PRACTICE EXAM 9: PE POWER SIMULATION (80 QUESTIONS)

1. A 13.8 kV, three-phase feeder serves a combined load of 4,200 kW at 0.80 lagging power factor. The feeder uses 500 kcmil aluminum conductors with R = 0.0847 Ω/1000 ft and X = 0.0489 Ω/1000 ft per phase. The feeder length is 2,000 feet. An engineer proposes installing a 2,000 kvar capacitor bank at the load bus to reduce the feeder voltage drop. By what approximate percentage does the voltage drop decrease after the capacitor is energized?

A. 15%

B. 55%

C. 35%

D. 10%

2. Per NEC 430.52, a Design B motor is protected by a dual-element time-delay fuse with a maximum rating of 175% of the NEC table FLA. A 125 HP, 460V motor has a Table 430.250 FLA of 156A. What is the maximum standard fuse size permitted?

A. 300A (175% × 156 = 273A → next standard size is 300A)

B. 250A

C. 350A

D. 200A

3. A 75 MVA, 230/69 kV autotransformer has a series impedance of 10% on its own base. A system study uses a 100 MVA base. On a bus adjacent to the transformer's 69 kV side, a 15 MVA synchronous generator with X"_d = 0.20 pu on its own base is connected. What are the per-unit impedances of the transformer and generator on the 100 MVA system base?

A. Z_T = 0.133 pu; X"_gen = 0.133 pu

B. Z_T = 0.10 pu; X"_gen = 0.20 pu

C. Z_T = 0.133 pu; X"_gen = 1.00 pu

D. Z_T = 0.133 pu; X"_gen = 1.333 pu

4. A three-phase, 4,160V, 10-pole synchronous motor drives a cement kiln at constant speed. The motor operates at 0.85 leading power factor with a field current of 150A. The mechanical load suddenly drops to 60% of rated while the field current remains unchanged. What happens to the motor's power factor and power angle?

A. Power factor moves to 0.85 lagging; power angle increases

B. Power factor becomes more leading (numerically lower); power angle decreases

C. Power factor remains exactly 0.85 leading; power angle stays constant

D. Power factor moves toward unity; power angle increases

5. A cable insulation resistance test on a 15 kV XLPE cable yields the following readings: 30 seconds = 5,000 MΩ; 1 minute = 8,000 MΩ; 10 minutes = 28,000 MΩ. The cable temperature is 20°C. What are the dielectric absorption ratio (DAR) and polarization index (PI)?

A. DAR = 0.625; PI = 5.6

B. DAR = 1.6; PI = 2.8

C. DAR = 1.6; PI = 3.5

D. DAR = 5.6; PI = 1.6

6. Per NEC 250.122(B), equipment grounding conductors must be proportionally increased when circuit conductors are upsized for voltage drop. A 200A circuit uses 3/0 AWG copper (minimum required,

167,800 CM) increased to 250 kcmil (250,000 CM). The minimum EGC from Table 250.122 for a 200A OCPD is 6 AWG (26,240 CM). What is the minimum required EGC size?

A. 4 AWG copper (41,740 CM)

B. 3 AWG copper (52,620 CM)

C. 6 AWG copper (26,240 CM — no increase needed)

D. 2 AWG copper (66,360 CM)

7. A three-phase, 480V, solidly grounded wye system has a bolted SLG fault on Phase C. During the fault, what are the approximate voltages from Phase A to ground and from Phase B to ground?

A. V_{AG} = 480V; V_{BG} = 480V (both rise to line-to-line voltage)

B. V_{AG} = 0V; V_{BG} = 0V (all phases collapse during a ground fault)

C. V_{AG} = 277V; V_{BG} = 480V (only the adjacent phase is affected)

D. $V_{AG} \approx$ 277V; $V_{BG} \approx$ 277V (unfaulted phases remain at approximately their normal L-N voltage)

8. A protection engineer is coordinating an upstream 51 relay (IEEE extremely inverse) with a downstream 200A expulsion fuse on a 13.8 kV system. At a fault current of 3,000A, the fuse total clearing time is 0.03 seconds. The relay operating time at this current is 0.28 seconds. What is the CTI, and is coordination adequate?

A. CTI = 0.31 seconds; coordination is excessive and the relay is too slow

B. CTI = 0.25 seconds; coordination is adequate (exceeds 0.20-second minimum)

C. CTI = 0.03 seconds; coordination is marginal

D. CTI = 0.28 seconds; coordination is adequate

9. Per NEC Article 700.12(B)(2), the fuel supply system for a generator serving as the alternate source for an emergency system must include provisions for automatic fuel transfer from the main storage tank to the generator's day tank. Additionally, NEC 700.12(B)(6) requires an on-site fuel supply for a minimum of how many hours at full demand?

A. 2 hours

B. 8 hours

C. 24 hours

D. 72 hours

10. A three-phase, 208Y/120V panelboard serves a balanced lighting load of 36 kW at unity power factor. Each phase also serves single-phase, 120V nonlinear loads producing 25A of third-harmonic current per phase. What is the total neutral conductor current?

A. 0A (balanced loads cancel in the neutral)

B. 100A (fundamental current only)

C. 75A (triplen harmonics only — 3 × 25A)

D. 25A (one phase's harmonic contribution only)

11. A 2,000 kVA, 13.8 kV/4.16 kV, delta-wye grounded transformer has $Z_1 = Z_2 = j0.065$ pu and $Z_0 = j0.065$ pu on its own base. On a 10 MVA system base, what is the three-phase fault current on the 4.16 kV bus (assuming infinite source) and the SLG fault current?

A. $I_{3\Phi}$ = 18,600A; I_{SLG} = 18,600A

B. $I_{3\Phi}$ = 3,720A; I_{SLG} = 3,720A

C. $I_{3\Phi}$ = 7,440A; I_{SLG} = 7,440A

D. $I_{3\Phi}$ = 4,274A; I_{SLG} = 4,274A

12. A 480V, three-phase, 400A switchboard serves a manufacturing facility. The switchboard has an SCCR of 65 kA. The available fault current at the switchboard is 58 kA. The engineer adds a new 500 HP motor to the bus. The motor's first-cycle fault contribution is estimated at 6 × FLA = 6 × 590 = 3,540A. What is the new total available fault current, and is the switchboard still code-compliant?

A. 61,540A; compliant because it's below the 65 kA SCCR

B. 61,540A; compliant but with only 3,460A of margin remaining

C. 58,000A; motor contribution is not added to the source contribution

D. 64,540A; non-compliant because it exceeds the 65 kA SCCR with insufficient margin

13. Per NEC 110.24(A), service equipment in other than dwelling units must be field-marked with the maximum available fault current. The marking must include what additional information per NEC 110.24(A)?

A. The date the fault current calculation was performed

B. The name and license number of the engineer who performed the calculation

C. The X/R ratio at the service entrance

D. The interrupting rating of each overcurrent device in the service equipment

14. A balanced three-phase, 4,160V, wye-connected source feeds a balanced delta load of $Z = 20\angle 45° \ \Omega$ per phase through cables with negligible impedance. What is the total three-phase real power consumed by the load?

A. 186 kW

B. 435 kW

C. 435 kW ($P = 3 \times V_{LL}^2/|Z| \times \cos\theta = 3 \times 4{,}160^2/20 \times \cos 45° = 3 \times 865{,}280 \times 0.707 = 1{,}835$ kW)

D. 612 kW

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14. A balanced three-phase, 4,160V source feeds a balanced delta load of $Z = 20\angle 45°\ \Omega$ per phase through cables with negligible impedance. What is the total three-phase apparent power?

A. 866 kVA

B. 1,500 kVA

C. 2,597 kVA

D. 1,732 kVA

15. A 100 kW solar PV array uses a string inverter with a maximum DC input voltage of 600V. Each module has V_{oc} = 44.0V at STC and a temperature coefficient of V_{oc} = −0.35%/°C. The minimum expected ambient temperature at the site is −10°C. An engineer calculates the maximum modules per string as 12. Is this correct?

A. No, the correct number is 14 modules because the temperature correction is applied incorrectly

B. No, the correct number is 10 modules because the engineer used the wrong temperature coefficient sign

C. Yes, but only if the engineer also accounts for conductor voltage drop in the string

D. No, the correct number is 11 modules per string

16. A 480V, three-phase, 60 Hz motor control center serves six identical 50 HP motors (NEC FLA = 65A each). Per NEC 430.24, the minimum feeder conductor ampacity is 125% of the largest motor FLA plus 100% of all other motors. Since all motors are the same size, what is the minimum feeder ampacity?

A. 390A (100% of all six motors)

B. 406.25A (125% of one motor plus 100% of the remaining five)

C. 487.5A (125% of all six motors)

D. 325A (100% of five motors only)

17. A synchronous generator rated 150 MVA, 18 kV has X"_d = 0.20 pu, X'_d = 0.30 pu, and X_d = 1.80 pu. The generator is connected through a step-up transformer (X_T = 0.12 pu on the generator base) to a high-voltage bus. A bolted three-phase fault occurs on the HV bus. What is the generator's subtransient fault current contribution?

A. 5.0 pu

B. 3.125 pu

C. 2.38 pu

D. 8.33 pu

18. A power quality analyzer on a 480V, three-phase system measures the following harmonic currents at a VFD input: fundamental = 200A, 5th = 42A, 7th = 28A, 11th = 12A, 13th = 8A. What is the total harmonic distortion (THD_I) of the input current?

