

Q1.

- 8 (a) e.g. infinite (voltage) gain
infinite input impedance
zero output impedance
infinite bandwidth
infinite slew rate
(any three, 1 each) B3 [3]
- (b) (i) negative (feedback) B1 [1]
- (ii) 1 gain (= $5.8/0.069$) = 84 B1 [1]
- (ii) 2 gain = $1 + 120/X$ C1
 $84 = 1 + 120/X$
 $X = 1.45 \text{ k}\Omega$ A1 [2]
- (iii) gain increases OR bandwidth reduced OR output increases B1 [1]

Q2.

- 9 (a) blocks labelled sensing device / sensor / transducer B1
processor / processing unit / signal conditioning B1 [2]
- (b) (i) two LEDs with opposite polarities *(ignore any series resistors)* M1
correctly identified as red and green A1 [2]
- (ii) correct polarity for diode to conduct identified M1
hence red LED conducts when input (+)ve or *vice versa* A0 [1]

Q3.

- 10 (a) (part of) the output is added to /returned to / mixed with the input B1
and is out of phase with the input / fed to inverting input B1 [2]
- (b) $25 = 1 + (120 / R)$ C1
 $R = 5 \text{ k}\Omega$ A1 [2]
- (c) (i) -2 V A1 [1]
- (ii) 9 V A1 [1]

Q4.

- 9 (a) (i) point X shown correctly B1 [1]
- (ii) op-amp has very large / infinite gain M1
 non-inverting input is at earth (potential) / earthed / at 0 V M1
 if amplifier is not to saturate, inverting input must be (almost)
 at earth potential / 0 (V) same potential as inverting input A1 [3]
- (b) (i) total input resistance = $1.2 \text{ k}\Omega$ C1
 (amplifier) gain (= $-4.2 / 1.2$) = -3.5 C1
 (voltmeter) reading = -3.5×-1.5
 = 5.25 V A1 [3]
 (total disregard of signs or incorrect sign in answer, max 2 marks)
- (ii) (less bright so) resistance of LDR increases M1
 (amplifier) gain decreases M1
 (voltmeter) reading decreases A1 [3]

Q5.

- 9 (a) (i) fraction of the output (signal) is added to the input (signal) M1
 out of phase by $180^\circ / \pi \text{ rad}$ / to inverting input A1 [2]
- (ii) e.g. reduces gain
 increases bandwidth
 greater stability
 reduces distortion
 (any two, 1 mark each) B2 [2]
- (b) (i) gain = $4.4 / 0.062$
 = 71 A1 [1]
- (ii) $71 = 1 + 120/R$ C1
 $R = 1.7 \times 10^3 \Omega$ A1 [2]
- (c) for the amplifier not to saturate B1
 maximum output is ($71 \times 95 \times 10^{-3}$ =) approximately 6.7 V M1
 supply should be $\pm 9 \text{ V}$ A1 [3]

Q6.

- 10 (a) (i) strain gauge B1 [1]
- (ii) piezo-electric / quartz crystal / transducer B1 [1]
- (b) circuit: coil of relay connected between sensing circuit output and earth B1
 switch across terminals of external circuit B1
 diode in series with coil with correct polarity for diode B1
 second diode with correct polarity B1 [4]

Q7.

- 9 (a) to compare two potentials / voltages
output depends upon which is greater M1
A1 [2]
- (b) (i) resistance of thermistor = $2.5\text{k}\Omega$
resistance of X = $2.5\text{k}\Omega$ C1
A1 [2]
- (ii) at 5°C / at $< 10^\circ\text{C}$, $V^- > V^+$ M1
so V_{OUT} is -9V A1
at 20°C / at $> 10^\circ\text{C}$, $V^- < V^+$ and V_{OUT} is $+9\text{V}$ B1
 V_{OUT} switches between negative and positive at 10°C B1 [4]
(allow similar scheme if 20°C treated first)

Q8.

- 9 (a) thin / fine metal wire B1
lay-out shown as a grid B1
encased in plastic B1 [3]
- (b) (i) gain (of amplifier) B1 [1]
- (ii) for $V_{\text{OUT}} = 0$, then $V^+ = V^-$ or $V_1 = V_2$ C1
 $V_1 = (1000/1125) \times 4.5$ C1
 $V_1 = 4.0\text{V}$ A1 [3]
- (iii) $V_2 = (1000 / 1128) \times 4.5$
 $= 3.99\text{V}$ C1
 $V_{\text{OUT}} = 12 \times (3.99 - 4.00)$
 $= (-) 0.12\text{V}$ A1 [2]

Q9.

