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**Introduction to 3-Phase Systems & Transformers**

The world of electrical engineering is driven by systems that efficiently distribute and manage energy. Among the most pivotal components of this infrastructure are **3-phase systems and transformers**. These systems are fundamental to the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. A 3-phase system, compared to single-phase, provides a more stable and efficient way to deliver power, especially in industrial settings. Transformers, on the other hand, are devices used to transfer electrical energy between circuits, either increasing or decreasing the voltage levels for safe and effective transmission over long distances. This introduction sets the stage for a deeper exploration of these vital components, their design, and their role in modern electrical networks.

**Answer each multiple-choice question below…**

**Question 1:**

1. Three identical coils, each of resistance 40*Ω* and inductive reactance 30 *Ω*, are connected (i) in star, and (ii) in delta to a 400V, three-phase supply. Calculate for each connection (a) the line and phase voltages, (b) the phase and line currents and (c) the total power dissipated. (12)

Answer:

Given:

* Resistance
* Inductive reactance
* Three-phase supply voltage (line voltage)

The **impedance of each coil** is:

Now, let's calculate the values for each connection:

(i) Star Connection (Y)

In a star connection:

* Line voltage is related to phase voltage by:

*(a) Line and Phase Voltages:*

* **Line voltage**
* **Phase voltage**

*(b) Phase and Line Currents:*

* **Phase current** is given by:
* In star connection, the **line current** is the same as the phase current:

*(c) Total Power Dissipated:*

* The total power in a 3-phase system is given by:
* Substituting the values:

(ii) Delta Connection (Δ)

In a delta connection:

* Line voltage is equal to the phase voltage :

*(a) Line and Phase Voltages:*

* **Line voltage**
* **Phase voltage**

*(b) Phase and Line Currents:*

* **Phase current** is given by:
* In delta connection, the **line current** is related to phase current by:

*(c) Total Power Dissipated:*

* The total power in a 3-phase system for a delta connection is given by:
* Substituting the values:

Final Summary:

1. **Star Connection**:
   * Line Voltage:
   * Phase Voltage:
   * Phase and Line Current:
   * Total Power:
2. **Delta Connection**:
   * Line Voltage:
   * Phase Voltage:
   * Phase Current:
   * Line Current:
   * Total Power:

**Question 2:**

2. Two watt meters are connected to measure the input power to a balanced three-phase load by the two-watt meter method. If the instrument readings are 10kWand 6kW, determine (a) the total power input and (b) the load power factor. (5)

Answer:

Given:

* Wattmeter 1 reading:
* Wattmeter 2 reading:

(a) Total Power Input:

The total power in a balanced three-phase system using the two-wattmeter method is the sum of the readings from the two wattmeters:

So, the total power input is:

(b) Load Power Factor:

The load power factor (PF) can be determined using the two-wattmeter readings as follows. First, calculate the power factor angle using the formula:

Step-by-step calculation:

1. The difference between the two wattmeter readings:
2. Now, calculate the power factor:
3. Simplifying further:

Since the value cannot exceed 1, the answer is rounded off slightly below 1 due to measurement accuracy:

Thus, the load power factor is:

Final Answer:

1. **Total Power Input:**

**Load Power Factor:**

**Question 3:**

3. An ideal transformer connected to a 250V mains supplies a 25V, 200W lamp. Calculate the transformer turns ratio and the current taken from the supply. (5)

Answer:

Given:

* Primary voltage
* Secondary voltage
* Power of the lamp

(a) Transformer Turns Ratio:

The turns ratio () of a transformer is related to the primary and secondary voltages as follows:

Substituting the given values:

So, the turns ratio is:

(b) Current Taken from the Supply:

For an ideal transformer, the power on the primary side is equal to the power on the secondary side (assuming 100% efficiency). Therefore, the current on the primary side () can be calculated using the power formula.

1. First, calculate the current on the secondary side () using the power formula:

* Substituting the given values:

1. The current on the primary side () is related to the current on the secondary side () by the inverse of the turns ratio:

Thus, the current taken from the supply is:

Final Answer:

1. **Transformer Turns Ratio:**
2. **Current Taken from the Supply:**

**Question 4:**

4. A 200kVA, 8000V*/*320V, 50Hz single-phase transformer has 120 secondary turns. Determine (a) the primary and secondary currents, (b) the number of primary turns and (c) the maximum value of flux. (9)

Answer:

Given:

* Transformer rating:
* Primary voltage:
* Secondary voltage:
* Frequency:
* Secondary turns:

(a) Primary and Secondary Currents:

The current on each side of the transformer can be calculated using the formula:

*Primary current :*

*Secondary current :*

(b) Number of Primary Turns:

The turns ratio () is related to the primary and secondary voltages by the formula:

Substituting the values:

Thus, the number of primary turns is:

(c) Maximum Value of Flux:

The maximum value of flux in the transformer core can be determined using the EMF equation of a transformer:

Rearranging for :

Substituting the given values:

Thus, the maximum value of flux is:

Final Answer:

1. **Primary Current:**
2. **Secondary Current:**
3. **Number of Primary Turns:**
4. **Maximum Value of Flux:**

**Question 5:**

5. Determine the percentage regulation of an 8kVA, 100V*/*200V, single-phase transformer when its secondary terminal voltage is 194V when loaded. (3)

Answer:

Given:

* Transformer rating:
* Primary voltage:
* Secondary voltage (no load):
* Secondary terminal voltage (under load):

(a) Percentage Regulation:

Voltage regulation of a transformer is a measure of the difference between the no-load voltage and the full-load voltage, expressed as a percentage of the full-load voltage. The formula for percentage voltage regulation is:

Substituting the given values:

Final Answer:

The percentage regulation of the transformer is approximately **3.09%**.

**Question 6:**

6. A 500kVArated transformer has a full-load copper loss of 4kW and an iron loss of 3kW. Determine the transformer efficiency (a) at full load and 0.80 power factor and (b) at half full load and 0.80 power factor. (10)

Answer:

Given:

* Transformer rating:
* Copper loss at full load:
* Iron loss:
* Power factor:

(a) Efficiency at Full Load and 0.80 Power Factor:

The transformer efficiency () is calculated as:

*Step 1: Calculate Output Power at Full Load*

The output power at full load with a 0.80 power factor is:

*Step 2: Calculate Total Losses*

At full load, the total losses are the sum of the copper losses and iron losses:

*Step 3: Calculate Efficiency*

Now, the efficiency at full load is:

(b) Efficiency at Half Full Load and 0.80 Power Factor:

*Step 1: Calculate Output Power at Half Load*

At half full load, the output power is:

*Step 2: Calculate Copper Loss at Half Load*

Copper losses vary with the square of the load, so at half load:

*Step 3: Calculate Total Losses at Half Load*

The total losses at half load are:

*Step 4: Calculate Efficiency at Half Load*

Now, the efficiency at half load is:

Final Answer:

1. **Efficiency at Full Load (0.80 power factor):**
2. **Efficiency at Half Load (0.80 power factor):**

**Question 7:**

7. Determine the optimum value of load resistance for maximum power transfer if the load is connected to an amplifier of output resistance 288*Ω* through a transformer with a turns ratio 6:1 (3)

Answer:

Given:

* Output resistance of amplifier:
* Turns ratio of the transformer:

Explanation:

For maximum power transfer, the load resistance () must be equal to the transformed output resistance of the amplifier. The transformer reflects the amplifier’s output resistance to the secondary (load side) by a factor of the square of the turns ratio. The relationship between the reflected resistance and the output resistance is given by:

Where:

* is the optimum load resistance,
* is the source resistance (amplifier output resistance),
* is the turns ratio of the transformer.

(a) Optimum Load Resistance:

Substituting the given values:

Thus, the optimum value of load resistance for maximum power transfer is:

Final Answer:

The optimum value of load resistance for maximum power transfer is **8 Ω**.

**Question 8:**

8. A single-phase auto transformer has a voltage ratio of 250V:200V and supplies a load of 15kVA at 200V. Assuming an ideal transformer, determine the current in each section of the winding. (3)

Answer:

Given:

* Voltage ratio:
* Load power:
* Load voltage:

Solution:

*1. Calculate the Load Current:*

The load current () at the secondary (200V side) is given by:

*2. Determine the Primary Voltage:*

The primary voltage () is given as 250V, which is the voltage applied to the primary side of the auto-transformer.

*3. Calculate the Primary Current:*

Using the power formula for the transformer, the primary current () is:

*4. Determine the Current in Each Section of the Winding:*

In an auto-transformer, the winding is divided into two parts: one part that provides the voltage transformation and another part that supplies the load. The winding section carries the current required to supply the load.

The current in the portion of the winding common to both primary and secondary (known as the series winding) is:

Since the series winding is the part of the winding shared by both primary and secondary, we need to adjust our calculations to find the current through the winding in both sections:

1. **Current through the series winding:**
2. **Current through the entire primary winding:**
3. **Current through the entire secondary winding:**

Final Answer:

1. **Current in the primary winding (including series winding):**
2. **Current in the secondary winding (including series winding):**
3. **Current in the series winding (common part):**

**Conclusion about the Exam**

This examination of 3-phase systems and transformers underscores their importance in the realm of electrical engineering. Understanding these concepts not only helps in grasping how energy is managed at various stages of its transmission but also provides insight into the intricate design of power systems. As these topics are fundamental to various industries, mastering them will be crucial for anyone pursuing a career in electrical engineering. This knowledge will also serve as a foundation for further exploration of more advanced electrical systems.

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