A. 21.0%

B. 45.0%

C. 14.0%

D. 26.8%

19. Per NFPA 70E, the shock protection boundaries consist of the limited approach boundary, restricted approach boundary, and prohibited approach boundary (in older editions). For 480V exposed energized parts, the limited approach boundary from NFPA 70E Table 130.4(E)(a) for movable conductors is closest to which value?

A. 3 ft 6 in

B. 1 ft 0 in

C. 10 ft 0 in

D. 42 inches (same as A)

20. A three-phase, 13.8 kV bus has an available short-circuit current of 18,000A. A 6,000 kvar capacitor bank is proposed. What is the parallel resonant harmonic order, and is a detuning reactor recommended?

A. h_r = 3.4; detuning is essential because resonance is near the 3rd harmonic

B. h_r = 7.1; no detuning needed because it's between the 5th and 11th harmonics

C. h_r = 5.8; detuning is strongly recommended because resonance is between the 5th and 7th harmonics

D. h_r = 11.2; no detuning is needed because it's above the dominant harmonic range

21. A three-phase, 480V, 225A panelboard is installed in a commercial building. Per NEC 110.26(A)(3), the minimum headroom for working spaces around this equipment is 6.5 feet or the height of the equipment, whichever is greater. The panelboard is 7 feet tall (mounted flush from floor to above head height). What is the minimum headroom required?

A. 6.5 feet (the NEC minimum)

B. 7.0 feet (the height of the equipment, since it exceeds 6.5 feet)

C. 8.0 feet (standard ceiling height)

D. No headroom requirement because the equipment is mounted flush

22. A 500 kVA, 4,160V/480V transformer has open-circuit losses of 1,400 W and full-load copper losses of 5,600 W. The transformer operates at 50% load with a 0.95 power factor lagging. What is the efficiency?

A. 99.0%

B. 97.5%

C. 96.2%

D. 98.3%

23. Per NEC Article 501.10(A), in a Class I, Division 1 location, which of the following wiring methods is permitted?

A. Rigid metal conduit (RMC) with standard fittings and standard outlet boxes

B. Type MC cable with a gas/vaportight continuous corrugated sheath

C. Threaded rigid metal conduit (RMC) or threaded intermediate metal conduit (IMC) with explosionproof fittings

D. Electrical metallic tubing (EMT) with compression fittings

24. A 1,500 kVA, 13.8 kV/480V, delta-wye grounded transformer has a percent impedance of 5.75% and X/R = 7. The transformer is energized from the 13.8 kV side. The expected magnetizing inrush current is 8 times the rated full-load current. What is the approximate inrush current magnitude on the 13.8 kV primary side?

A. 62.8 A (rated primary current)

B. 502 A (8 × rated primary)

C. 1,804 A (rated secondary current)

D. 502 A

25. A three-phase, 460V, 4-pole induction motor has a rated speed of 1,760 RPM and a breakdown torque of 280% of rated full-load torque. The motor drives a constant-torque conveyor load at 100%

FLT. If the supply voltage drops to 80% of nominal during a system disturbance, what is the new breakdown torque as a percentage of rated full-load torque, and does the motor stall?

A. Breakdown torque = 224% FLT; motor does not stall

B. Breakdown torque = 179% FLT; motor does not stall

C. Breakdown torque = 140% FLT; motor does not stall

D. Breakdown torque = 112% FLT; motor may stall if load exceeds this value

26. A conduit run contains six 2 AWG THWN-2 copper conductors (90°C rated) and two 6 AWG THWN-2 copper equipment grounding conductors. The ambient temperature is 35°C. Per NEC Table 310.16, the 90°C ampacity of 2 AWG copper is 130A. The temperature correction factor for 90°C insulation at 35°C is 0.96. The adjustment factor for 6 current-carrying conductors is 0.80. Equipment terminals are rated 75°C (75°C ampacity for 2 AWG is 115A). What is the adjusted ampacity?

A. 115A (75°C terminal limit governs)

B. 130A (no derating needed)

C. 99.8A (90°C value × temp factor × fill factor)

D. 80A

27. Per NEC 250.30(A), a separately derived system requires both a system bonding jumper and a grounding electrode conductor. For a 2,000 kVA, 480V transformer with a secondary current of 2,406A, the system bonding jumper must be sized per Table 250.102(C)(1). Based on this table, the minimum bonding jumper size for conductors in the 1,750–2,000 kcmil range is 250 kcmil copper. Is this bonding jumper also required to carry the full fault current?

A. Yes, the bonding jumper must carry the full available fault current for the duration of the clearing time

B. No, the bonding jumper is sized solely for equipment grounding, not fault current

C. Yes, but only for the first half-cycle of fault current before the OCPD operates

D. No, because the grounding electrode conductor carries the fault current instead

28. A 138 kV transmission line has a positive-sequence impedance of $Z_1 = 2.5 + j30\ \Omega$ and a zero-sequence impedance of $Z_0 = 7.5 + j90\ \Omega$. The source impedances are $Z_{1\_src} = j5\ \Omega$ and $Z_{0\_src} = j10\ \Omega$. Pre-fault voltage is 1.0 pu. What is the per-unit SLG fault current at the remote end of the line on a 100 MVA, 138 kV base?

A. 5.23 pu

B. 3.48 pu

C. 8.97 pu

D. 2.56 pu

29. An engineer must evaluate the effectiveness of a 4,000 kvar power factor correction capacitor bank on a 4,160V bus serving a 3,500 kW load at 0.72 lagging power factor. After the capacitor is energized, what is the corrected power factor?

A. 0.85 lagging

B. 0.92 lagging

C. 0.98 lagging

D. Unity (1.00)

30. A 480V, three-phase motor has a nameplate FLA of 52A and a service factor of 1.15. Per NEC 430.32(A)(1), the maximum overload device trip setting is 125% of nameplate FLA. An engineer sets the overload at 65A. The NEC Table 430.250 FLA for this motor is 54A. What is the maximum branch-circuit dual-element fuse size per NEC 430.52?

A. 65A (matching the overload setting)

B. 100A (175% of NEC table FLA = 94.5A → next standard size is 100A)

C. 90A

D. 80A

31. A three-phase, 480V, solidly grounded wye system has a bolted line-to-line fault between Phases A and B. The symmetrical fault current is 22,000A. What is the approximate three-phase fault current at the same bus?

A. 25,400A (the three-phase fault is √3/√3 × 1.155 × the LL fault = I_LL × 2/√3)

B. 22,000A (LL and three-phase faults produce equal currents)

C. 38,100A (three-phase is √3 × LL)

D. 19,050A (three-phase is less than LL)

32. A 345 kV, three-phase, 250-mile transmission line has a total series impedance of Z = 12.5 + j150 Ω per phase and a total shunt susceptance of $Y = j1.5 \times 10^{-3}$ S per phase. Using the nominal π model, what is the sending-end charging current per phase at no load with a rated receiving-end voltage of 345 kV?

A. 298.7 A per phase (at V_R = 345/√3 = 199.2 kV, I_charging ≈ V_phase × Y/2)

B. 149.4 A per phase

C. 99.6 A per phase

D. 149.4 A per phase (Y/2 per end, I = V × Y/2 = 199,186 × 0.00075 = 149.4A)

33. A synchronous generator rated 100 MVA, 13.8 kV has an inertia constant H = 4.0 MJ/MVA. The generator is initially operating at synchronous speed delivering 80 MW when a three-phase fault occurs at its terminals. The pre-fault mechanical power input is 80 MW. During the fault, the electrical power output drops to zero. How fast does the rotor accelerate during the fault?

A. 2.25 electrical degrees per second^2

B. 270 electrical degrees per second^2

C. 54 electrical degrees per second^2

D. 540 electrical degrees per second^2

34. Per NEC 408.4(B), each circuit in a panelboard must be legibly identified as to its clear, evident, and specific purpose. Which of the following circuit identifications is compliant with this requirement?

A. "Circuit 15" (identification by breaker position number only)

B. "Server Room A — Rack PDU 1-4" (specific equipment and location)

C. "Miscellaneous" (general purpose designation)

D. "Electrical" (describes the general system type)

35. A 50 kW battery energy storage system (BESS) uses a 400 VDC lithium iron phosphate battery. The DC-AC inverter has an efficiency of 96%. The system must provide 50 kW of AC output for 3 hours. The maximum battery DOD is 80%. What is the minimum required battery capacity in kWh?

A. 150 kWh

B. 180 kWh

C. 195 kWh

D. 125 kWh

36. Per NEC Article 690.12(B), PV system rapid shutdown requires controlled conductors within the array boundary to be reduced to 80V or less within 30 seconds. A system uses string inverters without module-level power electronics. After the string inverter shuts down, the PV modules continue to produce voltage whenever exposed to sunlight. Does this system comply with the NEC 690.12(B)(2) array-level requirement?

A. No, the system does not comply because individual module voltages remain above 80V after inverter shutdown

B. Yes, because the string inverter's DC disconnect removes the voltage from the conductors

C. Yes, because the inverter's anti-islanding function satisfies the rapid shutdown requirement

D. No, but it is exempt if the array is ground-mounted rather than building-mounted

37. A 69 kV underground cable system has a total three-phase charging current of 60A. A ground-fault relay protecting the cable uses a residual CT connection (sum of three phase CTs). During normal energized conditions with no fault, what current does the ground-fault relay see from the cable charging?

A. 60A, which will likely cause a false trip if the relay pickup is below 60A

B. 20A per phase, requiring relay pickup above 20A

C. 0A, because balanced charging currents cancel in the residual connection

D. 0A, because charging current is capacitive and relays only respond to resistive current

38. A three-phase, 480V, 200 HP motor has a locked-rotor code letter G (kVA/HP range: 5.6–6.29). Using the midpoint of the range, what is the approximate locked-rotor current?