- 10 (a) light-dependent resistor (allow LDR) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) two resistors in series between $+5\text{V}$ line and earth
midpoint connected to inverting input of op-amp M1
A1 [2]
- (ii) relay coil between diode and earth M1
switch between lamp and earth A1 [2]
- (c) (i) switch on/off mains supply using a low voltage/current output
(allow 'isolates circuit from mains supply') B1 [1]
- (ii) relay will switch on for one polarity of output (voltage)
switches on when output (voltage) is negative C1
A1 [2]

Q10.

- 9 (a) e.g. infinite input impedance/resistance
 zero output impedance/resistance
 infinite (open loop) gain
 infinite bandwidth
 infinite slew rate
 (any four, one mark each) B4 [4]
- (b) graph: square wave M1
 180° phase change A1
 amplitude 5.0V A1 [3]
- (c) correct symbol for LED M1
 diodes connected correctly between V_{OUT} and earth A1
 diodes identified correctly A1 [3]
 (special case: if diode symbol, not LED symbol, allow 2nd and 3rd marks to be scored)

Q11.

- 9 (a) (i) light-dependent resistor/LDR B1 [1]
 (ii) strain gauge B1 [1]
 (iii) quartz/piezo-electric crystal B1 [1]
- (b) (i) resistance of thermistor decreases as temperature increases M1
either $V_{OUT} = V \times R / (R + R_T)$
or current increases and $V_{OUT} = IR$
 V_{OUT} increases A1 [3]
 A1
- (ii) *either* change in R_T with temperature is non-linear M1
or V_{OUT} is not proportional to R_T / change in V_{OUT} with R_T is non-linear A1 [2]
 so change is non-linear

Q12.

- 9 (a) 30 litres → 54 litres (allow ± 4 litres on both limits) A1 [1]
- (b) (i) only 0.1 V change in reading for 10 litre consumption (or similar numbers) B1
 above about 60 litres gradient is small compared to the gradient at about 40 litres B1 [2]
- (ii) voltmeter reading (nearly) zero when fuel is left C1
 voltmeter reads only about 0.1 V when 10 litres of fuel left in tank A1 [2]
 ("voltmeter reads zero when about 4 litres of fuel left in tank" scores 2 marks)

Q13.

- 8 (a) (i) - 9 V
 (ii) + 9 V (both (i) and (ii) correct for the mark) B1 [1]
- (b) × × B1
 ✓ × B1
 ✓ ✓ B1 [3]
 (no e.c.f. from (a))
- (c) (i) cct: thermistor and resistor in series M1
 output connections across thermistor A1 [2]
- (ii) as temperature decreases, thermistor resistance increases B1
 p.d. across thermistor = $R_T / (R + R_T) \times V$ M1
 as R_T increases, output increases A1 [3]

Q14.

- 10 (a) (i) 1. inverting (amplifier) B1 [1]
 2. gain of op-amp is very large / infinite B1
 non-inverting input is at earth / 0V B1
 for amplifier not to saturate, P must be at about earth / 0V B1 [3]
- (ii) input resistance is very large B1
 (so) current in R_1 = current in R_2 B1
 $I = V_{IN} / R_1$ B1
 $I = -V_{OUT} / R_2$ (minus sign can be in either of the equations) B1
 hence gain = $V_{OUT} / V_{IN} = -R_2 / R_1$ A0 [4]
- (b) (i) 1. feedback resistance = 33.3 k Ω C1
 gain (= 33.3 / 5) = 6.66 C1
 $V_{OUT} (= 6.66 \times 1.2) = 8.0$ V (+ or - acceptable, allow 1 s.f.) A1 [3]
 2. feedback resistance = 8.33 k Ω C1
 $V_{OUT} (= \{6.66 \times 1.2\} / 5) = 2.0$ V (+ or - acceptable, allow 1 s.f.) A1 [2]
- (ii) (Increase in lamp-LDR distance gives) decrease in intensity M1
Feedback / LDR resistance increases M1
 voltmeter reading increases / becomes more negative A1 [3]

Q15.

- 9 (a) resistance of wire = $\rho L / A$ B1
 as crack widens, L increases M1
 and A decreases M1
 so resistance increases A0 [3]
- (b) $\Delta L / L = \Delta R / R$ B1
 = $(146.2 - 143.0) / 143.0 \times 100$ C1
 $\Delta L / L = 2.24\%$ A1 [3]

[Total: 6]

Q16.

