

Transformations & Transmission of Electrical Energy

Question paper 2

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>85%	'77.5%	70%	62.5%	57.5%	45%	<45%

- 1 A student is asked to design a circuit by which a direct voltage of peak value 9.0V is obtained from a 240V alternating supply. The student uses a transformer that may be considered to be ideal and a bridge rectifier incorporating four ideal diodes. The partially completed circuit diagram is shown in Fig. 6.1.

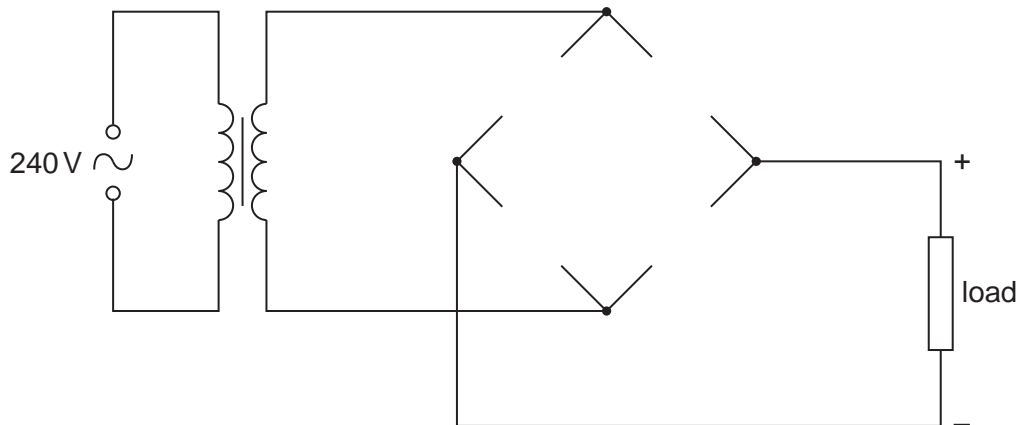


Fig. 6.1

- (a) On Fig. 6.1, draw symbols for the four diodes so as to produce the polarity across the load as shown on the diagram. [2]
- (b) Calculate the ratio

$$\frac{\text{number of turns on the secondary coil}}{\text{number of turns on the primary coil}}$$

ratio = [3]

2 An ideal iron-cored transformer is illustrated in Fig. 6.1.

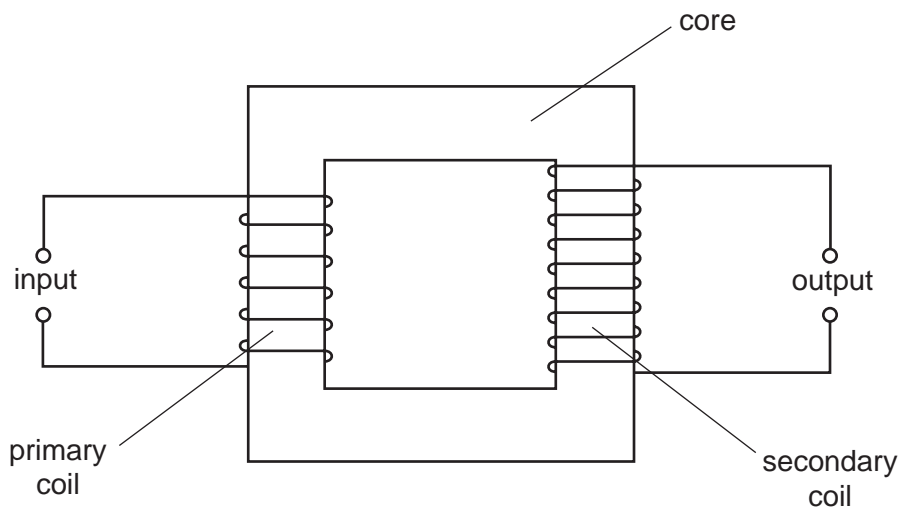


Fig. 6.1

(a) Explain why

(i) the supply to the primary coil must be alternating current, not direct current,

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(ii) for constant input power, the output current must decrease if the output voltage increases.

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- (b) Fig. 6.2 shows the variation with time t of the current I_p in the primary coil. There is no current in the secondary coil.

