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Time : Three Hours] [Maximum Marks : 75

Note: Attempt *Five* questions in all, selecting at least *one* question from each Unit. Unless stated otherwise, the Symbols have their usual meanings in context with the Subject. Assume suitably and state, additional data required, if any.

Unit I

- (a) With a neat schematic diagram, state the various apparatus required for HVDC station and explain the purpose of each.
 - (b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of homopolar HVDC links over other types of links?

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- 2. (a) Why are thyristors (SCRs) used as converter elements in HVDC valves? Explain.8
 - (b) What are the advantages of using IGBTs over SCRs for HVDC converters?

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Unit II

- 3. (a) State the difference in power control in HVDC and HVAC systems and explain the necessity of power control in an HVDC link.8
 - (b) State the important circuit parameters which control power in an HVDC link. State the advantages and disadvantages of control of power using each parameter.
- 4. (a) Mention the various sources of harmonic generation in HVDC systems and suggest methods to eliminate them.8
 - (b) Explain the working of band-pass and high-pass filters used in HVDC systems. Explain the term detuning and state its importance in the design of filters for HVDC systems.

Unit III

- (a) What are the different types of faults that can occur in HVDC systems? Discuss their nature and occurrence.
 - (b) Give the protection scheme for DC line overcurrent faults.

6.	(a)	Discuss the nature and type of faults on the	DC
		side of converter stations. How are the faults sens	sed
		and cleared ?	8

(b) Give the principle of different types of DC circuit breaker schemes. Why is a surge diverter needed across DC circuit breaker?

Unit IV

7. (a) How are the power transfer capabilities of AC lines improved by using parallel HVDC-VSC system?

(b) Explain the factors affecting the corona loss. Compare corona loss for HVDC and HVAC systems.

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8. What are corona losses? Discuss its significance and permissible limit. Explain Peek's and Peterson's formula for calculating the corona loss. How to reduce corona loss?