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

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## August 2024 Semester End Main Examinations

**Programme: B.E.**

**Branch: Medical Electronics Engineering**

**Course Code: 23MD3PCBSM**

**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			CO	PO	Marks
1	a)	Discuss to differentiate between the following with relevant expressions and examples (i) Accuracy and Precision (ii) Zero Order and First Order Instrument	CO1	PO1	<b>08</b>
	b)	Explain the Step response of a Second order Instrument with suitable illustrations, highlighting the three types based on the value of its damping factor.	CO1	PO1	<b>08</b>
	c)	Define Sensitivity, and illustrate how it's quantified for a measuring instrument with nonlinear static calibration curve.	CO1	PO1	<b>04</b>
UNIT - II					
2	a)	List out any five relative advantages and disadvantages of Electrical sensors over their mechanical counterparts.	CO2	PO2	<b>06</b>
	b)	Two Strain gauges ( $R_1=R_2 = 360 \Omega$ & $GF_1=GF_2 = 4.8$ ) are mounted on the two sides of a specimen, whose Young's modulus is $6000 \text{ GN/m}^2$ . When it is subjected to a stress of $10000 \text{ MN/m}^2$ , (i) Determine Strain created, Changes in gauge resistances (ii) Construct a Half bridge circuit excited by 5V. And, assuming the resistances in the other 2 arms to be same and equal to $1k\Omega$ , determine the bridge's output voltage. Explain why, the output of (ii) above will not be affected by temperature changes on the specimen.	CO2	PO2	<b>08</b>
	c)	Piezoelectric Sensors are direction sensitive. Justify this statement with a suitable example.	CO2	PO2	<b>06</b>
OR					
3	a)	Discuss to differentiate between Active and Passive Sensors giving one example for each type.	CO2	PO2	<b>06</b>

**Important Note:** Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.  
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	b)	An LVDT produces an output of say $E_o = E_{s1} - E_{s2} = 0.20 \text{ mV} \pm 200 \text{ mV}$ for displacement range of say $X = \pm 2.5 \text{ cm}$ , when the primary is excited by atypical 2V AC at 1kHz. Illustrate how the displacement and its direction are measured, with the help of a block diagram and appropriate waveforms (not to scale).	CO2	PO2	<b>10</b>
	c)	Explain the basic principle of using a Capacitive sensor for displacement measurement.	CO2	PO2	<b>04</b>
<b>UNIT - III</b>					
4	a)	Discuss the principle of measuring temperature using AD590, and explain how the device is designed to provide a sensitivity of $1\mu\text{A}/\text{Kelvin}$ , using its simplified internal circuit.	CO3	PO3	<b>10</b>
	b)	When the temperature of a medium increases from $30^\circ\text{C}$ to $150^\circ\text{C}$ , determine the resistance changes in these sensors (i) PRTD with $\alpha = 0.00385/\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , and $R_o = 112 \Omega$ (ii) Thermistor with $B = 3200 \text{ K}$ , and $R_o = 10 \text{ k}\Omega$ Comment on the observed changes in resistance values.	CO3	PO3	<b>06</b>
	c)	Briefly explain Reference junction compensation in Thermocouples	CO3	PO3	<b>04</b>
<b>OR</b>					
5	a)	Discuss the basic principle and the technique of measuring SpO2 using the Pulse Oximeter.	CO3	PO3	<b>08</b>
	b)	Discuss the basic principle, and differentiate between the Photovoltaic (PV) and Photoconductive (PC) modes of operation of Photodiodes.	CO3	PO3	<b>08</b>
	c)	Explain the basic principle of a Photoresistor.	CO3	PO3	<b>04</b>
<b>UNIT - IV</b>					
6	a)	With suitable illustrations, discuss the generation of Action potentials in the human body, and explain how they become Bioelectrical potentials on the skin surface via Volume conduction.	CO1	PO1	<b>08</b>
	b)	Illustrate the Einthoven triangle, and discuss how 12-lead ECG is obtained using 10 electrodes placed on the human body.	CO1	PO1	<b>08</b>
	c)	Differentiate between Polarizable and Non-polarizable electrodes, and justify why Ag-AgCl electrodes are nearly Non-Polarizable type.	CO1	PO1	<b>04</b>
<b>UNIT - V</b>					
7	a)	Define, and briefly explain the major classification of Chemical sensors, with one example for each type.	CO2	PO2	<b>08</b>
	b)	Discuss the principle of Surface Plasmon Resonance (SPR) based Immunosensor.	CO2	PO2	<b>08</b>
	c)	Illustrate the components of a Biosensor, and explain briefly.	CO2	PO2	<b>04</b>