



# PHYSICS

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## ALTERNATING CURRENTS

### Very Short Answer type Questions

1. Define power factor.



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2. What do you mean by wattless current?



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3. Why high frequency current can pass easily through a capacitor ?



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4. Prove that high frequency a.c. cannot pass through a pure inductor, but can pass through

a pure capacitor.



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5. What do you mean by impedance of a circuit?



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6. What is the relation between peak value and root mean square value of alternating emf ?



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7. What is the phase relationship between current and voltage in an inductor?



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8. What do you mean by power factor of an ac circuit ?



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9. Define inductive reactance of an inductor.



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10. Define the capacitive reactance of a capacitor.



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11. What is an idle current ?



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**12.** What is the impedance of a circuit ?



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**13.** Define resonant frequency of LCR series circuit.



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**Short Answer type Questions**

1. Discuss the behaviour of an inductor in d.c. and high frequency a.c. circuits.



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3. Can a.c. be used for electrolysis? Why?





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4. Can one have inductance without a resistance ? How about a resistance without an inductance?



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5. Which is more dangerous in use a.c. or d.c.?  
Explain, why?



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6. The frequency of a.c. is doubled, what happens to inductive reactance?



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7. What is the capacitive reactance of a capacitor used in a circuit having d.c. e.m.f.? Explain.



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**8.** Discuss the behaviour of an inductor in d.c. and high frequency a.c. circuits.



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**9.** An alternating e.m.f. is supplied to a pure resistance investigate the phase relationship between current flowing through it and the applied e.m.f.



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**11.** An alternating e.m.f. is supplied to a pure inductor investigate the phase relationship between current flowing through it and the applied e.m.f.



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**12.** Find a phase relation between current and voltage in an a.c. circuit containing a pure inductor. Why high frequency current can not passthrough a pure inductor easily ?



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**13.** Show mathematically that in an a.c. circuit containing only inductance, the current lags behind the e.m.f. by a phase of  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ .

An a.c. voltage  $E = E_0 \sin \omega t$  is applied across

an inductor  $L$ . Obtain an expression for current  $I$ .



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**14.** An alternate e.m.f. is applied to pure capacitance. Investigate the phase relationship between the current flowing through it and e.m.f. applied.



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**15.** Find a phase relation between current and voltage in an a.c. circuit containing a pure capacitance. A pure capacitor blocks direct current, why?



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**16.** Define terminal velocity and find an expression for it.



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**17.** Derive the relation for mean value of alternating current.



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**18.** Define mean value of an alternating current.



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**19.** What is root mean square value of alternating current? Derive a relation between peak value and virtual value of alternating current.



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**20.** Prove mathematically that the average power over a complete cycle of alternating current through an ideal inductor is zero.



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**22.** Define impedance of an electric circuit. How it differs from ohmic resistance ? Find an expression for the impedance of an a.c. circuit containing L-C-R in series.



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**23.** Derive an expression for impedance of an a.c. circuit with an inductor  $L$ , capacitor  $C$  and a resistor  $R$  in series. What is condition of resonance?



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**24.** With the help of phasor diagram derive an expression for impedance in LCR circuit.



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**26.** Derive an expression for average power of an AC (alternating current) circuit.



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27. What is meant by average value of alternating current? Obtain an expression for it. Prove that the average value of alternating current over one complete cycle is zero.



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## Long Answer type Questions

1. Obtain an expression for the power in a.c. circuit containing a resistance and capacitance

in series.



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3. Obtain an expression for the power in a.c. circuit containing a resistance and capacitance in series.



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4. What is meant by average value of alternating current? Obtain an expression for it. Prove that the average value of alternating current over one complete cycle is zero.



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5. Define root mean square value of an alternating current.



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6. A voltage  $V = V_0 \sin \omega t$  is applied to a series LCR-circuit. Derive the expression for the average power dissipated over a cycle. Under what condition no power is dissipated even though the current flows through the circuit.



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7. What is difference between ohmic resistance and impedance of an a.c. circuit.



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8. What is a series resonant circuit? Derive an expression for resonance frequency.



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9. Derive an expression for impedance of an a.c. circuit with an inductor  $L$ , capacitor  $C$  and a resistor  $R$  in series. What is condition of resonance?



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**14.** What is meant by mean or average value of alternating current ? Show that mean value of ac over a complete cycle is zero.



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## Numericals Problems

1. At what frequency a coil of 1 mH will have a reactance of  $3142\Omega$  What is the capacity of capacitor, which has the same reactance of the same frequency ?



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2. An electric device, which runs at 80 volt d.c. and consumes 10 A current , is connected to 100 vol-50 Hz a.c. supply through a choke. Calculate the inducance of the choke coil for the safe working of the device.



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3. A capacitor, a  $15\Omega$  resistor and 101.5 mH inductor are placed in series with 50 Hz. AC source. Calculate the capacitance of the

capacitor, if the current is observed in phase with the voltage.