- 10 at 16 °C, $V^+ = 1.00\text{ V}$ and $V^- = 0.98\text{ V}$ or $V^+ > V^-$ B1
 at 16 °C, output is positive M1
 diode R is 'on' and diode G is 'off' A1
 as temperature rises, diode R goes 'off' and diode G goes 'on' B1 [4]
 (allow e.c.f. from 2nd to 3rd marks and also 3rd to 4th marks)

[Total: 4]

Q17.

- 9 (a) e.g. reduces gain
 increases bandwidth
 less distortion
 greater stability(1 each, max 2) B2 [2]
- (b) gain = $-R_F / R_i$
 = $-8.0 / 4.0$ M1
 numerical value is 2 A0 [1]
- (c) (i) 2, 6 and 7 A1 [1]
- (ii) e.g. digital-to-analogue converter (allow DAC)
 adding / mixing signals with 'weighting' B1 [1]

[Total: 5]

Q18.

- 9 (a) (i) non-inverting (amplifier) B1 [1]
- (ii) $(G =) 1 + R_2 / R_1$ B1 [1]
- (b) (i) gain = $1 + 100 / 820$ C1
 output = 17 mV A1 [2]
- (ii) 9 V A1 [1]
 (R_2 / R_1 scores 0 in (a)(ii) but possible 1 mark in each of (b)(i) and (b)(ii)
 ($1 + R_1 / R_2$) scores 0 in (a)(ii), no mark in (b)(i), possible 1 mark in (b)(ii)
 ($1 - R_2 / R_1$) or R_1 / R_2 scores 0 in (a)(ii), (b)(i) and (b)(ii))

Q19.

- 10 (a) e.g. infinite input impedance / resistance
 zero output impedance / resistance
 infinite gain
 infinite bandwidth
 infinite slew rate
 (any three, 1 each) B3 [3]
- (b) (i) with switch open, V^- is less (positive) than V^+ M1
 output is positive A1
 with switch closed, V^- is more (positive) than V^+ so output is negative A1 [3]
 (allow similar scheme if V^- more positive than V^+ treated first)
- (ii) 1. diodes connected correctly between output and earth M1
 2. green identified correctly A1 [2]
 (do not allow this mark if not argued in (i))

Q20.

- 9 (a) e.g. reduced gain
 increased stability
 greater bandwidth or less distortion
 (allow any two sensible suggestions, 1 each, max 2) B2 [2]
- (b) (i) V^- connected to midpoint between resistors B1
 V_{OUT} clear and input to V^+ clear B1 [2]
- (ii) gain = $1 + R_F/R$
 $15 = 1 + 12000/R$ C1
 $R = 860 \Omega$ A1 [2]
- (c) graph: straight line from (0,0) to (0.6,9.0) B1
 straight line from (0.6,9.0) to (1.0,9.0) B1 [2]
- (d) either relay can be used to switch a large current/voltage M1
 output current of op-amp is a few mA/very small A1 [2]
 or relay can be used as a remote switch (M1)
 for inhospitable region/avoids using long heavy cables (A1)

Q21.

- 9 (a) any value greater than, or equal to, $5k\Omega$ B1 [1]
- (b) (i) 'positive' shown in correct position B1 [1]
- (ii) $V^+ = (500/2200) \times 4.5$
 $\approx 1V$ B1
 $V^- > V^+$ so output is negative M1
 green LED on, (red LED off) A1 [3]
 (allow full ecf of incorrect value of V^+)
- (iii) either V^+ increases or $V^+ > V^-$ M1
 green LED off, red LED on A1 [2]

Q22.

- 9 (a) e.g. zero output impedance/resistance
infinite input impedance/resistance
infinite (open loop) gain
infinite bandwidth
infinite slew rate
1 each, max. 3 B3 [3]
- (b) (i) graph: square wave M1
correct cross-over points where $V_2 = V_1$ A1
amplitude 5V A1
correct polarity (*positive at $t = 0$*) A1 [4]
- (ii) correct symbol for LED M1
diodes connected correctly between V_{OUT} and earth A1
correct polarity consistent with graph in (i) A1 [3]
(*R points 'down' if (i) correct*)

Q23.