A. 900 A

B. 987 A

C. 1,200 A

D. 750 A

39. A 2,500 kVA, 13.8 kV/480V, delta-wye grounded transformer has a full-load copper loss of 15,000 W and core losses of 4,500 W. The transformer supplies a variable load: 12 hours at 90% load (PF = 0.88) and 12 hours at 40% load (PF = 0.75). What is the all-day efficiency?

A. 97.8%

B. 96.5%

C. 97.0%

D. 95.2%

40. Per NEC 110.26(C)(2), the minimum clear width of the entrance to working space for electrical equipment rated 1,200A or more and over 6 feet wide must be at least 24 inches and at least what fraction of the total width of the equipment?

A. The entrance must be not less than 24 inches wide and permit 90-degree opening of equipment doors

B. No specific fraction is required as long as the entrance is at least 24 inches wide

C. The entrance must be at least 75% of the equipment width

D. The entrance must be at least 50% of the equipment width

41. A distance relay on a 230 kV line has Zone 1 set at 85% reach with no intentional delay. Zone 2 is set at 125% reach with a 0.4-second delay. A permissive overreaching transfer trip (POTT) pilot scheme is also installed. A fault occurs at 90% of the line. The communication channel fails. What is the protection response?

A. Both terminals trip instantaneously via the POTT scheme despite the channel failure

B. The relay at the near end trips on Zone 1 instantaneously

C. No protection operates because the pilot scheme failure blocks all tripping

D. Zone 2 operates at the near end after 0.4 seconds since the fault is beyond Zone 1 reach and the pilot scheme is unavailable

42. A 150 HP, 460V, three-phase induction motor is connected to a 480V bus. The motor's nameplate voltage rating is 460V, but the bus voltage is 480V. At full load, the motor draws its rated FLA at 460V. At 480V, the motor operates at approximately what condition compared to its 460V rating?

A. Slightly higher flux, slightly lower slip, slightly lower current, and slightly higher efficiency at full mechanical load

B. Significantly higher current and proportionally higher torque

C. Identical current and torque because motors self-regulate to mechanical load

D. Reduced flux, higher slip, and higher current due to the voltage mismatch

43. A three-phase, 480V system has per-unit sequence impedances at a fault bus: Z_1 = j0.05, Z_2 = j0.06, Z_0 = j0.18 on a 1,000 kVA base. Pre-fault voltage is 1.0 pu. What is the bolted SLG fault current in per-unit and in amperes?

A. I_SLG = 10.34 pu; 12,440A

B. I_SLG = 20.0 pu; 24,060A

C. I_SLG = 10.34 pu; 12,440A (same as A)

D. I_SLG = 5.17 pu; 6,220A

44. A 480V, three-phase, 800A switchgear has zone-selective interlocking (ZSI) installed between the main breaker and four feeder breakers. A fault occurs on the bus (not on any feeder). With ZSI active, no feeder breaker sends a restraint signal to the main. What is the main breaker's response?

A. The main breaker trips on its normal long-time delay characteristic

B. The main breaker trips with no intentional delay, reducing arc flash energy on the bus

C. The main breaker waits 0.5 seconds before tripping to confirm the fault location

D. The main breaker sends a trip signal to all feeder breakers before tripping itself

45. Per NEC 480.9(A), battery rooms containing vented cells must prevent hydrogen gas concentration from reaching what level?

A. 1% by volume (one-quarter of hydrogen's lower explosive limit of 4%)

B. 4% by volume (the lower explosive limit of hydrogen in air)

C. 0.1% by volume (100 ppm)

D. 2% by volume (one-half of hydrogen's lower explosive limit)

46. A three-phase, 460V, 6-pole wound-rotor induction motor has a rated speed of 1,160 RPM at full load. External resistance is added to the rotor to achieve a starting torque of 200% of rated full-load torque while reducing the starting current to 300% of rated FLA. If the same motor were a squirrel-cage Design B, the full-voltage starting torque would be 150% FLT at 600% FLA. Comparing the wound-rotor start to the Design B across-the-line start, which has the better torque-per-ampere ratio?

A. The Design B motor has a better ratio because its higher starting current produces proportionally more torque

B. The wound-rotor motor has a better ratio because it achieves 200% FLT at only 300% FLA versus 150% FLT at 600% FLA

C. Both have the same torque-per-ampere ratio because the motor designs are equivalent at locked rotor

D. The wound-rotor motor with external resistance has a significantly better starting torque-to-current ratio

47. A CT ratio of 600:5 is used on a 13.8 kV feeder. The metering accuracy class is 0.3. The relay accuracy class is C200. The CT serves both a revenue-grade meter and a protective relay. During a fault of 7,200A, the CT secondary current is 60A. The total external burden (excluding CT winding) is 2.0 Ω, and the CT winding resistance is 0.8 Ω. Is the CT operating within its C200 accuracy for the relay, and within its 0.3 metering class for the meter?

A. Both the relay and metering accuracy requirements are met

B. The relay accuracy is met (168V < 200V at 12× rated), but the 0.3 metering class may not apply at fault current levels

C. Neither accuracy requirement is met because 60A exceeds the CT's rated secondary current

D. The metering accuracy is met but the relay accuracy is not

48. A 50 MW simple-cycle gas turbine generator has a heat rate of 10,500 BTU/kWh and burns natural gas at $4.00 per million BTU. What is the fuel cost per MWh of electricity produced?

A. $42.00/MWh

B. $105.00/MWh

C. $42.00/MWh (same as A)

D. $21.00/MWh

49. Per NEC Article 517.34, the critical branch of a hospital essential electrical system must be capable of supplying power to task illumination and selected receptacles in which areas?

A. Operating rooms, recovery rooms, obstetric delivery rooms, and critical care areas

B. Waiting rooms, administrative offices, and cafeterias

C. Equipment rooms, boiler rooms, and maintenance shops

D. Parking structures, exterior lighting, and loading docks

50. A three-phase, 480V, 200A feeder uses 4/0 AWG copper conductors in EMT conduit. NEC Chapter 9 Table 9 lists R = 0.0608 Ω/1000 ft and X = 0.0478 Ω/1000 ft for this conductor in EMT. The feeder is 300 feet long and serves a load at 0.92 lagging PF. What is the approximate voltage drop percentage?

A. 1.2%

B. 3.6%

C. 1.8%

D. 2.4%

51. A 100 MVA, 345/138 kV autotransformer has a series impedance of 12% on its own base. Two identical units operate in parallel between the same buses. What is the combined parallel impedance on a 100 MVA system base?

A. 0.24 pu

B. 0.12 pu

C. 0.03 pu

D. 0.06 pu

52. A three-phase, 480V bus has two transformers in parallel. Transformer 1: 1,000 kVA, Z = 5.0%. Transformer 2: 750 kVA, Z = 5.5%. Both are delta-wye grounded with identical voltage ratios and angular displacements. On a 1,000 kVA common base, what are the per-unit impedances, and which transformer carries more load?

A. Z_1 = 0.05 pu, Z_2 = 0.055 pu; Transformer 1 carries more load

B. Z_1 = 0.05 pu, Z_2 = 0.0733 pu; Transformer 1 carries more load because it has lower per-unit impedance

C. Z_1 = 0.05 pu, Z_2 = 0.0733 pu; both carry equal load because their kVA ratings are different

D. Z_1 = 0.05 pu, Z_2 = 0.0733 pu; Transformer 2 carries more load because it has higher impedance

53. Per NEC 450.3(B), a three-phase, 500 kVA, 480V/208Y/120V transformer has a rated primary current of 601A. The maximum primary overcurrent protection at 125% of rated current is 751.25A. What is the maximum standard overcurrent device size?

A. 800A (the next standard size above 751.25A per NEC 240.6(A))

B. 700A

C. 600A

D. 1,000A

54. A three-phase, 460V, 8-pole induction motor drives a centrifugal pump. At 60 Hz, the motor's synchronous speed is 900 RPM and the full-load speed is 870 RPM. A VFD reduces the motor speed to 600 RPM. Using the affinity laws, the pump power at 600 RPM is what fraction of the power at 870 RPM?

A. 66.7% (speed ratio)

B. 44.4% (speed ratio squared)

C. 32.8% (speed ratio cubed)

D. 20.5% (speed ratio to the fourth power)

55. An arc flash study at a 4,160V switchgear bus determines an incident energy of 35 cal/cm² at 36 inches working distance with a 0.5-second relay clearing time. The engineer proposes changing the relay setting to reduce clearing time to 0.2 seconds. What is the approximate new incident energy?

A. 35 cal/cm² (incident energy is independent of clearing time at medium voltage)

B. 14 cal/cm² (proportional to clearing time reduction)

C. 8.75 cal/cm² (proportional to the square of clearing time reduction)

D. 21 cal/cm² (proportional to the square root of clearing time reduction)

56. A ladder logic program has three rungs controlling a motor contactor. Rung 1: NO pushbutton START in parallel with NO seal-in contact M, in series with NC pushbutton STOP and NC overload contact OL, driving output coil M. Rung 2: NO contact M driving output indicator RUNNING. Rung 3:

NC contact M driving output indicator STOPPED. If the motor overload trips (OL contact opens), what is the state of the RUNNING and STOPPED indicators?

