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J5800: CONTROL AND INSTRUMENTATIONS

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DURATION: 2 HOURS (2.30 PM - 4.30 PM)

This paper consists of **FOUR (4)** pages including the front page. Structured/Essay (6 questions – answer any 4 questions)

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QUESTION 1

What is the definition for instrument?

(2 marks)

(b) State **THREE** (3) functions of instrumentation process.

(6 marks)

(c) Explain why calibration process is needed in a control system.

(3 marks)

(d) Define error. List the different sources of errors in a measurement system.

(6 marks)

(e) State **FOUR** (4) types of output display in a measurement system.

(8 marks)

QUESTION 2

(a) List **FOUR** (4) types of measurement in industrial application.

(4 marks)

(b) Explain briefly with the aid of a diagram the principle of pressure gauge measurement using basic Bourdon gauge.

(12 marks)

(c) The methods of a liquid level measurement are direct and indirect mechanical. List **TWO**(2) types of direct and indirect mechanical liquid level measurement methods.

(4 marks)

(d) Discuss thermocouple junction and state the formula to calculate thermocouple temperature.

(5 marks)

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QUESTION 3

- (a) Explain whether the following is an open-loop or a closed-loop control:
 - i. Stopping a clothes dryer when the clothes are dry.

(3 marks)

ii. Actuation of an ice maker when the supply of cubes is low.

(3 marks)

(b) Explain the servomechanisms control and give example for this type of control.

(9 marks)

(c) Differentiate between a resistor temperature detector (RTD) and a thermocouple.

(10 marks)

QUESTION 4

(a) State **FOUR** (4) differences between an open-loop system and a closed-loop system.

(8 marks)

(b) Sketch the block diagram of a closed-loop system which consists of **FIVE** (5) basic elements.

(7 marks)

(c) Explain briefly the function of each of the FIVE (5) basic elements stated in (b).

(10 marks)

QUESTION 5

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a) Explain and sketch the working principle of a bimetallic strip.

(10 marks)

- (b) Describe and sketch the operating principles of the following flow sensors:
 - i. Ultrasonic
 - ii. Magnetic
 - iii. Orifice plate

(15 marks)

QUESTION 6

- (a) Define the terms below:
 - i. Analog input and analog output
 - ii. Digital input and digital output
 - iii. Data conversion device (ADC and DAC)
 - iv. Telemetry
 - v. Multiplex
 - vi. Demultiplex

(12 marks)

(b) State FIVE (5) advantages of computer application in industrial control process.

(5 marks)

State **FOUR (4)** devices for interface of pneumatic control process system to a computer and explain briefly.

(8 marks)