



higher education  
& training

---

Department:  
Higher Education and Training  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

T380(E)(J28)T  
**AUGUST EXAMINATION**  
**NATIONAL CERTIFICATE**  
**ELECTRICAL TRADE THEORY N1**

(11041861)

**28 July 2016 (X-Paper)**  
**09:00–12:00**

**This question paper consists of 5 pages and 1 formula sheet.**

**DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND TRAINING**  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**  
NATIONAL CERTIFICATE  
ELECTRICAL TRADE THEORY N1  
TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100

---

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer ALL the questions.
  2. Read ALL the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Write neatly and legibly.
-

**QUESTION 1**

Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Choose the answer and write only 'true' or 'false' next to the question number (1.1–1.20) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.1 Good housekeeping means and increases in production and better working conditions.
- 1.2 The tool-rest of a grinding wheel must not be more than 3 mm from the wheel.
- 1.3 Energy is the amount of work done in a specific time.
- 1.4 The formula used to calculate electrical current is  $V = I + R$ .
- 1.5 Keepers are used on the poles of a magnet when stored for long periods of time.
- 1.6 Pulsating direct current can be increased or decreased with the aid of transformers.
- 1.7 The magnetic field around a conductor can be indicated with pieces of paper.
- 1.8 Secondary cells have a long lifespan.
- 1.9 The segments of a commutator are spaced with mica.
- 1.10 RMS value is 0,637 of the maximum value.
- 1.11 In a moving-coil instrument no coil is connected to the supply.
- 1.12 Flexible conduit may be used for the end connection of fixed appliances.
- 1.13 Flame-proof appliances must be used in spray-painting booths.
- 1.14 In the right-hand grip rule, the thumb will indicate the direction of the current flow.
- 1.15 Non-metallic conduit may not be threaded.
- 1.16 Glass is a good conductor of electricity.
- 1.17 Carbon and copper are used to manufacture motor brushes.
- 1.18 Socket outlets may not be installed within a 2 m radius of a water tap unless it has earth-leakage protection.
- 1.19 Geysers must be controlled by a switch disconnecter or a socket outlet.
- 1.20 A zener diode is also known as a current-reference diode.

(20 x 1) **[20]**

**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Why is housekeeping important and desirable? (4)
- 2.2 State FIVE of the main causes of fire. (5)
- [9]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 In the equation  $I = (V \div R)$  what electrical quantities do the three letters represent and what are the units used for each of these quantities? (6)
- 3.2 Two resistors of values  $10 \Omega$  and  $20 \Omega$  are connected in parallel across a 30 V supply.  
Draw a neat, fully labelled schematic diagram of the circuit. (5)
- 3.3 Making use of the data given above, calculate the following electrical quantities:
- 3.3.1 The total resistance of the circuit (3)
- 3.3.2 The total current drawn from the supply (2)
- 3.3.3 The current flowing through each resistor (4)
- 3.3.4 The energy consumed by the circuit in two hours (4)
- [24]**

**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 Explain how the direction of the flux in a conductor relative to the current can be determined by means of the right-hand rule. (6)
- 4.2 A single-phase transformer has a supply voltage of 220 V and a primary current of 10 A. The number of windings on the primary coil is 250 turns and on the secondary coil is 50 turns.  
Calculate the following:
- 4.2.1 The turns-ratio (2)
- 4.2.2 The secondary voltage (3)
- 4.2.3 The secondary voltage current (3)
- [14]**

**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 State FOUR conditions under which rigid non-metallic wireways shall be used. (4)
- 5.2 Draw the wiring symbol for each of the following:
- 5.2.1 Fuse
  - 5.2.2 Battery
  - 5.2.3 Earth connection
  - 5.2.4 Bell
  - 5.2.5 Voltmeter
  - 5.2.6 Variable resistor
- (6 x 1) (6)
- 5.3 Define a circuit breaker, and state its purpose. (4)

**[14]****QUESTION 6**

- 6.1 Name TWO conductors generally used in practice. (2)
- 6.2 Name THREE properties of a good insulating material. (3)
- 6.3 Can carbon be used to wire domestic installations? (2)
- 6.4 What is the purpose of the bending spring? (2)

**[9]****QUESTION 7**

- 7.1 State TWO advantages of a moving-coil instrument. (2)
- 7.2 Name THREE tests that an accredited person must carry out on a new electrical installation before a certificate of compliance can be issued. (3)
- 7.3 Determine the value of a resistor with the following colour bands: Violet, Grey, Red and Gold. (5)

**[10]****TOTAL: 100**

**ELECTRICAL TRADE THEORY N1****FORMULA SHEET****RESISTORS**

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

$$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} + \dots$$

**POWER**

$$P = V \times I$$

$$P = I^2 \times R$$

$$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

**ENERGY**

$$W = P \times t$$

$$W = VI \times t$$

$$W = I^2 R \times t$$

$$W = \frac{V^2}{R} \times t$$

**CELLS**

$$E = V + (I \times r)$$

$$R_T = R + r$$

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

$$I = \frac{E}{(R + r)}$$

**RESISTIVITY**

$$R = \frac{\rho \times \ell}{a}$$

$$a = \frac{\pi \times d^2}{4}$$

**TEMPERATURE COEFFICIENT**

$$R_t = R_o(1 + L_o t)$$

**TRANSFORMERS**

$$\frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{I_2}{I_1}$$

**CAPACITORS**

$$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots$$

$$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} + \dots$$

**FREQUENCY**

$$f = np$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$