- 9 (a) light-emitting diode (*allow LED*) B1 [1]
- (b) gives a high or a low output / +5V or -5V output M1
dependent on which of the inputs is at a higher potential A1 [2]
- (c) (i) provides a reference/constant potential B1 [1]
(ii) determines temperature of 'switch-over' B1 [1]
- (d) (i) relay A1 [1]
(ii) relay connected correctly for op-amp output and high-voltage circuit B1
diode with correct polarity in output from op-amp B1 [2]

Q24.

- 9 (a) operates on / takes signal from sensing device B1
(so that) it gives an voltage output B1 [2]
- (b) thermistor and resistor in series between +4 V line and earth M1
 V_{OUT} shown clearly across *either* thermistor *or* resistor A1
 V_{OUT} shown clearly across thermistor A1 [3]
- (c) e.g. remote switching
switching large current by means of a small current
isolating circuit from high voltage
switching high voltage by means of a small voltage/current
(*any two sensible suggestions, 1 each to max. 2*) B2 [2]

Q25.

- 9 (a) e.g. zero output impedance/resistance
infinite input impedance/resistance
infinite (open loop) gain
infinite bandwidth
infinite slew rate
(1 each, max. 3) B3 [3]
- (b) (i) gain = $1 + (10.8 / 1.2)$
= 10 C1
A1 [2]
- (ii) graph: straight line from (0,0) towards $V_{IN} = 1.0\text{ V}$, $V_{OUT} = 10\text{ V}$
horizontal line at $V_{OUT} = 9.0\text{ V}$ to $V_{IN} = 2.0\text{ V}$
correct $+9.0\text{ V} \rightarrow -9.0\text{ V}$ (and correct shape to $V_{IN} = 0$) B1
B1
B1 [3]

Q26.

- 11 (a) (i) inverting amplifier B1 [1]
- (ii) gain is very large/infinite B1
 V^+ is earthed/zero B1
for amplifier not to saturate, P must be (almost) earth/zero B1 [3]
- (b) (i) $R_A = 100\text{ k}\Omega$
 $R_B = 10\text{ k}\Omega$
 $V_{IN} = 1000\text{ mV}$ A1
A1
A1 [3]
- (ii) variable range meter B1 [1]

Q27.

- 10 (a) compares the potentials/voltages at the (inverting and non-inverting) inputs B1
- either* output (potential) dependent on which input is the larger
or $V^+ > V^-$, then V_{OUT} is positive B1
states the other condition B1 [3]
- (b) (i) ring drawn around both the LEDs (and series resistors) B1 [1]
- (ii) $V^- = (1.5 \times 2.4) / (1.2 + 2.4) = 1.0\text{ V}$
(allow $1.5 \times 2.4 / 3.6 = 1.0\text{ V}$) B1 [1]
- (iii) 1. V_{OUT} switches at $+1.0\text{ V}$
maximum V_{OUT} is 5.0 V
when curve is above $+1.0\text{ V}$, V_{OUT} is negative (or v.v.) B1
B1
B1 [3]
2. at time t_1 , diode R is emitting light, diode G is not emitting B1
at time t_2 , diode R is not emitting, diode G is emitting B1 [2]
(must be consistent with graph line. If no graph line then 0/2)

Q28.

- 10 (a) e.g. zero output resistance / impedance
infinite bandwidth
infinite slew rate
1 mark each, max. 3 B3 [3]
- (b) (i) at 1.0°C, thermistor resistance is 3.7 kΩ B1
amplifier gain = $-R/740 = -3700/740$ (negative sign essential) C1
= -5.0 C1
- potential = $1.0/-5.0 = -0.20$ V A1 [4]
- (ii) at 15°C, $R = 2.15$ kΩ (allow ± 0.05 kΩ) C1
reading = $(2150/740) \times 0.2$
= 0.58 V (0.59 V → 0.57 V) A1 [2]
- (c) (i) 0.68 V A1 [1]
- (ii) resistance (of thermistor) does not change linearly with temperature B1 [1]

Q29.

- 10 (a) (i) thermistor/thermocouple B1 [1]
- (ii) quartz crystal/piezoelectric crystal or transducer/microphone B1 [1]
- (b) (i) $V_{OUT} = -5$ V A1
inverting input is positive or V_- is positive or $V_- > V_+$ so V_{OUT} is negative B1
op-amp has very large/infinite gain and so saturates B1 [3]
- (ii) sketch: V_{OUT} switches from (+) to (-) when V_{IN} is zero B1
 V_{OUT} is +5 V or -5 V M1
 V_{OUT} is negative when V_{IN} is positive (or v.v.) A1 [3]

