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Programme: B.E.

Branch: MD/ET/EI

Course Code: 19ES3GCSAM

Course: Sensors and Measurements

Semester: III

Duration: 3 hrs.

Max Marks: 100

Date: 19.05.2023

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) Define the term Measurement, and discuss its significance with a relevant example. **04**
- b) Define and differentiate between the following sets of static characteristics **08**
 - (i) Accuracy and Precision
 - (ii) Threshold and Resolution
- c) With an example, explain the generalized functional elements of a measurement system. **08**

UNIT - II

- 2 a) Discuss the physical principle of realizing parallel plate and cylindrical capacitors, and provide an example for the measurement of a physical quantity. **10**
- b) Outline how Self-inductance and Mutual –inductance can be used to realize sensors. Give an example Sensor for each of the two principles. **10**

OR

- 3 a) Piezoelectric sensors and passive/direct sensors, and are direction sensitive. Justify this statement with an example of a Quartz (SiO_2) crystal's unit cell **08**
- b) A resistance strain gauge is mounted on a specimen of Young's modulus = 800 GN/m^2 , and is subjected to a tensile force of 500 MN/m^2 . Determine the strain created and the new value of the gauge resistance, if the strain gauge has initial $R = 120 \Omega$, and $GF = 5$. **06**
- c) Briefly explain the principle of realizing an Accelerometer, based on a Seismic mass. **06**

Important Note: Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages. Revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator will be treated as malpractice.

UNIT - III

- 4 a) Discuss the measurement of an acoustic signal using a Resistive Microphone, like a Carbon Microphone for example **06**
- b) Discuss the construction and working principle of an Optical Hygrometer. **10**
- c) Differentiate between the Photoconductive and Photovoltaic modes of light detectors. **04**

OR

- 5 a) Discuss the construction, working principle and characteristics of a Fiber-optic microphone. **10**
- b) Explain the basic principle and any one type of Radiation detector. **06**
- c) Differentiate between Relative and Absolute Humidity (RH and AH). **04**

UNIT - IV

- 6 a) Compare the principle, materials and characteristics of Resistance Temperature Detectors with Thermistors for temperature measurement. **10**
- b) Discuss Heat flow measurement using Pyroelectric principle. **10**

UNIT - V

- 7 a) Discuss the importance of Interface Electronic circuits, highlighting any two interface examples. **10**
- b) Explain the various types and sources of Noises in Sensors and Circuits. **10**