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4. A coil of inductance  $0.50\text{ H}$  and resistance  $100\Omega$  is connected to a  $240\text{ V}$ ,  $50\text{ Hz}$  ac supply.

What is the maximum current in the coil?



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5. A coil of inductance  $0.2$  Henry and ohmic resistance  $40$  ohm is connected to  $300$  V,  $50$  Hz a.c. supply. Find the maximum current in coil.



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6. A coil of inductance  $0.50$  H and resistance  $100\Omega$  is connected to a  $240$  V,  $50$  Hz ac supply. What is the maximum current in the coil?



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7. The instantaneous current from a.c. source is  $I = \sin 314 t$ . What is the peak value of current?



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8. What is the peak value of 220 V ac ?



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9. A 200 V variable frequency a.c. source is connected to a series combination the  $L = 5H$ ,  $C = 80\mu F$  and  $R = 40\Omega$ . Calculate the angular frequency of the source to get maximum current in the circuit, the current amplitude at resonance and power dissipated in the circuit.



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**10.** A circuit consists of a noninductive resistor of  $50\Omega$ , a coil of inductance  $0.3\text{ H}$  and resistance  $2\Omega$ , and a capacitor of  $40\mu F$  in series and is supplied with  $200\text{ volt rms}$  at  $50\text{ cycles / sec}$ .



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**11.** A  $40\Omega$  resistor,  $3\text{m H}$  inductor and  $2\mu F$  capacitor are connected in series to  $110\text{V}$ ,  $5000$

Hz AC source. Calculate Impedence of the circuit and value of current in the circuit.



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12. When an inductor  $L$  and a resistor  $R$  in series are connected across a 12V, 50Hz supply of current of 0.5 A flows in a circuit. The current differs in phase from applied voltage to  $\frac{\pi}{3}$  radins calculate the value of  $R$ .



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**13.** A circuit consists of a resistance 10 ohm and a capacitance  $0.1\mu F$ . If an alternating e.m.f. of 100V, 50Hz is applied, calculate the current in the circuit.



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**14.** In a series RC circuit,  $R = 30$  ohm,  $C = 0.25\mu F$ ,  $V = 100$  V,  $\omega = 10000\text{rad/s}$ . Find the current in the circuit and calculate the voltage across the resistor and capacitor. Is the

algebraic sum of these voltages more than the source voltage ? If yes, resolve the paradox.



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**15.** A capacitor of capacitance  $100\mu F$  and a coil of resistance  $50\Omega$  and inductance  $0.5\text{ H}$  are connected in series with a  $110\text{ V}$ ,  $50\text{ Hz}$  AC source. Find the rms value of the current.



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**16.** An a.c. source of 200 V, 50 Hz is connected across a  $300\Omega$  resistor and capacitor of  $\frac{25}{\pi}\mu F$  in series. Calculate (a) reactance (b) impedance (c) current in the circuit.



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**17.** An a.c. source of 200 V , 50 Hz is connected across a 400 ohm resistor and an inductor of 3 H in series. Calculate impedance.



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**18.** A capacitor of capacitance  $100\mu F$  and a coil of resistance  $50\Omega$  and inductance  $0.5\text{ H}$  are connected in series with a  $110\text{ V}$ ,  $50\text{ Hz}$  AC source. Find the rms value of the current.



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**19.** A series circuit with  $L = 0.12\text{H}$ ,  $C = 0.48\text{ mF}$  and  $R = 25\text{ ohm}$ , is connected to a  $220\text{V}$  variable frequency power supply. At what frequency is the circuit current maximum ?



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20. A capacitor of unknown value and an inductor of  $0.1\text{H}$  and a resistor of  $10\Omega$  are connected in series to a  $220\text{V}$ ,  $50\text{Hz}$  ac source. It is found that the power factor of circuit is unity. Calculate the capacitance of capacitor and maximum amplitude of current



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**Most Expected Questions**



1. What is a phasor?



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2. In a series LCR-circuit, what is the value of power factor at resonance?



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3. Why do d.c. voltmeter and d.c. ammeter cannot read a.c.?



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4. When are the voltage and current in LCR circuit in LCR- circuit in same phase?



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5. Why do d.c. voltmeter and d.c. ammeter cannot read a.c.?



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6. Peak value of an a.c. source is  $E_0$ . What is its r.m.s. value?



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7. The division marked on the scale of an a.c. ammeter is not equally spaced. Why?



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**8.** What do you mean by the admittance of LCR-circuit?



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**9.** A coil and an electric bulb are connected in series with an ac. Source. On introducing a soft iron bar inside the coil, the intensity of the bulb will



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**10.** An electric lamp is connected in series with a variable capacitor. What happens if source is D.C. ?



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**11.** An ideal inductor when connected in a.c. circuit does not produce heating effect yet reduces the current in the circuit. Explain why?



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