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Note: Show *ALL* workings, complete with the necessary comments!!—regardless of how fast your calculator can print the results in one step. I am not interested in how well you can read your formulae from your formula sheet. I am marking your reasoning, not only the answer!! Marks are awarded for the reasoning as well as the “answer”. A correct numerical answer will not necessarily attract any marks!

**Question 1**

An inverting amplifier with a gain of  $-100V/V$  and an input resistance of  $100k\Omega$ , uses an op-amp with a  $1mV$  offset voltage, a bias current of  $30nA$ , and an offset bias current of  $3nA$ .

What output voltage offset results with

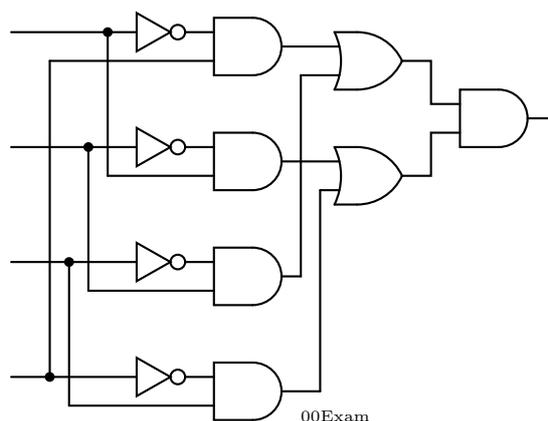
- a) a basic uncompensated design
- b) a bias-current compensated design (where a resistor is placed from the non-inverting terminal to ground).

Which offset source dominates in each case?

(20 marks)

**Question 2**

- (a) Simplify the following to a minimum number of gates:



(10 marks)

- (b) Design a state-machine which cycles between 5 possible states.

(15 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

**Question 3**

Design a dual-ended power supply for an audio amplifier. It is required that the rails are at  $\pm 50V$ , and that each rail can deliver  $4A$ . Justify all assumptions. *Hint: By “design”, I mean specify the characteristics and ratings of all components used.* (20 marks)

**Question 4**

- (a) Fully design and specify a circuit to turn on a security floodlight at night. Amongst other possible components, use an LDR (Light Dependant Resistor) and an NPN Transistor. Make reasonable assumptions about the LDR characteristics.

(15 marks)

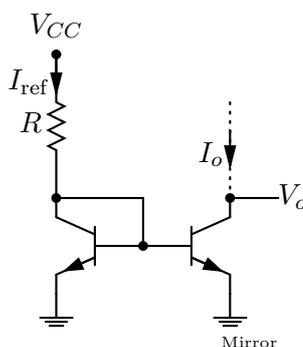
- (b) With the aid of sketches, explain how an N-channel enhancement MOSFET first gains its channel. Further explain what happens when the transistor conducts an appreciable current.

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

**Question 5**

Consider the following circuit:



- (a) For the current mirror shown above using two matched-gain transistors, find the value of  $R$  that results in  $I_o = 1\text{mA}$  with  $V_{CC} = 5\text{V}$
- Assume  $\beta = \infty$
  - Assume  $\beta = 100$
  - For case (ii), for what values of  $V_o$  will the current mirror work?
- (b) In what application would the above circuit be used?.

(20 marks)

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