





ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT EXAMINATIONS, JUNE - 2009
INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENTATION - I
SEMESTER - 4



Time : 3 Hours]

[Full Marks : 70

GROUP - A**(Multiple Choice Type Questions)**

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any *ten* of the following : 10 × 1 = 10
- i) Dummy strain gauge is used to
- a) increase the efficiency
- b) increase the range
- c) compensate for temperature changes
- d) make the bridge self-balancing.
- ii) Transducer for measurement of rotational displacement is
- a) shaft encoder b) differential capacitor
- c) LVDT d) strain gauge.
- iii) A second-order underdamped system has a damping factor of 0.8. It is subjected to a sinusoidal input of unit amplitude. It has resonant peak of
- a) 108% b) 92%
- c) 20% d) it has no resonance peak.
- iv) Two strain gauges are used to measure strain in a cantilever. One gauge is mounted on the top of the cantilever and the other is placed at the bottom. The two strain gauges form two arms of a voltage sensitive Wheatstone bridge. This bridge configuration is called
- a) a quarter bridge b) a half bridge
- c) a full bridge d) a null bridge.

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GROUP – B

(Short Answer Type Questions)



Answer any *three* of the following questions. 3 × 5 = 15

2. Discuss each type of Systematic Error as classified, giving suitable examples. Explain the measures taken to minimize these errors. 5
3. What are the different standard inputs given to the measuring system for evaluation of its parameters ? Derive the equation and curve for time response of a first order system when subjected to unit step input. 1 + 4
4. a) Write down a mathematical expression for 'standard deviation', explaining all the terms used therein.
- b) A large number of 230 Ω resistors are obtained by combining 120 Ω resistors with a standard deviation of 4.0 Ω and 110 Ω resistors with a standard deviation of 3.0 Ω. What is the standard deviation of 230 Ω resistors thus formed ? 2 + 3
5. What do optical absolute encoders usually generate a gray coded binary coded output ? Distinguish between absolute rotary encoder an incremental encoder. 3 + 2
6. What is a pneumatic relay ? Describe with a neat sketch, the bleed type pneumatic relay. 1 + 4

GROUP – C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following questions. 3 × 15 = 45

7. a) What is Gaussian distribution ?
- b) What are the properties of Gaussian distribution ?
- c) Successive measure of 1 kg each (of high accuracy) were added at the hook at the lower end of a vertically hanging wire. The position of a mark at the lower end was measured using an ordinary scale. The following results are obtained :

Load X in kg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Position of Mark Y	6.05	6.20	6.25	6.35	6.40	6.50	6.55	6.60	6.70	6.75

Determine the equation of the best fitting straight line using the method of sequential difference.

- d) What are the criteria for goodness of fit ? 2 + 3 + 7 + 3

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8. a) Show that in a seismic accelerometer the amplitude of the relative displacement between the proof mass and the spring-damper assembly varies linearly with the acceleration.
- b) The seismic mass of a spring-mass accelerometer is 50 g and the spring constant is 5000 N/m. The amplitude of the relative displacement is ± 2 cm. If $\zeta = 0.7$ and $\omega / \omega_n < 0.4$, where symbols have their usual meaning, calculate
- the maximum measurable acceleration in g where g is the acceleration due to gravity, and
 - the natural frequency of oscillation of the system.
- c) Four strain gauges are used to measure the torque of a cylindrical shaft.
- Draw a labelled diagram showing the arrangement of gauges on the shaft and the bridge configuration.
 - Calculate the maximum bridge output for a strain of 500×10^{-6} . The gauges have resistance of 120Ω each, and a gauge factor of 2.1. The maximum permissible gauge current is 50 mA. $4 + (3 + 3) + (2 + 3)$
9. What is mass flow-rate ? What is basic difference between a belt weighing system and a weighfeeder ? What is weigh length of a belt weighing system ? Explain the principle of operation of a weighfeeder with a schematic representation. Explain how bridge circuit is used for multiplication of two signals from load-cell and tacho-generator in weighfeeder ? $1 + 2 + 1 + 7 + 4$
10. a) Draw a basic Zener-barrier circuit used in a hazardous are to limit the amount of electrical energy produced under any possible fault condition and explain its mode of operation.

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- b) Figure shows an equivalent circuit of a Zener-barrier used for the measurement of temperature by a thermocouple in a hydrogen-air atmosphere. The symbols used for the sensor, cable network and the Zener-barrier are self-explanatory.

If $V_z = 10 \text{ V}$, $R_1 = 50 \Omega$, $C = 1.85 \text{ nF}$, $L = 60 \mu\text{H}$ and the minimum ignition energy for hydrogen-air is $19 \mu\text{J}$, examine from the calculation of maximum total energy stored in the circuit if the instrumentation is safe or not.

- c) i) List the advantages of a 4 – 20 mA two-wire live zero loop.
 ii) What is its disadvantage when used to interconnect, say, chart recorders ? 5 + 5 + (3 + 2)

11. a) What is the working principle of Stroboscope ?
 b) What do you mean by proximity measurement ? Describe the working principle of a magnetic proximity sensor ?
 c) Describe the working principle and derive the necessary expression of a seismic displacement transducer. 4 + 2 + 3 + 6

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