an antenna?

The resistance in the atmosphere that an antenna must overcome to be able to radiate a signal

The specific impedance of an antenna

The combined losses of the antenna elements and feed line

The equivalent resistance that would dissipate the same amount of power as that radiated from an antenna

A-007-08-02 (3)

Why would one need to know the radiation resistance of an antenna?

To measure the near-field radiation density from a transmitting antenna

To calculate the front-to-side ratio of the antenna

To match impedances for maximum power transfer

To calculate the front-to-back ratio of the antenna

A-007-08-03 (1)

What factors determine the radiation resistance of an antenna?

Antenna location with respect to nearby objects and the conductors

length/diameter ratio

Transmission line length and antenna height

Sunspot activity and time of day

It is a physical constant and is the same for all antennas

A-007-08-04 (4)

What is the term for the ratio of the radiation resistance of an antenna to the total resistance of the system?

Beamwidth

Effective Radiated Power

Radiation conversion loss

Antenna efficiency

A-007-08-05 (2)

What is included in the total resistance of an antenna system?

Radiation resistance plus transmission resistance

Radiation resistance plus ohmic resistance

Transmission line resistance plus radiation resistance

Radiation resistance plus space impedance

A-007-08-06 (2)

How can the approximate beamwidth of a beam antenna be determined?

Draw two imaginary lines through the ends of the elements and measure the angle between the lines

Note the two points where the signal strength is down 3 dB from the maximum signal point and compute the angular difference

Measure the ratio of the signal strengths of the radiated power lobes from the front and side of the antenna

Measure the ratio of the signal strengths of the radiated power lobes from the front and rear of the antenna

A-007-08-07 (4)

How is antenna percent efficiency calculated?

$(\text{radiation resistance} / \text{transmission resistance}) \times 100$

$(\text{total resistance} / \text{radiation resistance}) \times 100$

$(\text{effective radiated power} / \text{transmitter output}) \times 100$

$(\text{radiation resistance} / \text{total resistance}) \times 100$

A-007-08-08 (1)

What is the term used for an equivalent resistance which would dissipate the same amount of energy as that radiated from an antenna?

Radiation resistance

"j" factor

Antenna resistance

"K" factor

A-007-08-09 (1)

Antenna beamwidth is the angular distance between :

the points on the major lobe at the half-power points

the maximum lobe spread points on the major lobe

the 6 dB power points on the major lobe  
the 3 dB power points on the first minor lobe

A-007-08-10 (3)

If the ohmic resistance of a half-wave dipole is 2 ohms, and the radiation resistance is 72 ohms, what is the antenna efficiency?

74%

72%

97.3%

100%

A-007-08-11 (2)

If the ohmic resistance of a miniloop antenna is 2 milliohms and the radiation resistance is 50 milliohms, what is the antenna efficiency?

52%

96.15%

25%

50%

A-007-09-01 (2)

Waveguide is typically used:

at frequencies above 2 MHz

at frequencies above 1500 MHz

at frequencies below 150 MHz

at frequencies below 1500 MHz

A-007-09-02 (3)

Which of the following is NOT CORRECT? Waveguide is an efficient transmission medium because it features :

low radiation loss

low dielectric loss

low hysteresis loss

low copper loss

A-007-09-03 (2)

Which of the following is an advantage of waveguide as a transmission line?

Frequency sensitive based on dimensions

Low loss

Expensive

Heavy and difficult to install

A-007-09-04 (3)

For rectangular waveguide to transfer energy, the cross-section should be at least:

three-eighths wavelength

one-eighth wavelength

one-half wavelength

one-quarter wavelength

A-007-09-05 (2)

Which of the following statements about waveguide IS NOT correct?

In the transverse electric mode, a component of the magnetic field is in the direction of propagation

Waveguide has high loss at high

frequencies, but low loss below cutoff frequency

In the transverse magnetic mode, a component of the electric field is in the direction of propagation

Waveguide has low loss at high frequencies, but high loss below cutoff frequency

A-007-09-06 (3)

Which of the following is a major advantage of waveguide over coaxial cable for use at microwave frequencies?

Frequency response from 1.8 MHz to 24 GHz

Easy to install

Very low losses

Inexpensive to install

A-007-09-07 (2)

What is printed circuit transmission line called?

Dielectric substrate

Microstripline

Dielectric imprinting

Ground plane

A-007-09-08 (1)

Compared with coaxial cable, microstripline:

has poorer shielding

has superior shielding

must have much lower characteristic impedance

must have much higher characteristic impedance

A-007-09-09 (4)

A section of waveguide:

operates like a low-pass filter

operates like a band-stop filter

is lightweight and easy to install

operates like a high-pass filter

A-007-09-10 (4)

Microstripline is:

a small semiconductor family

a high power microwave antenna

a family of fluids for removing coatings from small parts

printed circuit transmission line

A-007-09-11 (2)

What precautions should you take before beginning repairs on a microwave feed horn or waveguide?

Be sure the weather is dry and sunny

Be sure the transmitter is turned off and

the power source is disconnected

Be sure propagation conditions are unfavorable for tropospheric ducting

Be sure to wear tight-fitting clothes and gloves to protect your body and hands from sharp edge