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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2025
Process Control and Automation

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.

Module-1

- 1 a. Explain with a neat diagram, the working principle of thermocouple and thermister. (10 Marks)
- b. Discuss online and offline measurement of biomass estimation. (10 Marks)

OR

- 2 a. Discuss flow injection analysis for measurement of substrate and products. (10 Marks)
- b. Enumerate the important physico-chemical and biochemical parameter in dynamics of bioprocess with outline diagram of bioreactor. (10 Marks)

Module-2

- 3 a. Derive the transfer function of liquid level first order system with all assumptions. (08 Marks)
- b. Compare feedback and feed forward control systems with suitable examples. (06 Marks)
- c. Obtain the response of the thermometer for a step input and discuss its important features. (06 Marks)

OR

- 4 a. Derive the transfer-function for a three tank non interacting system in series and its step response. (10 Marks)
- b. A thermometer is kept inside a constant temperature bath at 70°C. This is suddenly transferred into another bath kept at 60°C at $t = 0$. The following are the readings recorded.

Time in minute	Temperature °C
0	70
2	68
4	66
5	64
8	63
10	61.5
12	61

Find out the time constant for thermometer

(10 Marks)

Module-3

- 5 a. Derive the transfer function to show that U-tube monometer follows the second order system and state all the assumptions. (10 Marks)
- b. Derive a step response equation for second order system. (10 Marks)

OR

- 6 a. For a second order under damped, explain the following terms with the help of neat sketch,
i) Overshoot ii) Decay ratio iii) Rise time iv) Response time v) Period of oscillation. (10 Marks)
- b. A step change of magnitude 4 is introduced into a system having transfer function

$$\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{10}{s^2 + 1.6s + 4}$$
 Determine :
 i) % overshoot ii) Rise time iii) Maximum value of Y(t) v) Period of oscillation. (10 Marks)

Module-4

- 7 a. Derive the transfer function which relates the output and error signal for the control modes. Discuss their dynamic behaviour for linear change in error
 i) PD controller ii) PID controller. (10 Marks)
- b. In a PID controller the error is increased linearly at the rate of 5°C/min. The proportional sensitivity of the PID controller is 4, the reset rate is 1 and the derivative time is 0.5. Obtain the response of PID controller. (10 Marks)

OR

- 8 a. Derive the expression for the transfer function of servo and regulatory problem in control system. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain with a neat sketch, various components and functioning of a pneumatic control valve. (10 Marks)

Module-5

- 9 a. Determine the stability of the closed loop transfer function :

$$T(s) = \frac{10}{s^5 + 2s^4 + 3s^3 + 6s^2 + 5s + 3}$$
 (10 Marks)
- b. Draw the Bode diagram for the first order system and explain. (10 Marks)

OR

- 10 a. Open loop transfer function of a chemical process is given by :

$$G(s) = \frac{K}{(s+1)(50s^2 + 12s + 0.5)}$$
 Find out the range of K for which system is stable, what will be the frequency of sustained oscillator. (10 Marks)
- b. Discuss the Nyquist stability criteria of control system. (10 Marks)

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