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# THIRD SEMESTER (CBCSS-UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020

#### Electronics

ELE 3A 12—GENERAL COURSE II: SENSORS AND TRANSDUCERS

Time: Two Hours and a Half

Maximum: 80 Marks

### Section A (Short Answer Questions)

Answer at least ten questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

All questions can be attended.

Overall Ceiling 30.

- 1. What is a transducer? Give an example.
- 2. What is the difference between sensors and transducers?
- 3. Define the sensitivity of a transducer.
- 4. What are the static characteristics of a transducer?
- 5. What is the difference between primary and secondary transducer?
- 6. Explain the loading effect of a potentiometer.
- 7. What is an IR sensor? What are the applications of IR radiation sensors?
- 8. What is the effect of the temperature coefficient of resistance in strain gauge measurement?
- 9. Write short notes on Photovoltaic cells.
- 10. RTDs are commonly made of doped platinum. Why?
- 11. What is a sound level meter? What are its different parts?
- 12. What is the basic principle of working of Hall Effect transducers?
- 13. How does an orifice plate flow meter work?
- 14. What is meant by transduction? Explain.
- 15. Write a note on the application-based classification of sensors.

 $(10 \times 3 = 30 \text{ marks})$ 

### Section B (Short Essay Quetions)

Answer at least **five** questions. Each question carries 6 marks. All questions can be attended. Overall Ceiling 30.

- 16. Distinguish between active and passive transducers with example.
- With a neat diagram, explain the working of capacitive transducers based on the change in distance between the plates.

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- 18. Explain the working of an unbonded strain gauge.
- 19. Explain capacitive level gauge for discrete level measurement.
- 20. Explain Bernoulli's principle and continuity equation.
- 21. How does a rotameter measure a flow?
- 22. Explain the working of photodiodes in sensors.
- 23. Explain any two dynamic characteristics of a transducer.

 $(5 \times 6 = 30 \text{ marks})$ 

## Section C (Long Essay Quetions)

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 24. With a Schematic diagram explain the construction and working of LVDT.
- 25. Explain the construction of the venturi meter and its working.
- 26. Explain the principle and working of the thermistor. What are the different types of thermistors? What are its applications?
- 27. With suitable diagrams explain the working of any one type of manometer.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$