

## GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

BE - SEMESTER-VI EXAMINATION – SUMMER 2025

**Subject Code:3161008**

**Date:28-05-2025**

**Subject Name:Sensors and Transducers**

**Time:10:30 AM TO 01:00 PM**

**Total Marks:70**

**Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
4. Simple and non-programmable scientific calculators are allowed.

**Q.1** (a) How the performance of any sensor is measured? **03**  
(b) Define following: 1 .Settling time 2.Fidelity 3. Hysteresis 4.Linerarity **04**  
(c) List down different types calibration techniques for sensors. Explain any one of them. **07**

**Q.2** (a) Write advantages and disadvantages of Thermocouple. **03**  
(b) What is thermistor and how it works? **04**  
(c) Explain the principle of operations of RVDT with the help of neat sketch and characteristics. **07**

**OR**

(c) Potentiometer can be used as motion sensor – Justify the statement. **07**

**Q.3** (a) List out applications of the RF beacons. **03**  
(b) Define Hall effect and justify the applications of it. **04**  
(c) What are the different types of magnetic sensors? On what principles do they work? Outline briefly. **07**

**OR**

**Q.3** (a) State the basic concept of an electrical resistance strain gauge. **03**  
(b) Write down the advantages of magnetic sensors. **04**  
(c) Show the constructional and functional details of photo conductive cell with the relevant laws and diagrams. **07**

**Q.4** (a) Explain the principle of ultrasonic Flow meter. **03**  
(b) List the properties of piezoelectric crystals. **04**  
(c) What is gyroscope? Explain the principle of operation and properties of it with relevant diagrams. **07**

**OR**

**Q.4** (a) What is meant by signal conditioning and why it is required? **03**  
(b) List down the applications of attenuators, amplifiers and passive filters in signal conditioning. **04**  
(c) Elaborate an Instrumentation amplifier with neat diagram and estimate its gain. **07**

**Q.5** (a) Compare MEMS sensors and Nano Sensors. **03**  
(b) Explain the working principle of LASER sensor. **04**  
(c) Draw and explain sample and hold circuit **07**

**OR**

**Q.5** (a) List down the features and applications of inclinometers. **03**  
(b) Describe the operation of Weighted Resistor DAC. **04**  
(c) Explain any one type of ADC with neat diagram. **07**

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**Time:10:30 AM TO 01:00 PM**

**Total Marks:70**

**Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
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	<b>MARKS</b>
<b>Q.1</b> (a) Define: (1) Precision (2) Drift (3) Range/Span.	<b>03</b>
(b) Define: (1) Speed of Response (2) Fidelity (3) Lag (4) Dynamic Error.	<b>04</b>
(c) Write down types of Errors and explain any two errors in detail.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.2</b> (a) Write any three applications of LVDT.	<b>03</b>
(b) Write a short note on Thermocouple.	<b>04</b>
(c) Compare RTD and thermocouple in detail.	<b>07</b>
<b>OR</b>	
(c) Describe the construction and working of LVDT.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.3</b> (a) Write down limitations of Wheatstone bridge.	<b>03</b>
(b) Compare MEMS Sensors and Nano Sensors.	<b>04</b>
(c) Discuss working of Maxwell's bridge for measurement of inductance.	<b>07</b>
<b>OR</b>	
<b>Q.3</b> (a) Write any three applications of sensors in drone.	<b>03</b>
(b) Write any two advantages and any two disadvantages of Hay's bridge.	<b>04</b>
(c) Explain the Kelvin double bridge method for measurement of low resistance.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.4</b> (a) Compare Magnetic and Ultrasonic flow meter.	<b>03</b>
(b) Explain Photo Conductive cell.	<b>04</b>
(c) Explain strain gauge. Give classification and describe any one in detail.	<b>07</b>
<b>OR</b>	
<b>Q.4</b> (a) Write any three applications of fiber optic sensor.	<b>03</b>
(b) Explain LDR.	<b>04</b>
(c) Explain any one capacitive transducers.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.5</b> (a) Write down any three requirements of Instrumentation amplifier.	<b>03</b>
(b) Write short note on GPS.	<b>04</b>
(c) Provide a comprehensive explanation of Successive Approximation method for ADC.	<b>07</b>
<b>OR</b>	
<b>Q.5</b> (a) Draw a Sample and Hold the circuit.	<b>03</b>
(b) Write a short note on Bluetooth.	<b>04</b>
(c) Compare weighted Resistor DAC and R-2R ladder DAC.	<b>07</b>

