

## AST Practice

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### Multiple Choice

Identify the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1. What does the acronym ESD stand for?
  - a. Electrostatic Discharge
  - b. Electrostatic Device
  - c. Electromagnetic Sensitivity Diac
  - d. Electrostatic Damage
  
2. What is the number one concern in regards to electrical safety?
  - a. Proper grounding
  - b. ESD
  - c. Shock
  - d. Faulty equipment
  
3. Bohr's Atomic Model consists of what three components?
  - a. Neutrons, ion, neutrinos
  - b. Protons, neutrons and cations
  - c. Tachyons gravitons and electrons
  - d. Protons, neutrons and electrons
  
4. Electrons are arranged in \_\_\_\_\_ around a nucleus.
  - a. orthogonal lattices
  - b. shells
  - c. loops
  - d. spheres
  
5. What are three types of materials used in electronics?
  - a. Conductors, semi-conductors and insulators
  - b. Semi-conductors, insulators and semi-insulators
  - c. Insulators, conductors and interions
  - d. Conductors, insulators and regulators
  
6. Coulomb's Law describes the forces of attraction or repulsion between electrical charges, which are \_\_\_\_\_ to the product of the charges \_\_\_\_\_ to the distance between them.
  - a. directly proportional, inversely proportional
  - b. inversely proportional, directly proportional
  - c. indirectly proportional, directly proportional
  - d. inversely proportional, indirectly proportional

7. The magnetic field that surrounds a magnet can best be described as invisible lines of force, and are commonly referred to as:
- lines of flux.
  - lines of density.
  - lines of attraction.
  - lines of flux proportionality.
8. An analog multimeter (AMM) checks for:
- voltage, resistance and inductance.
  - voltage, resistance and capacitance.
  - current, resistance and capacitance.
  - voltage, current and resistance.
9. An oscilloscope with two vertical inputs, is commonly referred to as a \_\_\_\_\_ oscilloscope.
- multi-trace
  - dual-trace
  - sweep trigger-trace
  - modulation-trace
10. Voltage or potential difference is the measure of potential energy between two points in a circuit and is commonly referred to as:
- voltage drop.
  - voltage flow.
  - difference in conduction.
  - potential resistance.
11. What is impedance?
- The resistance of a component at a given frequency.
  - The conductivity of a component at a given frequency.
  - The potential difference of a component at a given frequency.
  - The ability of a component to store a charge at a given frequency.
12. A resistor has three color bands of red, brown and brown. What is the ohmic value of this resistor?
- 205 Ohms
  - 100 Ohms
  - 210 Ohms
  - 330 Ohms
13. What components value is measured in millihenries?
- Capacitor
  - Inductor
  - Resistor
  - Diode

14. Ohm's Law characterizes the relationship between:

- a. power, coulombs, current and joules.
- b. inductance, resistance, current and joules.
- c. power, resistance, current and voltage.
- d. capacitance, inductance, voltage and current.

15. Ohm's Law states that resistance is calculated by voltage divided by current. Using Ohms law, how do you determine power?

- a. Voltage times current
- b. Current divided by resistance
- c. Current squared, divided by resistance
- d. Voltage divided by resistance

16. Using a scientific calculator, a 3300 ohm resistor can be entered with scientific notation as:

- a.  $3.3 \times 10^3$
- b.  $33 \times 10^3$
- c.  $3.3 \times 10^2$
- d.  $330 \times 10^2$

17. Total resistance in a series circuit equals:

- a. half the measured resistance multiplied by the applied voltage.
- b. the average value of the voltage drops across each resistor within the circuit.
- c. The sum of the power dissipated by each resistor.
- d. the sum of all the resistor values within the circuit.

18. If a series circuit has three resistors valued at 10k Ohms, 15k Ohms and 20k Ohms, with a voltage source of 15V, the total current will be \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. 333.33mA
- b. 33.33uA
- c. 333.33uA
- d. 3.33uA

19. Current in a parallel circuit is:

- a. equally divided among each branch.
- b. inversely proportional to the circuits resistance.
- c. equal to the sum of the branch resistances.
- d. equal to the voltage source, minus the branch resistances.

