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**FUNDAMENTALS OF  
INSTRUMENTATION**

Paper : IE 302

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 30

Time : Three hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions.*

*Answer any five questions.*

1. (a) Elaborate some of the applications of a measurement system. 8
- (b) With the help of examples define the following types of instruments — 6
  - (i) Active instrument
  - (ii) Passive instrument
  - (iv) Contacting type of instrument and
  - (v) Intelligent instrument.

*Contd.*

- (c) Design and explain a system for the automatic measurement of temperature. 6
2. (a) What do you mean by calibration and standard. Explain about resistance and mass standard. 2+3=5
- (b) Explain the construction and working of Weston cell as the voltage standard. What are the demerits of Weston cell? 7+1=8
- (c) What is limiting error? Describe the random and gross error. 1+6=7
3. (a) If the following data obeys the linear equation ( $y = mx + c$ ), obtain  $\sigma_m$  using the least square method. 8

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|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| $y$ | 8.5 | 9.6 | 10.9 | 14.2 |
| $x$ | 2.0 | 2.6 | 3.2  | 3.8  |

- (b) The coefficient of viscosity between glass tube and viscous fluid in the laboratory by a technique that is free from systematic error. The data obtained are as follows.

|                         |           |           |          |          |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Coefficient of friction | 0.44-0.46 | 0.46-0.48 | 0.48-0.5 | 0.5-0.52 |
| Observed frequency      | 3         | 7         | 13       | 10       |

- Determine if the values of coefficient of viscosity follow the Gaussian distribution or not. 12
4. (a) Discuss the hysteresis effect with examples. What is sensitivity drift. 3+2=5
- (b) Discuss the loading effect due to input impedance and output impedance of an instrument. 8
- (c) What do you mean static characteristic? Define *any two* desirable and *two* undesirable static characteristics with diagrams if necessary. 1+6=7
5. (a) Define fidelity and speed of response. Give an example of linear time invariant system — justify your example with differential equation. 2+4=6
- (b) Obtain the unit ramp response of a first order system and give the expression of dynamic error. 5+1=6

- (c) A liquid thermometer has its glass bulb protected by a well. The system can be represented by a double capacity system with time constants of 40 sec for the well and 20 sec for the bulb. The thermometer is subjected to a cyclic change of  $\pm 10^{\circ}\text{C}$  which occurs every 120 sec. Find the maximum value of the indicated temperature and the delay time. 8
6. (a) A diaphragm pressure transducer behaves as a second order system. The static displacement of the diaphragm is proportional to the applied force. If the natural frequency is  $1000\text{Hz}$  and the damping ratio is 0.6, determine the frequency range over which the magnitude ratio corresponding to a sinusoidal input deviates by a maximum amount of 10%. 8
- (b) Write the procedure employed in the routine calibration of an equipment. 4
- (c) Explain how ammeter and voltmeter is calibrated. 8

7. Write short notes on *any four* of the following :  
5×4=20

- (i) Cumulative error
- (ii) Signal conditioning element
- (iii) direct and indirect calibration
- (iv) time delay element
- (v) an application of sensors in recent technology.