

2008 A/L Structured Essay Question No (04)

4. A moving coil galvanometer with coil resistance R_G produces full scale deflection when a current of I_0 is passed through it.

(a) Write down an expression for the voltage (V_0) appearing across the terminals of the galvanometer in terms of R_G and I_0 when it shows a full scale deflection.

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(b) When a voltage (V_1) which is less than V_0 is appeared across the galvanometer it produces a deflection θ . If θ_m is the full scale deflection of the galvanometer, write-down an expression for V_1 in terms of θ , θ_m and V_0 .

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(c) This galvanometer is to be converted to a voltmeter giving full scale deflection for a voltage V_2 which is much larger than V_0 . If you are provided with a resistor having the suitable value R_1 show by drawing a diagram how you would connect this resistor to the galvanometer.

(d) Write down an expression for R_1 in terms of V_2 , I_0 and R_G .

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(e) If $R_G = 20 \Omega$ and $I_0 = 10 \text{ mA}$ find the value of the resistance R_1 necessary to convert this galvanometer to a voltmeter which gives a full scale deflection for 1 V.

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(f) Also calculate the values of resistances R_2 and R_3 that are necessary to convert this galvanometer to voltmeters which give full scale deflection for 10 V and 50 V respectively.

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(g) Using the resistance values calculated in (e) and (f) and the galvanometer mentioned above, draw a circuit diagram of a multi-range voltmeter which can be used to measure voltages in three different ranges of 0 – 1 V, 0 – 10 V and 0 – 50 V. Use a 3-way switch to select ranges.

(h) If this voltmeter is used in the 0 – 10 V range to measure a voltage of the order of 5 V appearing across a $2000\ \Omega$ resistor, would you expect to obtain the actual value? Explain your answer.

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