20. With three 2.5k resistors and one 3.4k resistor in parallel, the total resistance is:

- a. 668.81k Ohms.
- b. 66.29 Ohms.
- c. 669.29 Ohms
- d. 670.50k Ohms.

21. With one series 8 Ohm resistor connected to two in-parallel resistors, 20 and 30 ohms respectively, what is the total resistance ( $R_T$ )?

- a. 38 Ohms
- b. 30 Ohms
- c. 20 Ohms
- d. 8 Ohms

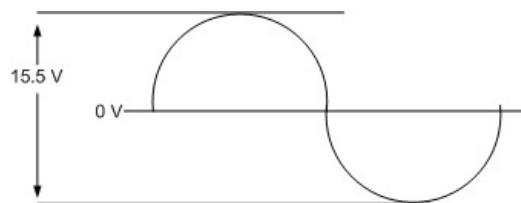
22. Given a battery rated at 350 ampere-hours how many hours will the battery be able to provide 7 amperes?

- a. 25
- b. 35
- c. 50
- d. 17.5

23. The basic properties associated with alternating voltage and current are:

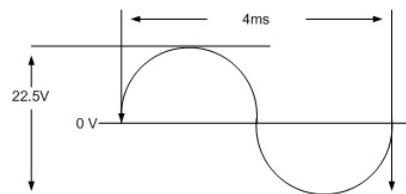
- a. frequency, period, wavelength and amplitude.
- b. frequency, deviation, wavelength and amplitude.
- c. magnitude, period, wavelength and amplitude.
- d. frequency, period, designation and amplitude.

24. What is the calculated effective voltage for the wave form below?



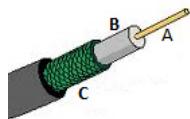
- a. 7.75V
- b. 5.48V
- c. 10.96V
- d. 4.933V

25. What is the frequency of the sine wave below?



- a. 150Hz
- b. 250Hz
- c. 22.5KHz
- d. 150KHz

26. In the illustration below, what component of the coaxial cable is letter "B"?

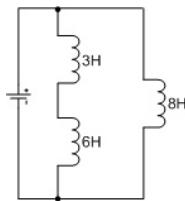


- a. Ground mesh
- b. Outer insulation
- c. Dielectric
- d. Center conductor

27. In an inductor/coil inductance varies as the \_\_\_\_\_ of the number of turns.

- a. Cube
- b. Square
- c. Inverse
- d. Log

28. What is the total inductance of the circuit below?



- a. 0.90H
- b. 4.24H
- c. 4.63H
- d. 9H

29. Two basic uses for transformers are:

- a. power supplies and bias control.
- b. signal matching and power supplies.
- c. signal matching and voltage regulation.
- d. voltage regulation and rectification.

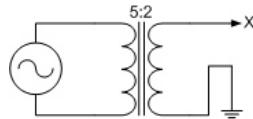
30. What is meant by "transformer action"?

- a. The action in which an expanding and contracting magnetic field around the primary winding cuts the secondary winding and induces a direct voltage into the winding.
- b. The transfer of energy from one circuit to another circuit by magnetic rectification.
- c. The transfer of load voltage to the center-tapped secondary through capacitance.
- d. The transfer of energy from one circuit to another circuit by electromagnetic induction.

31. What are the three basic parts of a transformer?

- a. Primary winding, dielectric and core
- b. Primary winding, secondary winding and core
- c. Primary winding, power diode and secondary winding
- d. Primary winding, secondary winding and tertiary winding

32. In the circuit below, what is the voltage output at letter "X", when input voltage is 25V?

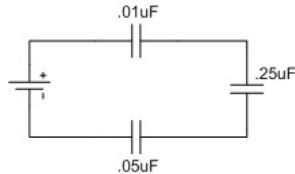


- a. 25V
- b. 5V
- c. 15V
- d. 10V

33. The time required to charge a capacitor to 63 percent is known as:

- a. Thevenin's constant.
- b. a time constant.
- c. a linear superposition.
- d. Tau.

