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# Theoretical part – a set of questions from electronics (30 points)

Prepare an answer to each question. You get 1 point for each completely correct answer.

For tasks requiring calculation, use the space within the question or the back of the test. Clearly mark each task with a serial number. Each result must also contain the correct units. A numerical result without units or a sufficiently detailed calculation (or a reasoned result) will not be recognized!

#### **Theoretical electrical engineering**

1. Calculate the value of the complex impedance of the series combination of a resistor R = 10  $\Omega$  and a capacitor of capacity C = 10  $\mu$  F at a frequency f = 1000 Hz.

## Z =

2. On the PCB, the conductor is I = 12 mm long and 0.4 mm wide. The thickness of the cladding of the base material is 35  $\mu$  m. Calculate the resistance of this conductor (resistivity of copper  $\rho$  = 1.75.10-8  $\Omega$ .m)

## R conductor =

3. The following figure shows a part of the circuit whose task is to measure the current from the battery to the load using a shunt. Three identical resistors are used with the resistance value R1=R2=R3= 10 m  $\Omega$ . Calculate the magnitude of the voltage between terminals 1 and 2 for the value of the flowing current I = 20 A



# U 1-2 =

The circuit board for this circuit was designed by a student who reasonably did not make it to the ZENIT national finals. His proposal is in



the picture. The connecting wires have a width of 0.4 mm, the copper thickness is  $35 \,\mu m$ . The grid is in millimeters:

 Draw a substitute diagram of the actual circuit on the printed circuit board, including the values of the individual elements (neglect the resistance of the soldering pads of the resistors, the input and output wires)





 Calculate the actual voltage drop between terminals 1 and 2 for a current value of I = 20 A (use the back side for the calculation)

## U 1-2 real =

6. The laser transmits data through the air at a speed of 1 Gbit/s. The transmission works in such a way that the laser lights up in logic 1 and does not light in logic 0. Calculate the time duration of one bit (in seconds) and how long the light pulse carrying that one bit (in meters) is.

t 1 bit =

# 1 1 <sub>bit</sub> =

7. Tomorrow, in the practical part, you will use an object that behaves like a series resonant circuit. Its replacement circuit has element values C = 0.2 fF, L = 1.2665147 H, R =  $90 \Omega$ . Calculate its resonant frequency.

### f =

**Bonus:** You must have noticed the extreme value of capacitance and inductance. This circuit has a very high quality factor. What kind of resonant circuit is it? What will you be working with tomorrow?

- 8. Draw the second-order low-pass filter circuit
- Sketch the amplitude-frequency characteristic of the filter from the previous question (the socalled Bode diagram). Mark all the important areas - pass band, cutoff frequency, slope of the characteristic in the damping band, correct units on the axes, etc.

10. The analog-to-digital converter in the meter has a full ±5 V input voltage range and infinite input resistance. We want to use it to measure the DC input voltage in the range of ±500 V. Suggest how to connect the input voltage to the AD converter so that its dynamic range is optimally used. Draw the connection. Calculate the values of all elements (from the E24 series). Ensure that the power loss in this auxiliary circuit is not more than 1 W at maximum input voltage.

11. The power transistor amplifier has a supply voltage of U = 50 V, delivers an output power of P = 2 MW to the load and achieves an efficiency of 65%. Calculate the current flowing from the DC power supply of this amplifier

## I source =

12. Draw a schematic diagram of an alternatingcoupled common-emitter transistor amplifier. Correctly describe all important nodes and signals.

13. An amplifier with a gain of G = 10 dB has a voltage U  $_{IN} = 1 \text{ mV}$  at the input. Calculate the magnitude of the output voltage

# U <sub>OUT</sub> =

14. What is the mean value of a sine wave if it has a DC component equal to zero and its rms value is 1.4142 V?

U mean =

#### Electronic circuits and general knowledge

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- 15. What is the main difference between a bipolar transistor and a field-effect transistor?
- 16. What is the function of the wiring in the picture?



17. Mark which of the following electronic elements does not contain any PN transition (or parasitic)?



**Measurement in electrical engineering** With a very accurate laboratory multimeter (Fluke 8588A), we measured the resistance value of the same resistor in two ways:

two-wire connection



and four-wire connection



Theoretical part, category A

18. What is the most likely resistance value of the measured resistor?

## R =

- 19. Explain why there is such a huge difference between the measured values? Which of these two methods is used to measure low value resistance?
- 20. Draw the Wheatstone bridge connection and state the equilibrium condition (there is zero voltage between nodes in the diagonal)

21. The frequency counter is usually a purely digital circuit, which in principle is resistant to changes in temperature, humidity, or working conditions. Which part of it is critical and determines its accuracy and stability?

#### **Numerical technique**

22. Write the truth table of a three-input NAND gate

23. Which of the following families of logic circuits is the "slowest" and will generate the lowest switching noise?

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24. Four smoke sensors are installed at regular intervals in the tunnel. Sensors have a logical output. If everything is fine, the output is a log. 0, if they noticed smoke at the output is a log.1. Design a combinational logic circuit that activates ventilation if any sensor detects smoke.

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S4 ----

25. Design a logic circuit that triggers an alarm at the monitoring station if any two adjacent sensors detect smoke

S1 ----

S2 ----

ALARM

S3 ----

S4 ----

#### Practical knowledge

- 26. Which resistor parameter is expressed in units of ppm/°C?
- 27. Which PCB design will have the best power quality characteristics for an integrated circuit?



28. In the diagram of any electronic circuit, we find a number of capacitors of values typically 1 nF to 100 nF connected between the supply voltage and ground. It is also often stated that they must be placed close to the integrated circuit. What are they called and what is their function?

- The theme of the 38th ZENIT in electronics is time and frequency. Rank the following frequency sources in order of stability (1 = best, 6 = worst)
  - \_\_\_\_ RC oscillator with logic gate
  - Ceramic resonator at the microcontroller
  - Crystal oscillator
  - \_\_\_\_ Thermostated crystal oscillator
  - Transistor LC oscillator
  - Cesium atomic clock
- 30. The microcontroller works with a supply voltage of 5 V and its output pins can drive a load of max. 5 mA. We want to use it to control power peripherals using optocouplers. The HCPL-0631 optocoupler requires an emitter



diode operating current of 20 mA and its voltampere characteristic is shown in the figure: Suggest how to connect the optocoupler to the output pin of the microcontroller and calculate the values of all elements for the operating point If = 20 mA. Consider a supply voltage of 5V. Draw the detailed wiring of the circuit, give the values of all the components.