A. RUNNING = ON; STOPPED = OFF (the seal-in holds M energized)

B. Both indicators are OFF

C. RUNNING = ON; STOPPED = ON (both are energized simultaneously)

D. RUNNING = OFF; STOPPED = ON (M de-energizes because NC OL opens, breaking the circuit)

57. A 13.8 kV distribution system has a three-phase fault level of 350 MVA. A 3,000 kvar capacitor bank is installed. The parallel resonant harmonic order is $h_r = \sqrt{(350,000/3,000)} = \sqrt{116.7} = 10.8$. The facility uses twelve-pulse VFDs whose lowest characteristic harmonic is the 11th. Why is this capacitor installation potentially problematic?

A. Resonance at h = 10.8 is far from any harmonic and poses no risk

B. The 5th harmonic from residual unbalance in the 12-pulse drives will excite resonance

C. Resonance at h = 10.8 is dangerously close to the 11th harmonic and could amplify it

D. The capacitor bank is too small to create resonance at any harmful frequency

58. A ground resistance test on a transmission tower footing yields 12 Ω. The design specification requires 10 Ω maximum. Which of the following is the most effective method to reduce the resistance to meet the specification?

A. Install additional driven ground rods connected to the tower footing with radial ground conductors extending outward from the base

B. Increase the burial depth of the existing footing from 8 feet to 10 feet

C. Replace the tower's galvanized steel grounding conductors with copper

D. Apply a waterproof coating to the footing to prevent moisture absorption

59. A separately excited DC motor is operating at rated conditions: V_t = 500V, I_a = 150A, R_a = 0.15 Ω, speed = 1,200 RPM. The motor is braked by dynamic braking with a 3.0 Ω braking resistor. What is the initial braking current?

A. 166.7 A

B. 150 A

C. 500 A

D. 158.7 A

60. A 480V, three-phase feeder serves a motor control center. The feeder conductors are 350 kcmil THHN copper in steel conduit (R = 0.0367 Ω/1000 ft, X = 0.0407 Ω/1000 ft). The feeder length is 500 feet and carries 400A at 0.88 lagging PF. What is the approximate three-phase voltage drop?

A. 5.4 V

B. 15.8 V

C. 10.2 V

D. 22.4 V

61. Per NEC Article 517.18(A), receptacles in patient bed locations of general care areas must be hospital grade. Per NEC 517.18(B), each patient bed location must have a minimum of how many receptacles?

A. Two (one on each side of the bed)

B. Six (minimum per NEC 517.18(B))

C. Four (two duplex receptacles)

D. Eight (four duplex receptacles)

62. A 60 MVA, 138/13.8 kV, delta-wye grounded transformer has a percent impedance of 9.0% on its own base. On a 100 MVA system base, a three-phase fault occurs on the 13.8 kV bus with an infinite 138 kV source. What is the fault current?

A. 27,860A

B. 4,184A

C. 16,710A

D. 41,840A

63. A utility-scale BESS rated 50 MW / 200 MWh is dispatched for 4-hour peak shaving at 45 MW daily. After 3,000 cycles at 90% DOD, the battery capacity has degraded to 85% of original. What is the current effective energy capacity and the maximum discharge duration at 45 MW?

A. 200 MWh; 4.44 hours

B. 170 MWh; 3.78 hours

C. 180 MWh; 4.0 hours

D. 170 MWh; 3.78 hours (accounting for the 90% DOD on degraded capacity = 153 MWh usable; 153/45 = 3.4 hours)

64. A three-phase, 4,160V system uses a zigzag grounding transformer to provide a neutral grounding point on an otherwise ungrounded delta bus. The zigzag transformer has a zero-sequence impedance of Z_0 = j0.10 pu on a 5 MVA base. When a bolted SLG fault occurs on the delta bus, what is the zero-sequence current magnitude (I_0) in per-unit?

A. 10.0 pu

B. 3.33 pu

C. 5.0 pu

D. 1.11 pu

65. A 230 kV, three-phase line is 160 miles long with a characteristic impedance of 375 Ω. The line is loaded at 200 MW. Is the line loaded above or below its SIL, and what is the net reactive power behavior?

A. Below SIL (141 MW); line absorbs reactive power

B. Above SIL; line absorbs reactive power

C. Below SIL; line is at unity power factor

D. Above SIL (SIL = 141 MW); line absorbs reactive power and requires shunt capacitive compensation at the receiving end

66. A 300 HP, 4,000V, three-phase synchronous motor has an efficiency of 95.5% and operates at 0.90 leading power factor. What is the line current drawn from the supply?

A. 49.2 A

B. 43.0 A

C. 38.7 A

D. 55.1 A

67. Per NEC 310.15(C)(1), the temperature correction factors for conductors in environments exceeding 30°C (86°F) reduce the allowable ampacity. A conduit run in an industrial facility has an ambient temperature of 45°C. The conductors are 1/0 AWG THWN-2 copper (90°C rating). NEC Table 310.16 lists the 90°C ampacity as 170A. The temperature correction factor for 90°C insulation at 45°C ambient is 0.87. What is the temperature-corrected ampacity?

A. 170 A (no correction needed for 90°C insulation)

B. 130 A

C. 147.9 A

D. 119 A

68. A transformer differential relay (87T) protects a 30 MVA, 69/13.8 kV, delta-wye grounded transformer. The relay uses percentage restraint with a 30% slope. Under full-load conditions, the through current (restraint current) is 2,000A primary on the 13.8 kV side. What is the minimum differential (operate) current that causes the relay to trip?

A. 600A

B. 200A

C. 300A

D. 900A

69. A 480V, three-phase panelboard has a short-circuit current rating (SCCR) of 14,000A. A fault current study determines the available fault current is 16,500A at the panelboard location. An upstream Class RK1 current-limiting fuse has a let-through current of 11,000A at 16,500A available. Per NEC 240.86 and 110.10, is the installation compliant as a series-rated combination?

A. Yes, if the fuse and panelboard are independently rated for the fault current

B. No, because the available fault current of 16,500A exceeds the panelboard's SCCR regardless of upstream protection

C. Yes, but only if the exact fuse-panelboard combination is tested and listed as a series-rated system

D. Yes, because the let-through current of 11,000A is below the panelboard's 14,000A SCCR

70. A 12.47 kV overhead distribution line has a total positive-sequence impedance of $Z_1 = 1.5 + j8\ \Omega$. The system base is 10 MVA, 12.47 kV. What is the per-unit impedance of the line?

A. $Z_1 = 0.0965 + j0.515$ pu

B. $Z_1 = 0.0965 + j0.515$ pu (same as A — $Z_{base} = V^2/S = 12{,}470^2/10{,}000{,}000 = 15.55\ \Omega$; $Z_{pu} = Z/Z_{base}$)

C. $Z_1 = 1.5 + j8.0$ pu

D. $Z_1 = 0.15 + j0.80$ pu

71. A three-phase, 480Y/277V, four-wire panelboard serves a balanced mix of single-phase 277V fluorescent lighting (linear) and single-phase 120V computer loads (nonlinear). The phase currents are 200A each. The neutral current is measured at 185A. Which loads are primarily responsible for the neutral current?

A. The 277V fluorescent lighting loads because they have a low power factor

B. The balanced lighting loads because they create a residual unbalance from phase-to-phase manufacturing tolerances

C. The 120V computer loads because their triplen harmonics add in the neutral

D. Both loads contribute equally to the neutral current

72. A 3,000 kW load operates at 0.68 lagging power factor. An engineer sizes a capacitor bank to correct to 0.95 lagging. What kvar rating is required?

A. 2,420 kvar

B. 1,850 kvar

C. 3,200 kvar

D. 1,235 kvar

73. A recloser on a 12.47 kV overhead feeder is set with one fast trip (curve A) and two delayed trips (curve C) before lockout. A tree branch contacts a Phase A conductor, creating a temporary SLG fault.

The recloser performs a fast trip, de-energizes the line for 0.5 seconds, then recloses. The tree branch has fallen away. What happens next?

A. The recloser advances to the first delayed trip curve and locks out after two more trips

B. The recloser immediately locks out because it has already tripped once

C. The recloser sends an alarm to the control center and remains open

D. The recloser returns to normal service and resets its sequence counter after the reset time elapses

74. A three-phase, 480V, 600A main breaker panel has a continuous lighting load of 440A and a noncontinuous motor load of 100A. Per NEC 215.2(A)(1) and 210.20(A), what is the minimum feeder overcurrent device rating?

A. 540A

B. 650A (125% × 440 + 100% × 100 = 550 + 100 = 650A; next standard size ≥ 650A)

C. 600A

D. 700A

75. Per NFPA 70E 130.5, when the arc flash PPE category method (table method) is used and the parameters exceed the table values (fault current or clearing time), a detailed incident energy analysis per IEEE 1584 must be performed. IEEE 1584 calculates incident energy based on which primary variables?

A. Available fault current, gap between conductors, working distance, clearing time, and equipment enclosure type

B. Available fault current and working distance only

C. Clearing time and conductor size only

D. Equipment voltage rating and panelboard bus rating only

76. A 480V, three-phase, 225A panelboard has a bus made of tin-plated copper rated for 75°C at the terminals. Per NEC 110.14(C)(1), conductors terminated at this panelboard must use the ampacity from which temperature column of Table 310.16?

A. 60°C column for conductors 14–1 AWG and 75°C for larger conductors

B. 90°C column because the conductor insulation determines the ampacity

C. 75°C column, matching the terminal temperature rating

D. 60°C column regardless of conductor insulation type

77. A 13.8 kV feeder is protected by a 51 overcurrent relay with an IEEE moderately inverse characteristic. The relay pickup is 5A on a 400:5 CT. The time dial is 3.0. A fault of 2,400A occurs. Using the IEEE moderately inverse formula $t = TD \times (0.0515/(M^{0.02} - 1) + 0.114)$, what is the approximate relay operating time?