34. Given the series capacitive circuit below, what is the total capacitance?



- a. 0.008uF
- b. 0.08uF
- c. 0.076mF
- d. 0.8uF

35. Calculate the capacitive reactance for 440 Hz and 9 uF.

- a. 44 Ohms
- b. 0.02 Ohms
- c. 37.37 Ohms
- d. 40.21 Ohms

36. In a resistive-capacitive circuit the vector line relationship shows two lines perpendicular to each other. What is the phase relationship?

- a. In phase
- b. Out of phase
- c. 180 degree difference
- d. 90 degree

37. In a capacitive circuit, what is the voltage and current relationship?

- a. Current lags
- b. Voltage lags
- c. Resistance leads
- d. Voltage leads

38. When the frequency of an applied voltage is increased the capacitive reactance of a circuit will:

- a. decrease.
- b. increase.
- c. stay unchanged.
- d. short all capacitors to ground.

39. What is the difference between calculating impedance for a series AC circuit and a parallel AC circuit?

- a. A series impedance calculation is derived from current and reactance, while parallel impedance is calculated with resistive and reactive current divided into the source current.
- b. A series impedance calculation is derived from resistance and reactance, while parallel impedance is calculated with resistive and reactive current divided into the source voltage.
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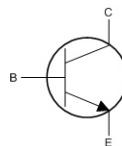
40. In a series resistive and reactive circuit what formula is used to find total impedance?

- a.  $Z = X^2 \left( \frac{R^2}{2} \right)$
- b.  $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$
- c.  $Z = R^2 \left( \frac{X^2}{2} \right)$
- d.  $Z = \sqrt{\frac{R^2+X^2}{2}}$

41. Silicon diodes have an approximate voltage drop of:

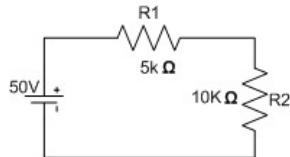
- a. 0.3V
- b. 0.7V
- c. 1.414V
- d. 0.9V

42. To properly bias the NPN transistor below, which voltages are correct?



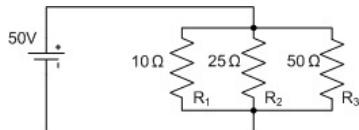
- a. E = +3; B = +1; C = -7
- b. E = -1; B = +1; C = +10
- c. E = -1.7; B = -2.7; C = -5
- d. E = 0; B = 0; C = +12

43. Using ohm's law for the circuit below, calculate the total power.



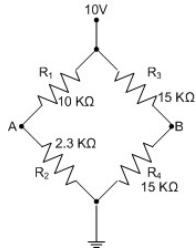
- a. 166.6 mW
- b. 160.65 mW
- c. 16.6 mW
- d. 16 uW

44. In the circuit below, what is the current across R2?



- a. 5A
- b. 3.3A
- c. 2.5A
- d. 2A

45. What is the voltage at terminal 'A' for the Wheatstone bridge below?



- a. 10.3V
- b. 2.2V
- c. 1.3V
- d. 1.86V

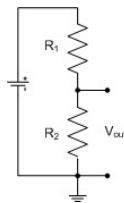
46. What is a primary advantage of a FET when compared to the bipolar transistor?

- a. High input impedance
- b. Low input impedance
- c. Gate biasing is resistive controlled
- d. No advantage

47. Zener diodes are designed to operate in the \_\_\_\_\_ bias region.

- a. forward
- b. depletion
- c. reverse
- d. reactive

48. What formula is used to properly calculate 'Vout' for the voltage divider below?



- a.  $V_{out} = \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V_{in}$
- b.  $V_{out} = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} \right) V_{in}$
- c.  $V_{out} = \left( \frac{R_1}{R_2 + V_{in}} \right) V_{in}$
- d.  $V_{out} = \left( \frac{R_2}{R_1 R_2} \right) V_{in}$

49. When compared to a JFET, the base of a bipolar transistor is similar to what element of the JFET?

- a. Gate
- b. Drain
- c. Source
- d. Emitter

50. A MOSFET is comprised of what four elements?

- a. Gate, source, collector and substrate
- b. Gate, source, drain and substrate
- c. Base, source, drain and dielectric
- d. Dielectric, source, drain and base