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THIRD SEMESTER B.TECH (INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL ENGINEERING)

END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOV/DEC 2015

SUBJECT: SENSORS AND TRANSDUCERS [ICE- 2105]

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

Instructions to Candidates:

- ❖ Answer **ALL** the questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitably assumed.

- 1A. Represents the dimensions for the following mechanical quantities. 3
1. Velocity 2. Acceleration 3. Force 4. Work 5. Surface Tension
- 1B. List the SI units. 3
- 1C. Describe the high gain feedback method for correcting the interfering and modifying inputs. 4
- 2A. Describe the methods to achieve temperature compensation in strain gauge. 6
- 2B. A resistance, wire strain gauge with a gauge factor of 2 is bonded to a steel structural member subjected to a stress of 100 MN/M^2 . The modulus of elasticity of steel is 200 GN/m^2 . Calculate the percentage change in the value of the gauge resistance due to the applied stress. 2
- 2C. A resistance wire strain gauge uses a soft iron wire of small diameter. The gauge factor is +4.2. Neglecting the piezoresistive effects, calculate the Poisson's ratio. 2
- 3A. Explain thermo electric laws of thermocouple with necessary diagrams. 4
- 3B. A pressure measuring instrument uses a capacitive transducer having a spacing of 4 mm between its diaphragms. A pressure of 600 kN/m^2 produces an average deflection of 0.3 mm of the diaphragm of the transducer. The transducer which has a capacitance of 300 pF before application of pressure and is connected in an oscillator circuit having a frequency of 100 kHz. Determine the change in frequency of the oscillator after the pressure is applied to the transducer 3
- 3C. On which three principles do the variable inductance transducers work? Explain briefly each one of them. 3
- 4A. How magneto-strictive transducers can be used for generation of ultrasound? 3
- 4B. A piezoelectric crystal having dimensions of $5\text{mm} \times 5\text{mm} \times 1.5 \text{ mm}$ and a voltage sensitivity of $0.055 \text{ V} - \text{m/N}$ is used for force measurement. Calculate the force if the voltage developed is 100 V. 3
- 4C. Explain the working of pH measuring electrodes with neat diagram. 4

- 5A.** Explain the working of vacuum type photo emissive tubes with neat diagram. **3**
- 5B.** Describe photo diode and its characteristics with neat diagram. **4**
- 5C.** Into which three categories are the encoders classified. Explain each of them. **3**