

# B. M. S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru - 560019

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## September / October 2023 Supplementary Examinations

**Programme: B.E.**

**Branch: Electronics and Communication Engineering**

**Course Code: 19EC3DCMSA**

**Course: Modern Sensors and its Applications**

**Semester: III**

**Duration: 3 hrs.**

**Max Marks: 100**

**Date: 22.09.2023**

**Instructions:** 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each unit.  
2. Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

### UNIT - I

1. a) Illustrate the role of calibration of the sensors and examine how calibration is performed with relevant expression. **08**
- b) Discuss the impact of environmental factors upon the functioning of a sensor. **12**

### UNIT - II

2. a) Explain piezoelectric principle with relevant properties. Illustrate how the thermal poling method gives a crystalline material to piezoelectric properties. Discuss some unique properties of piezoelectric films. **10**
- b) Explain working principle of a Pyroelectric Sensor. Indicate the response of a Pyroelectric Sensor to a thermal step function and explain why the magnitude of charge  $Q_0$  and voltage  $V_0$  does not drop to zero completely. **10**

### UNIT - III

3. a) Explain mercury filled U shaped pressure sensor for measuring gas pressure. **10**
- b) Describe the operation of LVDT for measuring displacement with necessary diagrams. Give the advantages and applications of LVDT. **10**

### OR

4. a) Select and analyze a suitable sensor required for Direct acoustic measurements in hostile environments, such as in turbojets or rocket engines, which can withstand high heat and strong vibrations. **10**
- b) In detail, explain the working of Chilled-mirror dew-point sensor with an optical bridge. **10**

## **UNIT - IV**

5. a) Define thermistor. Describe any two computational models of NTC thermistors. **10**

b) Describe the working principle of semiconductor-PN junction sensors. **10**

## **OR**

6. a) Write a short note on RTD sensors. **10**

b) State and explain three different laws of thermocouples with relevant diagram. **10**

## **UNIT - V**

7. a) Describe the Photo Lithography process used in microelectronics industry. **10**

b) Explain different materials used for sensor fabrication. **10**

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