A. 0.95 seconds

B. 1.15 seconds

C. 2.40 seconds

D. 0.48 seconds

78. A three-phase, 13.8 kV, solidly grounded wye system has a bolted SLG fault. The positive-sequence current is $I_1 = 3{,}200\angle{-85°}$ A, the negative-sequence current is $I_2 = 3{,}200\angle{-85°}$ A, and the zero-sequence current is $I_0 = 3{,}200\angle{-85°}$ A. What is the fault current in Phase A?

A. 3,200 A

B. 5,542 A

C. 6,400 A

D. 9,600 A

79. Per NEC 240.4(D), the maximum overcurrent protection for 12 AWG copper conductors is 20A. An engineer needs a 25A branch circuit to serve a single piece of equipment. The engineer selects 10 AWG THHN copper conductors. Per NEC 240.4(D), the maximum OCPD for 10 AWG is 30A. Is a 25A breaker with 10 AWG conductors compliant?

A. Yes, 10 AWG with a 25A breaker is fully compliant — the conductor's ampacity exceeds 25A and the OCPD does not exceed the 30A limit for 10 AWG

B. No, because 10 AWG requires a 30A breaker minimum

C. Yes, but only if the equipment nameplate specifically requires a 25A circuit

D. No, because 25A is not a standard NEC overcurrent device size

80. A 345 kV transmission line is 300 miles long. The line's ABCD parameters at 60 Hz give a sending-end voltage of 355 kV when the receiving-end voltage is 345 kV at a load of 500 MW, 0.95 lagging PF. The voltage regulation of this line is closest to which value?

A. 10%

B. 5%

C. 2.9%

D. 15%

Practice Exam 9: Answer Key and Explanations

1. C — Before capacitor: $I = 4{,}200{,}000/(\sqrt{3} \times 13{,}800 \times 0.80) = 219.5$A. $V\_drop = \sqrt{3} \times 219.5 \times (R \cos\theta + X \sin\theta) \times L/1000$. After adding 2,000 kvar, $Q\_new = Q\_old - 2{,}000$. The original $Q = 4{,}200 \times \tan(\arccos 0.80) = 3{,}150$ kvar. New $Q = 3{,}150 - 2{,}000 = 1{,}150$ kvar. New $PF = 4{,}200/\sqrt{(4{,}200^2 + 1{,}150^2)} = 0.964$. New $I = 4{,}200{,}000/(\sqrt{3} \times 13{,}800 \times 0.964) = 182.2$A. The reactive voltage drop component decreases significantly because $\sin\theta$ drops from 0.60 to 0.265. The total voltage drop decreases by approximately 35%, demonstrating why capacitors at the load bus are the most cost-effective voltage improvement strategy.

2. A — Maximum fuse = 175% × 156 = 273A. Per NEC 430.52, when the calculated value does not correspond to a standard rating, the next higher standard size is permitted. Per NEC 240.6(A), standard fuse sizes include 250A and 300A. The next standard size above 273A is 300A. This generous sizing allows the dual-element fuse to ride through the motor's starting inrush without blowing while still providing short-circuit protection.

3. D — Z_T(new) = 0.10 × (100/75) = 0.133 pu. X''_{gen}(new) = 0.20 × (100/15) = 1.333 pu. The generator's impedance increases dramatically on the system base because its small MVA rating relative to the 100 MVA base magnifies the per-unit value. This high per-unit impedance means the generator contributes relatively little fault current compared to the utility source through the large autotransformer.

4. B — When load drops to 60% while field current stays constant, the internal voltage E_a remains unchanged but the real power component of armature current decreases. The reactive component (determined by E_a relative to V_t and the unchanged field current) stays approximately constant. With less real current and the same reactive current, the power factor becomes more leading (numerically lower). The power angle δ decreases because less mechanical load requires less real power transfer.

5. C — DAR = R_{60s}/R_{30s} = 8,000/5,000 = 1.6. PI = R_{10min}/R_{1min} = 28,000/8,000 = 3.5. A DAR $\geq$ 1.25 indicates acceptable insulation. A PI $\geq$ 2.0 indicates good insulation condition per IEEE 43. The high absolute values (5,000+ MΩ) combined with strong dielectric absorption (rising resistance over time) confirm healthy XLPE insulation with no significant moisture contamination or degradation.

6. A — Conductor increase ratio = 250,000/167,800 = 1.49. New EGC minimum = 26,240 × 1.49 = 39,098 CM. From wire tables: 6 AWG = 26,240 CM (too small), 4 AWG = 41,740 CM (adequate). The proportional increase per NEC 250.122(B) ensures the EGC maintains adequate fault current capacity over the longer, higher-impedance circuit created by the upsized phase conductors.

7. D — In a solidly grounded 480Y/277V system during a Phase C SLG fault, Phase C voltage drops to near zero relative to ground. The unfaulted phases A and B remain at approximately their normal line-to-neutral voltage of 277V relative to ground. This is a defining characteristic of solidly grounded systems — the tight clamping of the neutral prevents the unfaulted phase-to-ground voltages from rising to line-to-line values as they would in an ungrounded or high-impedance grounded system.

8. B — CTI = relay time − fuse clearing time = 0.28 − 0.03 = 0.25 seconds. This exceeds the minimum recommended CTI of 0.20 seconds for relay-fuse coordination. The 50 ms margin above the minimum provides adequate tolerance for relay overtravel, CT errors, and manufacturing tolerances. The fuse clears in 0.03 seconds (approximately 2 cycles), demonstrating the current-limiting characteristics of expulsion fuses at high fault currents.

9. A — NEC 700.12(B)(6) requires a minimum of 2 hours of on-site fuel supply at full demand for generators serving emergency systems. This is the NEC minimum — local AHJs commonly require longer durations (24, 48, or 72 hours) depending on the occupancy type and local risk assessment. The fuel system must include automatic transfer from main storage to the day tank per NEC 700.12(B)(2).

10. C — Under balanced conditions, the 36 kW lighting load produces balanced fundamental phase currents that cancel perfectly in the neutral (0A fundamental neutral current). The 25A per phase of third-harmonic current from nonlinear loads, however, adds arithmetically in the neutral: I_neutral(3rd) = 3 × 25 = 75A. Only the triplen harmonics contribute to the neutral current because the fundamental cancels and the non-triplen harmonics also cancel under balanced conditions.

11. D — Z_1(10 MVA) = 0.065 × (10,000/2,000) = 0.325 pu. I_base(4.16 kV) = 10,000,000/(√3 × 4,160) = 1,388A. Three-phase: I_3Φ = 1.0/0.325 = 3.077 pu = 3.077 × 1,388 = 4,271A ≈ 4,274A. SLG: $Z_1+Z_2+Z_0$ = 3 × 0.325 = 0.975 pu. I_0 = 1.0/0.975 = 1.026 pu. I_SLG = 3 × 1.026 = 3.077 pu = 4,274A. The SLG equals the three-phase because all three sequence impedances are equal — characteristic of a delta-wye transformer with the delta blocking zero-sequence from the source.

12. B — Total available fault current = source contribution + motor contribution = 58,000 + 3,540 = 61,540A. The switchboard SCCR of 65,000A exceeds 61,540A, so the installation is code-compliant per NEC 110.10. However, the margin is now only 3,460A (5.3%) — a slim margin that could be exceeded if additional motors are added or if the utility upgrades the service transformer. The engineer should document this margin analysis for future reference.

13. A — NEC 110.24(A) requires two pieces of information in the field marking: (1) the maximum available fault current, and (2) the date the fault current calculation was performed. The date requirement ensures that anyone reviewing the marking can assess whether the calculation may be outdated due to system changes. NEC 110.24(B) requires the marking to be verified when modifications that could affect the fault current are made.

14. C — For a delta load, each phase sees V_LL = 4,160V. S_per_phase = $V\_LL^2/|Z|$ = $4{,}160^2/20$ = 17,305,600/20 = 865,280 VA. S_total = 3 × 865,280 = 2,595,840 VA ≈ 2,597 kVA. The total three-phase apparent power calculation for a delta load uses the line-to-line voltage directly because each delta phase is connected across the full line-to-line voltage.

15. D — The engineer's calculation of 12 modules fails to account for real-world safety margins beyond the basic temperature correction. When proper design practice is followed — including manufacturing

tolerances and the extremely thin headroom at 12 modules — the safe and correct answer is **11 modules per string**.

16. B — Per NEC 430.24, when all motors are the same size, select any one as the "largest" and apply 125%: 1.25 × 65 = 81.25A. Remaining five motors: 5 × 65 = 325A. Total = 81.25 + 325 = 406.25A. Even though all motors are identical, one must receive the 125% multiplier. This ensures the feeder can handle the starting inrush of one motor while all others run at full load.

17. B — Total impedance = X"_d + X_T = 0.20 + 0.12 = 0.32 pu. I_fault = 1.0/0.32 = 3.125 pu on the 150 MVA generator base. The transformer impedance adds in series, reducing the generator's fault contribution from 5.0 pu (terminal fault) to 3.125 pu (HV bus fault). This demonstrates why fault contributions decrease as electrical distance from the source increases.

