

GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
PDDC - SEMESTER – V • EXAMINATION – WINTER 2012

Subject code: X 50904**Date: 21/01/2013****Subject Name: Switch Gear****Time: 02.30 pm - 05.00 pm****Total Marks: 70****Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

- Q.1** (a) Discuss the following term with reference to circuit breaking: **07**
 1) Symmetrical and Asymmetrical Breaking capacity
 2) Making Capacity
 3) Short time rating
- (b) Explain the construction, principle of operation and application of a Minimum Oil circuit breaker(MOCB). **07**
- Q.2** (a) Explain Slapain's Theory of arc interruption. **07**
 (b) What is current chopping? How can the effect of Current chopping be minimized? **07**
- OR**
- (b) Explain various methods of arc extinction in a circuit breaker. **07**
- Q.3** (a) Explain the construction, working principle, merits and demerits of air break circuit breaker. **07**
 (b) Explain the properties of SF6 gas in recent developments of circuit breaker. **07**
- OR**
- Q.3** (a) Explain the construction, working principle, merits and demerits of air blast circuit breaker. **07**
 (b) Explain the principle, construction of vacuum circuit breakers. Also state the merits of VCBs. **07**
- Q.4** (a) With neat diagram explain the principle of synthetic testing of circuit breaker. State its advantages. **07**
 (b) Explain the duty of circuit breaker for capacitor bank or unloaded transmission line switching. **07**
- OR**
- Q.4** (a) What is resistance switching? Prove, with derivation, that the restriking voltage can be reduced by incorporating resistance switching in an air blast circuit breaker. **07**
- Q.4** (b) In a 132KV power system, the inductance per phase up to the location of the circuit breaker is 16mH and capacitance to earth is 0.02 μ F. Calculate the following when the circuit breaker opens: **07**
 1) Maximum value of restriking voltage.
 2) Frequency of transient oscillations.
 3) Maximum value of RRRV.
- Q.5** (a) Explain briefly the problems encountered in HVDC breakers. **07**
 (b) What is meant by Kilometric fault? Discuss the performance of circuit breaker when kilometric faults are interrupted. **07**
- OR**
- Q.5** (a) What are the various methods of indirect testing? Describe unit testing. **07**
 (b) Explain capacitor switching duty of circuit breaker. **07**
