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- You may have a $8.5" \times 11"$ sheet of notes and a non-network-connected calculator

Q1a: A 555 timer circuit is shown, with voltage supplies of $V_{\rm CC} = 4.5$ V and ground. Are components are ideal.

- 1. (10 marks) It is required that the circuit function as an astable oscillator with output low- and high-periods of 20 ms and 30 ms, respectively. To make this happen, draw appropriate connections and select resistors R_A and R_B .
- 2. (10 marks) At time t = 0, $V_T = 0$. Sketch graphs of V_T , S, R, Q, and \overline{Q} on the axes indicated.



- 1. (10 marks) Two strain gauges are used to measure a horizontal beam being bent downwards at one end.
 - Sketch the layout of this scenario.
 - Indicate where the two strain gauges are placed (and in what orientation).
 - Indicate whether each resistance increases, decreases or stays approximately constant when the beam is loaded.

- 2. (10 marks) Resistors $R_A = R_C = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$, and the strain gauges have unloaded values of $R_B = R_D = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$. When loaded, R_B changes by +10% and R_D changes by -5%. What is V_o if
 - the amplifier has common-mode and difference gains: $A_{\rm d} = 100$ and $A_{\rm cm} = 0$.
 - the amplifier has common-mode and difference gains: $A_{\rm d} = 100$ and $A_{\rm cm} = 0.1$.



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Q1b: A 555 timer circuit is shown, with voltage supplies of $V_{\rm CC} = 6$ V and ground. Are components are ideal.

- 1. (10 marks) It is required that the circuit function as an astable oscillator with output low- and high-periods of 10 ms and 20 ms, respectively. To make this happen, draw appropriate connections and select resistors R_A and R_B .
- 2. (10 marks) At time t = 0, $V_T = 0$. Sketch graphs of V_T , S, R, Q, and \overline{Q} on the axes indicated.



- 1. (10 marks) Two strain gauges are used to measure a vertical beam fixed at the bottom while being compressed from the top.
 - Sketch the layout of this scenario.
 - Indicate where the two strain gauges are placed (and in what orientation).
 - Indicate whether each resistance increases, decreases or stays approximately constant when the beam is loaded.

- 2. (10 marks) Resistors $R_A = R_C = 2.0 \text{ k}\Omega$, and the strain gauges have unloaded values of $R_B = R_D = 2.0 \text{ k}\Omega$. When loaded, R_B changes by -10% and R_D changes by -1%. What is V_o if
 - the amplifier has common-mode and difference gains: $A_{\rm d} = 100$ and $A_{\rm cm} = 0$.
 - the amplifier has common-mode and difference gains: $A_{\rm d} = 100$ and $A_{\rm cm} = 0.1$.

