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**I SEMESTER M.TECH (INDUSTRIAL ROBOTICS AND AUTOMATION)**  
**END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOV/DEC 2015**

**SUBJECT: Automated Manufacturing Systems (MTE 507)**

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

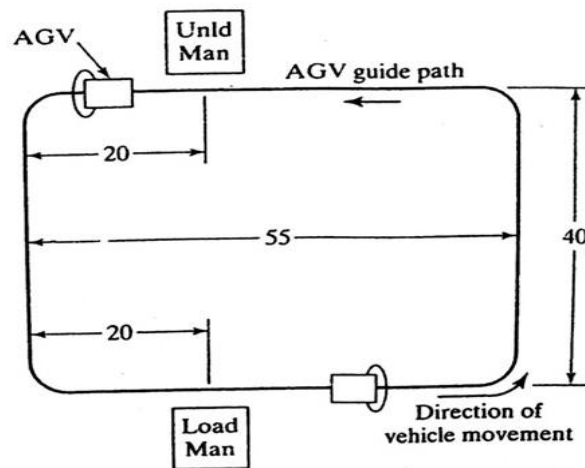
**Instructions to Candidates:**

- ❖ Answer **ANY FIVE FULL** questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitably assumed.

- 1A.** Discuss the problems associated with conventional NC machines. **4**
- 1B.** Define adaptive control optimization with respect to performance index value. Discuss with suitable example. **4**
- 1C.** Explain three basic types of automated manufacturing systems. Support your answer with a “Product variety Vs Production quantity” graph for three automation types. **2**
- 2A.** With reference to vehicle guidance technology, what is the mechanism of operation for self-guided vehicle? **3**
- 2B.** What methods do we use for traffic control of automated guided vehicle in an automated plant? **3**

- 2C.** Given the AGVS layout shown in Figure. Vehicles travel counterclockwise around the loop to deliver loads from the load station to the unload station. **4**

Loading time at the load station = 0.75 min, and unloading time at the unload station is 0.50 min. It is desired to determine how many vehicles are required to satisfy demand for this layout if a total of 40 del/hr must be completed by the AGVS. The following performance parameters are given: vehicle velocity is 50m/min, availability is 0.95, traffic factor is 0.90, and operator efficiency does not apply, So  $E = 1.0$ . Determine: (a) Travel distances loaded and empty, (b) Ideal delivery cycle time, and (c) Number of vehicles required to satisfy the delivery demand.



- 3A.** In reference to Automatic data capture, explain RFID technology? **2**
- 3B.** What do you understand by USA principle? **2**
- 3C.** Explain variant process planning and generative approach methods in CAPP? **6**
- 4A.** What are the assumptions made in analysis of multi-station automated assembly systems? Explain three events which occur at any station in an assembly line using relevant equations. **4**
- 4B.** “Unit load principle is considered as most important principle in automated material handling” Justify the statement with appropriate reasons. **2**

- 4C.** The cycle time for a given assembly work head is 6 sec. The parts feeder has a feed rate is 50 components/min. The probability that a given component fed by the feeder will pass through the selector is 0.25. The number of parts in the feed track corresponding to the low level sensor  $n_{f1}$  is 6. The capacity of the feed track  $n_{f2}$  is 18 parts. Determine (a) How long it will take for the supply of parts in the feed track to go from  $n_{f2}$  to  $n_{f1}$  and (b) How long it will take on an average for the supply of parts to go from  $n_{f1}$  to  $n_{f2}$ . **4**
- 5A.** Explain various levels of Automation with examples for each of them. **5**
- 5B.** How automated storage system do help to gain control over work in process system? Justify your answer with appropriate reasons. **5**
- 6A.** What do you understand by canned cycle? Write a simple block for clockwise circular interpolation. **2**
- 6B.** Write a CNC program for the given profile for the depth of contour 5mm. Take tool diameter as 5mm. All dimensions are in mm. Take contour feed rate 10mm/min, spindle speed 2500 RPM, Tool number 1 and lower left corner of rectangular block as X0Y0. **8**