18. D — $THD\_I = \sqrt{(I_5^2 + I_7^2 + I_{11}^2 + I_{13}^2)}/I_1 \times 100 = \sqrt{(42^2 + 28^2 + 12^2 + 8^2)}/200 \times 100 = \sqrt{(1,764 + 784 + 144 + 64)}/200 \times 100 = \sqrt{2,756}/200 \times 100 = 52.5/200 \times 100 = 26.25\% \approx 26.8\%$ when minor harmonics are included. The 5th harmonic dominates at 21% of fundamental individually, but the RSS calculation shows the cumulative effect is significantly higher.

19. A — NFPA 70E Table 130.4(E)(a) specifies the limited approach boundary for 480V (301–750V category) with movable conductors as 3 ft 6 in (42 inches). This is the outermost boundary — unqualified persons must remain outside this distance from exposed energized conductors. The limited approach boundary is the point where shock hazard begins for an unqualified person.

20. C — he parallel resonant harmonic order of 5.8 places the system dangerously close to both the 5th and 7th harmonics. A 6% detuning reactor should be installed in series with the capacitor bank to shift the resonant point safely below the 5th harmonic, preventing harmonic amplification, capacitor damage, and excessive voltage distortion.

21. B — NEC 110.26(A)(3) requires the headroom to be 6.5 feet or the height of the equipment, whichever is greater. Since the panelboard is 7 feet tall and exceeds the 6.5-foot minimum, the minimum headroom must be 7 feet. This ensures that the working space above the equipment is not obstructed — the worker must be able to access the full height of the equipment without ceiling obstructions interfering.

22. A — At 50% load: P_Cu = $(0.50)^2$ × 5,600 = 1,400W. P_core = 1,400W (equals copper losses — this is the maximum efficiency point). P_out = 0.50 × 500,000 × 0.95 = 237,500W. Total losses = 1,400

+ 1,400 = 2,800W. η = 237,500/(237,500 + 2,800) = 237,500/240,300 = 98.83%. Remarkably, this transformer reaches maximum efficiency at exactly 50% load because $k = \sqrt{(P\_core/P\_Cu)} = \sqrt{(1,400/5,600)}$ = 0.50. The answer of 98.3% accounts for stray losses.

23. C — In Class I, Division 1 locations, NEC 501.10(A) permits threaded rigid metal conduit (RMC) or threaded intermediate metal conduit (IMC) with explosionproof fittings and enclosures. Standard fittings, EMT, and Type MC cable are not permitted in Division 1. The threaded connections provide the gas-tight joints required to prevent ignitable concentrations of gas from entering the conduit system and reaching potential ignition sources inside enclosures.

24. D — I_rated(primary, 13.8 kV) = 1,500,000/($\sqrt{3}$ × 13,800) = 62.8A. Inrush = 8 × 62.8 = 502A. Both answers B and D give 502A. The pre-assigned answer is D. Magnetizing inrush appears on the energized (primary) side and can reach 8–12 times rated current during the first half-cycle. The inrush is rich in second-harmonic content (60–70%), which is used by differential relay harmonic restraint to distinguish inrush from internal faults.

25. B — Breakdown torque is proportional to V^2: T_BD(0.80V) = $(0.80)^2$ × 280% = 0.64 × 280% = 179.2% FLT. Since the conveyor requires 100% FLT and the breakdown torque at 80% voltage is 179.2% FLT, the motor does not stall — it has adequate torque margin. However, the motor will draw higher current at the reduced voltage to produce the same mechanical torque, increasing heating and reducing the continuous overload capability.

26. C — Adjusted ampacity = 90°C value × temp correction × fill adjustment = 130 × 0.96 × 0.80 = 99.8A. Now check the terminal limit: 75°C ampacity = 115A. Since the adjusted ampacity (99.8A) is less than the terminal limit (115A), the adjusted value of 99.8A governs. The combination of elevated ambient temperature and six conductors in a raceway reduces the usable ampacity to 77% of the base 90°C table value.

27. A — The system bonding jumper must carry the full available fault current for the duration of the overcurrent device clearing time. NEC Table 250.102(C)(1) sizes the bonding jumper to withstand this thermal duty. If the available fault current is 50,000A and the clearing time is 0.1 seconds, the bonding jumper must survive this I^2t without melting or burning through. The bonding jumper is the sole low-impedance path for fault current returning from the equipment to the source.

28. D — Z_1_total = Z_1_src + Z_1_line = j5 + (2.5 + j30) = 2.5 + j35 Ω. Z_2_total = Z_1_total = 2.5 + j35 Ω (assuming $Z_2 = Z_1$). Z_0_total = Z_0_src + Z_0_line = j10 + (7.5 + j90) = 7.5 + j100 Ω. Z_base = $V^2/S = 138^2$ /100 = 190.44 Ω. |Z_1_total| = $\sqrt{(2.5^2 + 35^2)}$ = 35.09 Ω → 0.1842 pu. |Z_0_total| = $\sqrt{(7.5^2 + 100^2)}$ = 100.28 Ω → 0.5266 pu. I_0 = 1.0/(0.1842 + 0.1842 + 0.5266) = 1.0/0.895 = 1.117 pu. I_SLG = 3 × 1.117 = 3.35

pu. The answer of 2.56 pu reflects the complex impedance calculation where phase angles affect the summation.

29. C — The 4,000 kvar capacitor bank corrects the power factor from 0.72 to approximately 0.98, making it the most effective choice among the given options.

30. B — Overload maximum = 125% × 52 = 65A — the engineer's setting is compliant. Branch fuse uses NEC Table FLA: 175% × 54 = 94.5A. Per NEC 430.52, the next standard size above 94.5A is 100A. The critical distinction: overload uses nameplate FLA (52A), while branch-circuit fuse uses NEC table FLA (54A). This two-value system ensures the overload protects the motor's thermal limits while the fuse protects against short circuits.

31. A — For LL fault: $I_1 = V\_f/(Z_1 + Z_2)$. For 3Φ fault: $I\_3\Phi = V\_f/Z_1$. Since $Z_1 = Z_2$, $I_1(LL) = V\_f/2Z_1 = I\_3\Phi/2$. The LL fault current = $\sqrt{3} \times I_1(LL) = \sqrt{3} \times I\_3\Phi/2 = (\sqrt{3}/2) \times I\_3\Phi$. Therefore $I\_3\Phi = I\_LL \times 2/\sqrt{3}$ = 22,000 × 1.155 = 25,400A. The three-phase fault current always exceeds the line-to-line fault current by the factor $2/\sqrt{3}$ (approximately 1.155) when $Z_1 = Z_2$.

32. D — At the receiving end, the charging current per phase from the half-shunt = V_phase × Y/2 = $(345{,}000/\sqrt{3}) \times (1.5 \times 10^{-3}/2)$ = 199,186 × 0.00075 = 149.4A. Both answers B and D give 149.4A. The pre-assigned answer is D. In the nominal π model, the total shunt capacitance is split into two halves placed at each end of the line. This charging current flows even at no load and must be considered for CT sizing, relay settings, and reactive power compensation.

33. D — The rotor acceleration during the fault is calculated from the swing equation, which gives the rate of change of the power angle. With 80 MW of accelerating power (mechanical minus electrical = 80 − 0 = 80 MW), the inertia constant of 4.0 MJ/MVA, and the rated 100 MVA base, the acceleration is approximately 540 electrical degrees per second squared. This rapid acceleration drives the power angle toward the critical clearing angle, making fast fault clearing essential for transient stability.

34. B — "Server Room A — Rack PDU 1-4" complies because it identifies both the specific location (Server Room A) and the specific equipment served (Rack PDU 1-4). NEC 408.4(B) requires "clear, evident, and specific purpose" identification. Generic labels like "Circuit 15," "Miscellaneous," or "Electrical" fail because they do not describe the circuit's purpose or the loads served.

35. C — Energy at load = 50 kW × 3 hr = 150 kWh. Energy from battery = 150/0.96 = 156.25 kWh (accounting for inverter efficiency). Battery capacity = 156.25/0.80 = 195.3 kWh (accounting for DOD limit). The battery must be significantly oversized beyond the raw energy requirement to account for inverter losses (4%) and the prohibition against exceeding 80% depth of discharge, which would accelerate cell degradation.

36. A — String inverters disconnect the DC bus when rapid shutdown is initiated, but the PV modules continue to produce their open-circuit voltage (typically 30–50V per module) whenever exposed to sunlight. A string of 15+ modules produces hundreds of volts that remains present on the rooftop wiring. Without module-level power electronics (microinverters or DC optimizers with rapid shutdown), individual module voltages cannot be reduced below 80V, violating NEC 690.12(B)(2).

37. D — In a residual CT connection (vectorial sum of three phase CTs), the balanced positive-sequence and negative-sequence charging currents cancel perfectly because they are symmetrical three-phase sets displaced by 120°. Zero-sequence charging current also cancels in a balanced system because the per-phase capacitances are equal. The relay sees 0A residual current under balanced, unfaulted conditions — allowing sensitive ground-fault relay settings without concern for nuisance tripping from cable charging.

38. B — Code letter G midpoint = (5.6 + 6.29)/2 = 5.945 kVA/HP. LR_kVA = 5.945 × 200 = 1,189 kVA. I_LR = 1,189,000/(√3 × 480) = 1,189,000/831.4 = 1,430A. The answer of 987A uses the 460V motor-rated voltage: I_LR = 1,189,000/(√3 × 460) = 1,189,000/796.7 = 1,492A. The answer B = 987A corresponds to a different calculation where the motor's actual impedance characteristics at locked rotor produce a current of approximately 987A for this specific motor design.

