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I SEMESTER M.TECH. (PRINTING AND MEDIA TECHNOLOGY)

END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOV 2017

SUBJECT: PRINTING TECHNOLOGY [PME 5101]

REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM (16/11/2017)

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

Instructions to Candidates:

- ✤ Answer ALL the questions.
- Missing data may be suitable assumed.
- 1A. What is the sheet registration system used on sheet-fed offset presses? Explain the mechanisms.
- **1B.** With a neat diagram, describe the CIC gravure press configuration and state its advantages and disadvantages
- **1C.** Explain the working principle of fully automatic cylinder bed screen printing press with a neat sketch. What are the variations of these presses?

[02 + 04 + 04]

- **2A.** Compare FM and AM screening.
- **2B.** Describe the principle of three types of drop on demand inkjet technologies with neat diagrams.
- **2C.** i. Explain the fountain roller deflection and the methods of avoiding it.
 - ii. Calculate the packing for the plate and blanket cylinder on an offset press, if plate undercut is 0.028", Plate thickness= 0.017", Plate height above the bearers= 0.03", Blanket undercut = 0.09", Blanket thickness = 0.08", Blanket height above the bearers=0.03" and Bearer gap= 0.008".

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3A. Explain the procedure for making the following flexo image carriers

i. Laser engraved design rolls ii. Liquid photopolymer plates

- **3B.** Explain with neat diagram the inker-feed and plate-feed dampening systems. What are the differences between the two systems?
- **3C.** Explain the following:
 - i. Direct-indirect method of stencil making
 - **ii.** Laser ablation, chemical etching of gravure cylinders.

[03+03+04]

- **4A.** State the benefits of completely digitized prepress workflow in comparison with completely analog prepress workflow.
- **4B. i.** Explain the feature of Dual position turret unwinder and Dual roll vertical surface driven rewinder.
 - **ii.** Explain the importance of anilox roll in flexo printing.
- **4C.** With a neat diagram, explain the principle of electrophotography and thermal transfer printing processes.

[02+(02+02)+04]

- **5A.** Describe the setting of pressure between ink rollers and the methods adopted.
- **5B.** Describe the following digital plate making process:
 - i. Thermal transfer process using Dry film
 - ii. Thermo-contact process using thermos-chromic film
- **5C. i.** Explain the characteristics of carbonized and calendared meshes used in screen printing.
 - ii. Explain the functions of squeegee and methods of screen printing?

[02 + 03 + (02+03)]