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1. Attempt all questions.
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		<b>MARKS</b>
<b>Q.1</b>	(a) Define: (1) Sensitivity (2) Precision (3) Accuracy.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Write short note on Limiting Errors.	<b>04</b>
	(c) A 0-150 V voltmeter has a guaranteed accuracy of 1% of full scale reading. The voltage measured by this instrument is 75 V. Calculate the limiting error in percent. Comment upon the result.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.2</b>	(a) How a thermistor differs from a thermocouple as a temperature sensor?	<b>03</b>
	(b) Write advantages and disadvantages of Thermistor.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Explain the construction and working principle of potentiometer. Evaluate its application as motion sensor.	<b>07</b>
<b>OR</b>		
	(c) Explain working of LVDT with advantages and disadvantages.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.3</b>	(a) Write down the characteristics of Strain Guage.	<b>03</b>
	(b) State advantages of Fiber Optic Sensor and its applications.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Explain the working of Piezoelectric Sensors. List the advantages and disadvantages of Piezoelectric Sensors.	<b>07</b>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>Q.3</b>	(a) Explain Magneto Resistive Effect.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Define dark resistance and list out various materials used for the construction of LDR.	<b>04</b>
	(c) State the working principle of Optic Fiber sensor. With example explain optic fiber sensor configuration.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.4</b>	(a) Draw an Inverting Amplifier using Op-Amp and derive formula for its gain.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Write down any four requirements of an Instrumentation Amplifier.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Explain the Kelvin Double bridge method for measurement of Low resistance.	<b>07</b>
<b>OR</b>		
<b>Q.4</b>	(a) Write down applications of attenuators.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Suggest suitable detectors for AC bridges for the following frequency ranges. (1) 250 Hz to 4 KHz (2) Below 200 Hz (3) 10 Hz to 100 KHz.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Discuss working of Maxwell's Bridge for measurement of Inductance. For what range of Q- factor of the coil, the bridge is suitable?	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.5</b>	(a) Define Resolution and Quantization terms in context of A/D Converters.	<b>03</b>
	(b) A control valve has a linear variation of opening as the input voltage varies from 0 to 10 V. A microcomputer outputs an 8-bit output word to control valve opening using an 8 bit D/A converter to generate the valve voltage.	<b>04</b>

(1) find the reference voltage required to obtain full value opening (10 V)  
(2) find percentage of valve opening for a 1 bit change in the input word.

(c) An analog transducer with a 0-10 V input is able to distinguish a change of 10 mV in its input signal. (1) calculate its resolution (2) Calculate the number of bits of an A/D converter so that the digital output has almost the same resolution as the transducer. The A/D converter uses a binary code. Calculate also (3) the quantization error and (4) the number of decision levels.

07

**OR**

**Q.5** (a) Give three comparisons between Weighted Resistor DAC and R-2R ladder DAC. 03

(b) Draw a Sample and Hold Circuit. 04

(c) Explain Successive Approximation Type A/D Converter with suitable block diagram. 07

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		<b>MARKS</b>
<b>Q.1</b>	(a) Define: (1) Sensitivity (2) Repeatability (3) Hysteresis.	<b>03</b>
	(b) What is meant by two wire and three wire sensors? Give example for each type.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Discuss about types of errors in measurement system and explain how they are corrected?	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.2</b>	(a) Discuss why thermocouples require a reference junction.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Differentiate the characteristics of RTD and Thermistor.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Explain construction and working principle of potentiometer. Evaluate its application as motion sensor.	<b>07</b>
	<b>OR</b>	
	(c) Summarize the construction, principle, working of thermistor and its resistance temperature characteristic.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.3</b>	(a) Define Gauge Factor of Strain Gauge.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Define Dark Resistance and list out some materials used for construction of LDR.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Define Piezo Electric effect. Draw the equivalent circuit of a Piezoelectric crystal and derive the transfer function of Piezo Electric transducer.	<b>07</b>
	<b>OR</b>	
<b>Q.3</b>	(a) How can optical fiber be used for stress sensing?	<b>03</b>
	(b) What is meant by Tactile Sensor?	<b>04</b>
	(c) Explain the principle, construction, working and applications of Ultrasonic Flow Meter with neat sketches.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.4</b>	(a) Write limitations of Wheatstone Bridge.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Show the block diagram of Smart Sensor Architecture.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Draw Maxwell's Bridge circuit and derive the expression for the unknown element at balance.	<b>07</b>
	<b>OR</b>	
<b>Q.4</b>	(a) Write advantages of AC Bridges.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Compare MEMS Sensors and Nano Sensors.	<b>04</b>
	(c) Draw Wein's Bridge Circuit and derive expression for the unknown element at balance.	<b>07</b>
<b>Q.5</b>	(a) A 10 bit ADC has a full scale of 10.230 V. When digital output is (11 1111 1111) <sub>2</sub> , the quantization error of ADC in millivolts is _____.	<b>03</b>
	(b) Compare Weighted Resistor DAC and R-2R Ladder DAC.	<b>04</b>
	(c) With a neat circuit diagram, explain construction and working of 3 bit R-2R ladder DAC.	<b>07</b>

**OR**

**Q.5** (a) An 8-bit Unipolar DAC has a full scale voltage range from 0V to 7.68 V. If the digital input code is  $(10010110)_2$ , then the analog output is \_\_\_\_\_. **03**

(b) Explain Single Channel Data Acquisition System with suitable block diagram. **04**

(c) Explain operation of Successive Approximation ADC. **07**

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