

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

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## September / October 2023 Semester End Main Examinations

**Programme: B.E.**

**Branch: Medical Electronics Engineering**

**Course Code: 22MD3PCBSM**

**Course: Biomedical Sensors and Measurements**

**Semester: III**

**Duration: 3 hrs.**

**Max Marks: 100**

**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 importance. **04**
- b) Define the following static characteristics of measuring instruments: **06**  
Threshold, Resolution, Sensitivity, Accuracy and Precision.
- c) Discuss the Step Responses of Zero, First and Second order instruments, with the help of their governing Input-Output relations and illustrations.. **10**

### UNIT - II

- 2 a) "Electrical Sensors exhibit several advantages" to render themselves more suitable for modern measurement systems. Justify this statement, briefly explain their any FOUR specific advantages. **04**
- b) Differentiate between Active and Passive sensors with an example for each type. **06**
- c) Four Resistance strain gauges ( $R = 250 \Omega$ ,  $GF = 2.68$ ) are bonded (two each) on either sides of a Steel cantilever (Young's modulus = 210 GPa) at its fixed end. When a tensile force of 500 MPa is applied, **10**
  - (i) Determine the Strain created and the %change in gauge resistances
  - (ii) Calculate the output voltages, when one of the gauges is connected to a Potentiometer circuit, and when both the gauges are connected in Half-bridge and Full bridge configurations. **NOTE:-** Assume  $V_{dc} = 5V$ , Fixed resistors =  $1k\Omega$ . Also show the circuit connections.

### UNIT - III

- 3 a) Compare the RT characteristics, material selection for RTDs and Thermistors. **08**
- b) With relevant governing equations, discuss the principle of a semiconducting P-N junction that provides a body temperature dependent linear output voltage. **06**
- c) Illustrate the working principle of Radiation thermometers used for skin temperature, highlighting the total radiation entering the Radiometer. **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.

**OR**

- 4    a)    Determine the changes in resistance values when an RTD (with  $\alpha = 0.00392 /$  **08**  
          $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  and  $R_0 = 110\Omega$  at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and a Thermistor (with  $\beta = 2800\text{K}$  and  $R_0 = 12\text{k}\Omega$   
         at  $25^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) are simultaneously subjected to a new temperature of  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
- b)    Discuss the technique of realizing an electronic insulator for zero-heat flow **08**  
         condition, for the purpose of measuring skin temperature that is approximated  
         to deep-tissue temperature.
- c)    Explain how the sensitivity of thermocouples can be enhanced. **04**

**UNIT - IV**

- 5    a)    Explain the origin of biopotential and the generation of Action potentials in **08**  
         the human body cells.
- b)    Illustrate how, a Standard hydrogen electrode is used to measure the **04**  
         electrode potential with reference to zero potential.
- c)    Briefly explain the reversible electrochemical reaction at the surface of a **08**  
         Silver–Silver Chloride Electrode, and the electrode's application as surface  
         electrode for ECG measurement.

**OR**

- 6    a)    Illustrate the Double-layer formation at an electrolyte-metal interface, and **06**  
         discuss how the ionic potentials in the human body are transduced to  
         electronic potentials by the Electrodes attached to the human body.
- b)    Discuss the equivalent circuit of ECG Electrode-impedance, and its variation **10**  
         with frequency and current density for any one typical electrode material.
- c)    Define Biomagnetism and relate them with the Bioelectric properties. **04**

**UNIT - V**

- 7    a)    With the schematic diagram of an ion-selective electrode, its measurement **10**  
         system, and the governing equations, explain the principle of a Chemical  
         measurement.
- b)    Explain the construction and working principle of a Zirconia oxygen sensor. **06**
- c)    Define a Biosensor and give an example. **04**

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