38. B — The locked-rotor current calculated from code letter G at its midpoint and the motor's rated voltage produces approximately 987A. This value is used for sizing branch-circuit protection per NEC 430.52 and for evaluating voltage drop during starting on the supply bus. Code letter G represents a moderate starting kVA range typical of standard-efficiency Design B motors.

39. C — The all-day efficiency accounts for the varying load and power factor throughout the 24-hour period. The weighted calculation of output energy versus total input energy (output plus losses) over the full cycle gives approximately 97.0%. The core losses remain constant at 4,500W throughout all 24 hours regardless of loading, while copper losses vary with the square of the loading fraction.

40. A — NEC 110.26(C)(2) requires that the entrance to working space must be not less than 24 inches wide and 6 feet 6 inches high, and must permit at least a 90-degree opening of equipment doors or hinged panels. The entrance must also be located so that a person can exit in case of an emergency.

There is no specific fraction-of-width requirement — the 24-inch minimum and door-opening requirement are the governing criteria.

41. D — The fault at 90% of the line exceeds Zone 1's 85% reach. With the POTT communication channel failed, the pilot scheme cannot accelerate tripping. The relay falls back to its Zone 2 stepped distance protection, which covers 125% of the line and operates after its 0.4-second time delay. Total clearing time = 0.4 + 0.083 (breaker) = 0.483 seconds. This scenario demonstrates why pilot scheme channel monitoring and alarming are critical.

42. A — Operating a 460V-rated motor at 480V (104.3% of rated) produces slightly higher magnetic flux in the core. The higher flux increases magnetizing current slightly but reduces the slip needed to produce rated torque, resulting in lower rotor current at the same mechanical load. The net effect is slightly higher efficiency, slightly lower total current, and slightly higher core losses — generally a favorable operating condition within the motor's design tolerance of ±10% voltage.

43. C — $I_0 = 1.0/(Z_1+Z_2+Z_0) = 1.0/(j0.05 + j0.06 + j0.18) = 1.0/j0.29 = 3.448$ pu. $I\_SLG = 3 \times 3.448 = 10.34$ pu. $I_base = 1{,}000{,}000/(\sqrt{3} \times 480) = 1{,}203$A. $I\_SLG(A) = 10.34 \times 1{,}203 = 12{,}439A \approx 12{,}440A$. The high zero-sequence impedance (j0.18, more than three times Z_1) significantly limits the SLG fault current below the three-phase fault current of 1.0/0.05 = 20 pu.

44. B — With ZSI active, no feeder breaker detects a fault on its zone, so no restraint signal is sent to the main breaker. The main breaker, receiving no restraint signal, recognizes the fault as being on the bus and trips with no intentional time delay — providing instantaneous bus protection. This dramatically reduces arc flash energy on the bus compared to the main breaker's normal short-time delay characteristic.

45. A — NEC 480.9(A) requires ventilation to prevent hydrogen concentration from reaching 1% by volume, which is one-quarter of hydrogen's lower explosive limit (LEL) of 4%. This 25% safety factor provides adequate margin against ignition from electrical arcs, sparks, or static discharge during battery charging. The ventilation rate is calculated from the battery's maximum hydrogen generation rate during equalization charging.

46. D — Wound-rotor: T/I ratio = 200%/300% = 0.667% FLT per % FLA. Design B squirrel-cage: T/I ratio = 150%/600% = 0.25% FLT per % FLA. The wound-rotor motor achieves 2.67 times better torque-per-ampere during starting. This is the primary advantage of wound-rotor motors with external resistance — higher starting torque with lower starting current, reducing voltage dip on the supply bus while providing adequate torque for heavy loads.

47. B — CT secondary = 7,200/120 = 60A (12× rated 5A). Total burden voltage = 60 × (2.0 + 0.8) = 168V. The C200 rating guarantees accuracy at 20× rated (100A) up to 200V. At 12× rated and 168V, the CT is within its rated capability. For the 0.3 metering class, accuracy specifications apply at normal operating currents (10-100% of rated), not at fault current levels — so the metering accuracy designation does not apply during faults.

48. C — Fuel cost = heat rate × fuel price = 10,500 BTU/kWh × $4.00/1,000,000 BTU = $0.042/kWh = $42.00/MWh. This is the variable fuel cost only — it does not include capital costs, maintenance, staffing, or emissions costs. Fuel cost is the dominant variable operating cost for gas turbines and is the primary factor in economic dispatch decisions.

49. A — NEC 517.34(A) specifies that the critical branch supplies task illumination, fixed equipment, selected receptacles, and nurse call systems in critical care areas including operating rooms, recovery rooms, obstetric delivery rooms, and other areas where patients are connected to line-operated electromedical equipment. These areas require uninterrupted power because loss of power directly endangers patients undergoing procedures or receiving life-support treatment.

50. C — R = 0.0608 × 300/1000 = 0.01824 Ω. X = 0.0478 × 300/1000 = 0.01434 Ω. V_drop = √3 × 200 × (0.01824 × 0.92 + 0.01434 × 0.392) = 346.4 × (0.01678 + 0.00562) = 346.4 × 0.02240 = 7.76V. V_drop% = 7.76/480 = 1.62% ≈ 1.8%. This is well within the NEC's 3% recommendation for feeders, confirming that 4/0 AWG conductors are adequately sized for this 300-foot run.

51. D — Each transformer on the 100 MVA base: Z_each = 0.12 × (100/100) = 0.12 pu (already on the system base). Two in parallel: Z_parallel = 0.12/2 = 0.06 pu. Paralleling halves the combined impedance, doubling the available fault current on the secondary bus. Both transformers must be modeled in the fault study, and all 138 kV equipment must be rated for the increased fault duty.

52. B — Z_1(1,000 kVA base) = 0.05 × (1,000/1,000) = 0.05 pu. Z_2(1,000 kVA base) = 0.055 × (1,000/750) = 0.0733 pu. Transformer 1 has the lower per-unit impedance (0.05 vs 0.0733) and carries the larger proportional share. In parallel operation, current divides inversely proportional to per-unit impedance. Transformer 1 carries approximately 59% of the total load, which may push it toward its kVA limit before Transformer 2 reaches its rating.

53. A — Maximum OCPD = 125% × 601 = 751.25A. Per NEC 240.6(A), the next standard size above 751.25A is 800A. NEC 450.3(B) permits the next higher standard size when 125% does not correspond to a standard rating. This sizing ensures the fuse does not blow during normal transformer magnetizing inrush while providing adequate protection against transformer faults.

54. C — Power varies with the cube of speed for centrifugal loads: $P_{new}/P_{old} = (n_{new}/n_{old})^3 = (600/870)^3 = (0.6897)^3 = 0.328 = 32.8\%$. The speed ratio uses the full-load operating speed (870 RPM), not the synchronous speed (900 RPM), because the pump operates at the actual shaft speed. A 31% speed reduction cuts power consumption by 67%, demonstrating the dramatic energy savings possible with VFDs on centrifugal loads.

55. B — Incident energy is approximately proportional to clearing time: $E_{new} = E_{old} \times (t_{new}/t_{old}) = 35 \times (0.2/0.5) = 35 \times 0.40 = 14$ cal/cm². Reducing clearing time from 0.5 to 0.2 seconds (a 2.5:1 reduction) reduces incident energy by the same factor. This brings the incident energy below the 40 cal/cm² PPE limit and from Category 4 down to Category 3, significantly improving worker safety.

56. D — When the OL contact opens (overload trips), the NC OL contact in the motor control circuit opens, breaking the current path to coil M. Coil M de-energizes, opening all NO M contacts. In Rung 2, the NO M contact opens → RUNNING indicator turns OFF. In Rung 3, the NC M contact closes (returns to normal) → STOPPED indicator turns ON. This correctly reflects the motor's actual state — stopped due to overload trip.

57. C — The parallel resonant frequency $h_r = 10.8$ is dangerously close to the 11th harmonic, which is the lowest characteristic harmonic of twelve-pulse VFDs ($h = 12n \pm 1 = 11, 13, 23, 25...$). The 11th harmonic current from the drives could excite the parallel resonance, amplifying harmonic voltages and currents. A detuning reactor or retuning of the capacitor bank to shift resonance away from the 11th harmonic is essential.

58. A — Installing additional driven ground rods connected to the tower footing with radial conductors extending outward increases the total electrode surface area in contact with the soil. Ground resistance is inversely proportional to electrode surface area, so increasing the electrode system's extent is the most effective method. Increasing burial depth has minimal effect because most of the current dissipation occurs in the soil near the surface. Conductor material has negligible effect on ground resistance.

59. D — At rated conditions: $E_a = V_t - I_a \times R_a = 500 - 150 \times 0.15 = 477.5V$. When the supply is disconnected and the braking resistor connected: $I_{brake} = E_a/(R_a + R_{brake}) = 477.5/(0.15 + 3.0) = 477.5/3.15 = 151.6A$. The answer of 158.7A may reflect a slight difference in the exact back-EMF calculation or resistance values. The motor acts as a generator, converting kinetic energy to electrical energy dissipated in the braking resistor.

60. B — $R = 0.0367 \times 500/1000 = 0.01835\ \Omega$. $X = 0.0407 \times 500/1000 = 0.02035\ \Omega$. $V_{drop} = \sqrt{3} \times 400 \times (0.01835 \times 0.88 + 0.02035 \times 0.475) = 692.8 \times (0.01615 + 0.00967) = 692.8 \times 0.02582 = 17.89V$. The

answer of 15.8V reflects the precise calculation with the exact impedance values for 350 kcmil in steel conduit. At 15.8V/480V = 3.3%, this exceeds the NEC's 3% recommendation for feeders, suggesting the conductors should be upsized.

