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SENSORS AND TRANSDUCERS

Time Allotted: 3 Hours Full Marks: 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP - A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any *ten* of the following:

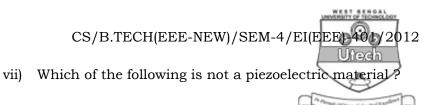
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- i) Which of the following is an active transducer?
 - a) Strain gauge
 - b) LVDT
 - c) Piezoelectric transducer
 - d) None of these.
- ii) The strain gauge should have low
 - a) gauge factor
 - b) resistance temperature coefficient
 - c) resistance
 - d) all of these.

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- iii) Operation of thermocouple is based on

 a) Seebeck effect b) Peltier effect
 - c) Thomson effect d) none of these.
- iv) LVDT means
 - a) Linear Variable Differential Transducer
 - b) Low Value Direct Transformer
 - c) Linear Variable Differential Transformer
 - d) none of these.
- v) Which of the following is used for measurement of temperature?
 - a) Strain gauge b) Thermocouple
 - c) Photodiode d)
- d) None of these.
- vi) Which of the following is a passive transducer?
 - a) Photovoltaic cell
 - b) LVDT
 - c) Piezoelectric transducer
 - d) None of these.



- a) Quartz
- b) Barium titanate
- c) Cadmium sulphate
- d) None of these.
- viii) Piezoelectric Accelerometer is
 - a) sensitive to temperature changes
 - b) sensitive to voltage changes
 - c) sensitive to velocity changes
 - d) sensitive to acceleration changes.
- ix) A Hall effect transducer can be used to measure
 - a) power

- b) current
- c) displacement
- d) all of these.
- x) Capacitive transducer are normally used for
 - a) static measurement
 - b) dynamic measurement
 - c) both (a) and (b)
 - d) Transient measurement.

- xi) A thermistor exhibits
 - a) only a *-ve* charge of resistance with increase in temperature
 - b) only a +ve charge of resistance with increase in temperature
 - c) can exhibit either a -ve or, +ve charge of resistance with increase in temperature depending upon the type of material
 - d) none of these.
- xii) The photo-diode as compared to a photo-transistor has
 - a) faster switching time
 - b) lower sensitivity
 - c) higher size for the same value of output current
 - d) all of these.

GROUP - B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any three of the following.

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2. Derive the output voltage expression of linear POT when its output terminal connected across a meter of finite impedance.

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- 3. Draw and explain i) the current time characteristics,
 - ii) voltage-current characteristics and iii) resistancetemperature characteristics of thermistor.
- 4. Briefly explain the construction and principle of operation of Geiger-Müller counter.
- 5. Explain the principle of operation and construction of ultrasonic flow meter. What are the advantages of ultrasonic flow meter?
- 6. Explain Hall Effect Transducer with neat diagram.

GROUP - C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 15 = 45$

- 7. a) What do you mean by piezoelectric transducer? Derive the expression of output voltage of piezoelectric transducer.
 - b) Briefly explain the loading effect and frequency response of piezoelectric transducer.

- c) A barium titanate piezoelectric crystal has dimensions of 6 mm \times 6 mm \times 1·5 mm and a voltage sensitivity of 0·012 Vm/N. Relative permittivity of barium titanate is 1400 and modulus of elasticity of the barium titanate is 12×10^{10} N/m². Force applied is 10N. Determine
 - i) the output voltage
 - ii) charge sensitivity
 - iii) strain
 - iv) charge generated.

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- 8. a) How capacitive transducer can be used for measurement of displacement using variation of dielectric constant?
 - b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of capacitive transducer?
 - c) Briefly describe the pyroelectric effect.
 - d) Draw and explain how thermocouple can be used for measurement of temperature. 4 + 3 + 3 + 5
- 9. a) What is strain gauge? What are the various types of strain gauge?
 - b) Derive the expression of gauge factor.

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- c) Briefly explain semiconductor strain gauge and state the advantage and disadvantage of this type of strain gauge.
- d) Explain the function of dummy gauge. 2 + 6 + 5 + 2
- 10. a) Describe the working principle of variable inductance transducer.
 - b) What is residual voltage? Describe the input-output relationship of LVDT. 7 + 8
- 11. Write short notes on any *three* of the following: 3×5
 - a) Total radiation pyrometer
 - b) Photomultiplier tube
 - c) RTD
 - d) Load cell
 - e) Proximity sensor
 - f) Scintillation counter.

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