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**APJ ABDUL KALAM TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**EIGHTH SEMESTER B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2019**

**Course Code: EE404**

**Course Name: INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENTATION AND AUTOMATION**

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

**PART A**

*Answer all questions, each carries 5 marks.*

Marks

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| 1 | Explain the factors that govern the output characteristics of a transducer. | (5) |
| 2 | Explain the concept of Nano instrumentation.                                | (5) |
| 3 | List any five important features of instrumentation amplifiers.             | (5) |
| 4 | What are the advantages and disadvantages of MEMS?                          | (5) |
| 5 | Explain the selection criterion for control valves?                         | (5) |
| 6 | Define an industrial automation system and enlist its components.           | (5) |
| 7 | Compare programmable logic controller with personal computer.               | (5) |
| 8 | What are the key features of DCS?   | (5) |

**PART B**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 10 marks.*

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| 9  | (a) Explain the factors influencing the choice of a transducer for an industrial instrumentation system       | (6) |
|    | (b) Draw and explain second order sensor time response  | (4) |
| 10 | a) With the help of a diagram explain the working of an eddy current sensor.                                  | (6) |
|    | b) Draw and explain the working of a capacitive differential pressure transducer.                             | (4) |
| 11 | a) Draw the block diagram representation of a process control system and explain the functions of each block. | (5) |
|    | b) Explain the measurement of torque using strain gauges.   | (5) |

**PART C**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 10 marks.*

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| 12 | a) Explain the importance of signal conditioning in industrial instrumentation systems. | (5) |
|    | b) Explain the principle of operation of phase sensitive detector.                      | (5) |
| 13 | a) With the help of a diagram explain the principle of MEMS accelerometer.              | (5) |
|    | b) Differentiate between bulk and surface micromachining.                               | (5) |

- 14 a) Derive an expression for the output voltage of a logarithmic amplifier and show that it is proportional to logarithm of input voltage. (5)
- b) Explain the concept of graphical programming in virtual instruments (5)

**PART D**

*Answer any two full questions, each carries 10 marks.*

- 15 a) What is the role of actuators in automation system? How they are classified? (5)
- b) How can you convert an open loop system to an automatic system? Explain with the help of an example. (5)
- 16 a) Draw the PLC ladder diagrams to realize two input AND, OR and XOR gates (5)
- b) What are the main components of SCADA? (5)
- 17 a) With the help of a neat diagram explain the working of butterfly valve. (5)
- b) Give the significance of timers and counters in PLC. (5)

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