



**Answer the following questions**

**Question 1**

(30 marks)

- Describe the characteristic profile of the U curve with impulse voltages and indicate the reason for this profile.
- Discuss briefly the formation processes of pre-breakdown corona and sparkover in a system with highly stressed positive and negative electrodes.
- Discuss the sparkover characteristics for switching impulse conditions and rod-plane gaps.

**Question 2**

(25 marks)

- Expand the following abbreviations for insulation type: HPOF, XLPE, PPLP and SF6. Then declare which type has lower relative permittivity.
- Deduce the maximum and minimum electric stresses cable insulation. Then show how to minimize the maximum one.
- Classify the cooling types of extra high voltage cables with declaring the laying methods in the soil. Then show the restrictions of applying these methods in practice.

**Question 3**

(20 marks)

- Explain the procedure for selecting surge arrester for extra high voltage system.
- What are principles of the insulation co-ordination based on lightning?

**Question 4**

(25 marks)

- Briefly discuss the mechanism of lightning stroke to EHV tower.
- A 400-kV horizontal line has 22 discs in the insulator and two ground wires spaced 15 metres apart at 20 m height at mid-span and 26 m at the tower. The tower-footing resistance is 40 ohms. The surge impedances are: Ground wire: 500 ohms, stroke: 400 ohms. Assume 60% of strokes to contact within 1/4 span of line from the tower and at the tower top. The coupling factor between ground and phase conductor is 0.2 and the factor in  $N_S$  is 0.2. The isokeraunik level is 60 thunderstorm days per year. Calculate the number of trippouts per year per 100 km of line. Take,  $N_S = 0.2 I_{kl} (0.0133 (h_t + 2 h_g) + 0.1 s_g)$ .

With our best wishes

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This exam measures the following ILOs								
Skills	Knowledge&Understanding Skills				Intellectual Skills			Professional Skills
	a1.1	a1.2	a1.5	a1.3	b1.2	b5.1	b5.3	c4.3
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