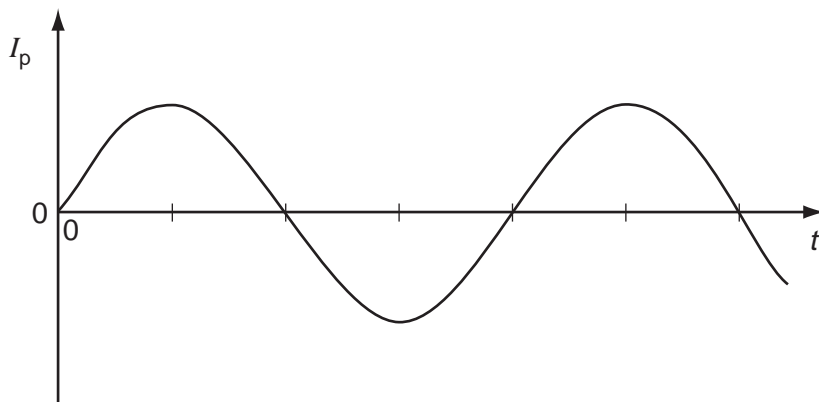


Fig. 6.2

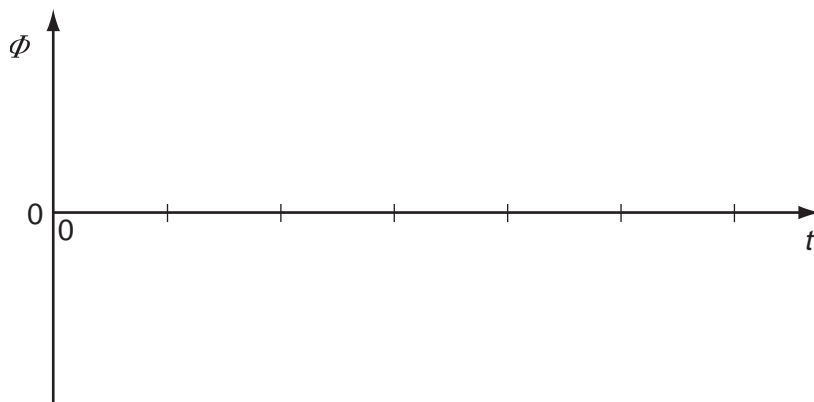


Fig. 6.3

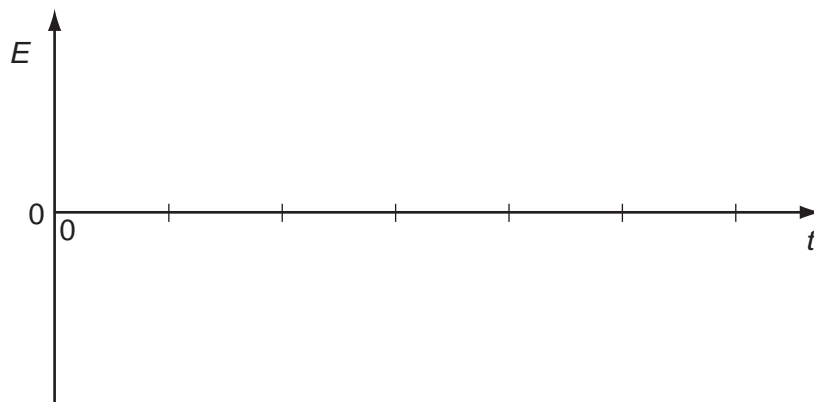


Fig. 6.4

- (i) Complete Fig. 6.3 to show the variation with time t of the magnetic flux Φ in the core. [1]
- (ii) Complete Fig. 6.4 to show the variation with time t of the e.m.f. E induced in the secondary coil. [2]
- (iii) Hence state the phase difference between the current I_p in the primary coil and the e.m.f. E induced in the secondary coil.

phase difference = [1]

3 (a) The mean value of an alternating current is zero.

Explain

(i) why an alternating current gives rise to a heating effect in a resistor,

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..... [2]

(ii) by reference to heating effect, what is meant by the root-mean-square (r.m.s.) value of an alternating current.

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(b) A simple iron-cored transformer is illustrated in Fig. 7.1.

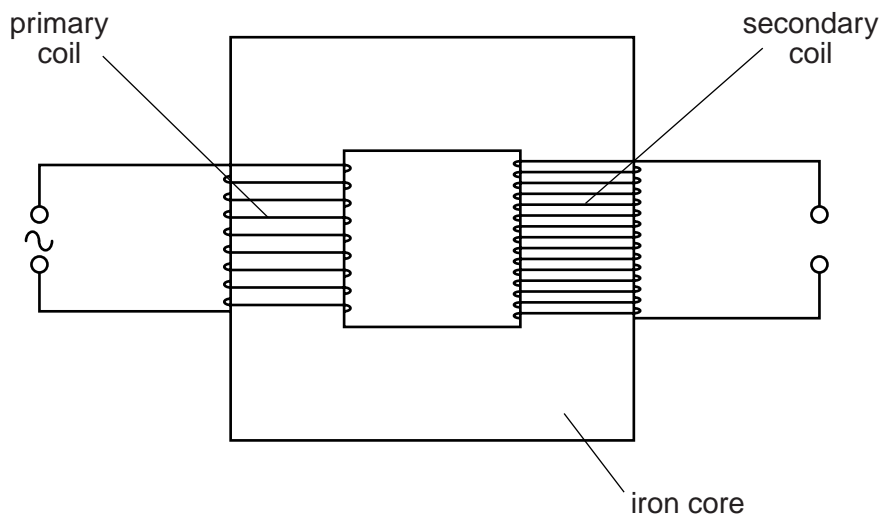


Fig. 7.1

(i) State Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.