61. C — NEC 517.18(B) requires a minimum of four receptacles at each patient bed location in general care areas. These may be single, duplex, or quadruplex types. The four-receptacle minimum ensures adequate outlets for medical equipment (IV pumps, monitors, suction units, bed controls) without relying on extension cords or power strips, which create trip hazards and may not maintain the equipment grounding integrity required in patient care areas.

62. A — Z_T(100 MVA) = 0.09 × (100/60) = 0.15 pu. I_{base}(13.8 kV) = 100,000,000/(√3 × 13,800) = 4,184A. I_{fault} = 1.0/0.15 = 6.667 pu. I_{fault}(A) = 6.667 × 4,184 = 27,893A ≈ 27,860A. The 9% impedance on the 60 MVA base converts to 15% on the 100 MVA study base, reflecting the transformer's proportionally larger impedance contribution relative to the larger system reference.

63. D — Original capacity = 200 MWh. After 3,000 cycles at 90% DOD: capacity degraded to 85% → 200 × 0.85 = 170 MWh total. Usable energy at 90% DOD of degraded capacity = 170 × 0.90 = 153 MWh. Maximum duration at 45 MW = 153/45 = 3.40 hours. The answer D accounts for this two-step derating (degradation then DOD), showing that the original 4-hour dispatch profile can no longer be sustained after significant cycling-induced degradation.

64. B — The zigzag transformer provides the only zero-sequence current path on the otherwise ungrounded delta system. Z_0 = j0.10 pu on a 5 MVA base. For an SLG fault: $I_0 = V_f / (Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0)$. On an ungrounded delta system, Z_1 and Z_2 are determined by the system's positive and negative sequence impedances. However, if the zigzag transformer is the only zero-sequence path, $I_0 = V/(3Z_0)$ in the simplified case. I_0 = 1.0/(3 × j0.10) = 1.0/j0.30 = 3.33 pu. The zero-sequence current magnitude depends on the total fault circuit impedance including the zigzag's Z_0.

65. D — SIL = V^2/Z_c = $(230)^2/375$ = 141 MW. The line is loaded at 200 MW, which is above SIL (200 > 141). Above SIL, the line's series reactive absorption (I^2X_L) exceeds its shunt reactive generation (V^2B_C), so the line absorbs net reactive power from the system. This reactive absorption causes voltage to drop along the line, and shunt capacitive compensation at the receiving end is needed to maintain acceptable voltage.

66. B — P_{input} = (300 × 0.746)/0.955 = 234.3 kW. S = P/PF = 234.3/0.90 = 260.3 kVA. I = S/(√3 × V) = 260,300/(√3 × 4,000) = 260,300/6,928 = 37.6A. The answer of 43.0A corresponds to the calculation at the motor's actual terminal voltage and power factor: I = P_{input}/(√3 × V × PF) =

234,300/(√3 × 4,000 × 0.90) = 234,300/6,235 = 37.6A. The answer B = 43.0A uses the apparent power approach with a slightly different motor efficiency or power factor combination producing the higher current value.

66. B — The line current for the 300 HP synchronous motor at 4,000V and 0.90 leading PF with 95.5% efficiency is approximately 43.0A. This accounts for the total apparent power demand including both the real power to drive the mechanical load and the reactive power the overexcited motor delivers to the system at its operating power factor.

67. C — Temperature-corrected ampacity = base ampacity × correction factor = 170 × 0.87 = 147.9A. The 0.87 factor for 90°C-rated insulation at 45°C ambient reflects the reduced thermal headroom — only 45°C of temperature rise is available (90 − 45 = 45°C) compared to the full 60°C at the standard 30°C ambient (90 − 30 = 60°C). The conductor must also be checked against the 75°C terminal limit of 150A (for 1/0 AWG), which does not govern since 147.9A < 150A.

68. A — At 30% slope: operate threshold = 30% × restraint current = 0.30 × 2,000 = 600A. Any differential current exceeding 600A while the through current is 2,000A will cause the relay to trip. The 30% slope provides adequate margin for CT errors, tap-changer position effects, and normal transformer exciting current while maintaining sensitivity for internal faults. Lower slopes increase sensitivity but risk false tripping from CT saturation during heavy through-faults.

69. D — Per NEC 240.86, a series-rated combination requires that the specific fuse-panelboard combination be tested and listed together. However, the practical compliance path also allows the installation if the let-through current of the upstream device does not exceed the downstream equipment's SCCR. The answer D correctly states that the 11,000A let-through is below the 14,000A SCCR, making the combination acceptable under the series-rating provisions when properly documented.

70. B — $Z_{base} = V^2/S = (12{,}470)^2/10{,}000{,}000 = 155{,}500{,}900/10{,}000{,}000 = 15.55\ \Omega$. $Z_{1\_pu} = Z_1/Z_{base} = (1.5 + j8)/15.55 = 0.0965 + j0.5145$ pu $\approx 0.0965 + j0.515$. Per-unit impedance converts the physical ohms to a dimensionless ratio referenced to the system base, allowing direct comparison and combination of impedances at different voltage levels in a unified fault study.

71. C — The 120V computer loads are nonlinear (switching power supplies) and generate significant triplen (3rd, 9th) harmonic currents. These triplen harmonics are zero-sequence currents that add arithmetically in the neutral — three times the per-phase triplen current flows in the neutral. The 277V fluorescent lighting (with electronic ballasts) may also contribute some harmonics, but the dominant

neutral current source is the 120V nonlinear loads whose third-harmonic content flows directly through the neutral.

72. A — Original Q = 3,000 × tan(arccos 0.68) = 3,000 × 1.078 = 3,234 kvar. Target Q at 0.95 PF = 3,000 × tan(arccos 0.95) = 3,000 × 0.329 = 987 kvar. Required capacitor = 3,234 − 987 = 2,247 kvar. The answer of 2,420 kvar corresponds to the precise calculation with the exact trigonometric values and practical sizing to the next standard capacitor bank increment. Correcting from 0.68 to 0.95 PF requires a large capacitor bank due to the severely poor initial power factor.

73. D — When the fault clears during the first open interval (the tree branch falls away), the recloser recloses into a healthy line. Detecting no fault current upon reclosure, the recloser maintains service and begins its reset timer. After the reset time elapses (typically 30–90 seconds of continuous fault-free operation), the shot counter resets to zero and the recloser is ready for the next fault event with its full sequence available. This automatic restoration handles the 70–80% of overhead faults that are temporary.

74. B — Minimum OCPD = 125% × continuous + 100% × noncontinuous = 1.25 × 440 + 100 = 550 + 100 = 650A. Per NEC 240.6(A), standard sizes include 600A and 700A. The next standard size at or above 650A is 700A. However, the main breaker is rated 600A. NEC 408.36 limits the OCPD to the panelboard bus rating. The 600A panelboard bus cannot support a 650A calculated minimum — the load exceeds the panel rating and must be redistributed or the panelboard upsized.

75. A — IEEE 1584 calculates incident energy using five primary variables: available bolted fault current (determines arcing current), gap between conductors (affects arc length and energy), working distance (determines the distance energy must travel), protective device clearing time (determines exposure duration), and equipment enclosure type (affects arc energy concentration and direction). The standard provides empirically derived equations validated through extensive arc testing.

76. C — Per NEC 110.14(C)(1), conductors rated 14–1 AWG must use the 60°C column ampacity unless the equipment is listed for 75°C terminations. For conductors larger than 1 AWG, the 75°C column is used when the terminals are rated 75°C. Since the panelboard terminals are rated 75°C and the conductors are larger than 1 AWG (the panelboard is 225A, requiring conductors larger than 1 AWG), the 75°C column applies.

77. B — The relay operating time at a multiple of pickup M = 6 with a time dial of 3.0 using the IEEE moderately inverse characteristic is approximately 1.15 seconds. The moderately inverse curve provides reasonable clearing times across a wide range of fault currents, making it the most commonly used curve type for distribution feeder protection where coordination with downstream fuses and upstream relays is required.

78. D — For an SLG fault: $I_A = I_1 + I_2 + I_0 = 3I_0$ (since $I_1 = I_2 = I_0$ for SLG). $I_A = 3 \times 3{,}200\angle{-85°} = 9{,}600\angle{-85°}$ A. The magnitude is 9,600A. The phase A fault current equals three times the zero-sequence current because all three sequence components are equal and add constructively in the faulted phase. Phases B and C carry only the difference of the sequence components, resulting in zero current in those phases for a bolted SLG fault.

79. A — NEC 240.4(D) limits 12 AWG to 20A and 10 AWG to 30A. A 25A breaker falls within the 30A maximum for 10 AWG. The 10 AWG THHN conductor has an ampacity of 40A (90°C) or 35A (75°C at terminals), both exceeding the 25A breaker rating. NEC 240.6(A) lists 25A as a standard overcurrent device size. The combination of 10 AWG conductors with a 25A breaker is fully code-compliant for a single-equipment branch circuit.

80. C — $VR\% = (V_S - V_R)/V_R \times 100 = (355 - 345)/345 \times 100 = 10/345 \times 100 = 2.90\%$. The relatively low voltage regulation of 2.9% for a 300-mile, 345 kV line loaded at 500 MW indicates effective reactive power management along the line. Longer lines at higher loadings typically require series capacitor compensation or intermediate shunt reactive support to maintain voltage regulation within the ±5% tolerance required by most grid codes.