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

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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 (SiO₂) crystal's unit cell **08**
- b) A resistance strain gauge is mounted on a specimen of Young's modulus = 800 GN/m², and is subjected to a tensile force of 500 MN/m². Determine the strain created and the new value of the gauge resistance, if the strain gauge has initial R= 120 Ω, 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

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| 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 |

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 |