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- (ii) Use Faraday’s law to explain why the current in the primary coil is not in phase with the e.m.f. induced in the secondary coil.

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4 An ideal transformer is illustrated in Fig. 6.1.

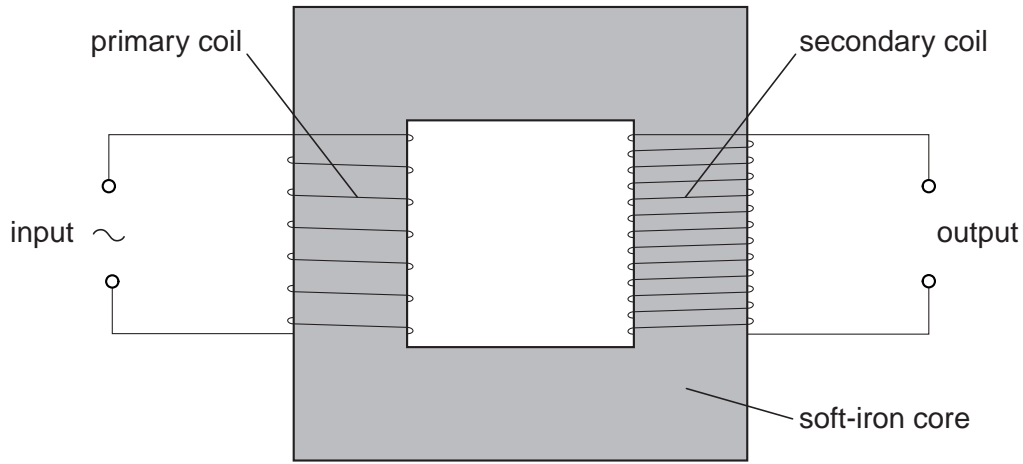


Fig. 6.1

(a) (i) State Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.

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 [2]

(ii) Use the law to explain why a transformer will not operate using a direct current input.

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 [2]

(b) (i) State Lenz's law.

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 [2]

(ii) Use Lenz's law to explain why the input potential difference and the output e.m.f. are not in phase.

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 [2]

(c) Electrical energy is usually transmitted using alternating high voltages.

Suggest one advantage, for the transmission of electrical energy, of using

(i) alternating voltage,
..... [1]

(ii) high voltage.
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5 A simple iron-cored transformer is illustrated in Fig. 6.1.

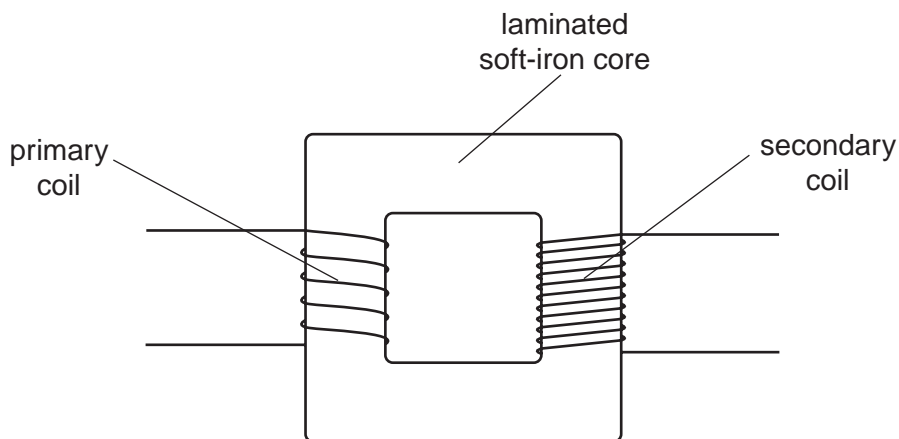


Fig. 6.1

(a) Suggest why the core is

(i) a continuous loop,

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(ii) laminated.

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..... [2]

(b) (i) State Faraday's law of electromagnetic induction.

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..... [2]

(ii) Use Faraday's law to explain the operation of the transformer.

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..... [3]

(c) State two advantages of the use of alternating voltages for the transmission and use of electrical energy.

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[2]