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NOIDA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, GREATER NOIDA
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B.Tech

SEM: IV - THEORY EXAMINATION (2025 - 2026)

Subject: Factory Automation

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

General Instructions:

IMP: Verify that you have received the question paper with the correct course, code, branch etc.

1. This Question paper comprises of **three Sections -A, B, & C**. It consists of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) & Subjective type questions.

2. Maximum marks for each question are indicated on right -hand side of each question.

3. Illustrate your answers with neat sketches wherever necessary.

4. Assume suitable data if necessary.

5. Preferably, write the answers in sequential order.

6. No sheet should be left blank. Any written material after a blank sheet will not be evaluated/checked.

SECTION-A

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1. Attempt all parts:-

(1.1) Transfer time refers to? [CO1 K1]

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- (a) Processing
- (b) Movement
- (c) Inspection
- (d) Setup

(1.2) Controller commonly used? [CO1 K1]

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- (a) PLC
- (b) Lathe
- (c) Wrench
- (d) Fixture

(1.3) AS/RS means? [CO2 K1]

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- (a) Automated Storage and Retrieval System
- (b) Advanced system
- (c) Automatic sorting
- (d) None

(1.4) Sorting systems classify based on? [CO2 K1]

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- (a) Size/ID
- (b) Color only
- (c) Shape only
- (d) Time

(1.5) FMS is best suited for? [CO3 K1]

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- (a) Medium volume–medium variety
 - (b) Low volume
 - (c) High volume–low variety
 - (d) One product
- (1.6) Cell layout improves? [CO3 K1] 1
- (a) Throughput
 - (b) Distance
 - (c) Delay
 - (d) Inventory
- (1.7) Closed-loop system includes? [CO4 K1] 1
- (a) Feedback
 - (b) No sensor
 - (c) No controller
 - (d) None
- (1.8) Analog signals are? [CO4 K1] 1
- (a) Continuous
 - (b) Binary
 - (c) Discrete
 - (d) Text
- (1.9) DCS architecture is? [CO5 K1] 1
- (a) Distributed
 - (b) Centralized
 - (c) Manual
 - (d) Mechanical
- (1.10) SCADA operates at [CO5 K1] 1
- (a) Supervisory level
 - (b) Field
 - (c) Actuator
 - (d) Sensor

2. Attempt all parts:-

- (2.1) Define the term "transfer lines" in the context of automation. [CO1 K2] 2
- (2.2) Name one common material transport system used in manufacturing. [CO2 K2] 2
- (2.3) State the primary purpose of cellular manufacturing. [CO3 K2] 2
- (2.4) List the forms of computer processes used in automation. [CO4 K2] 2
- (2.5) Define the term “SCADA” and its role in process control. [CO5 K2] 2

SECTION-B

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Answer any one of the following:-

- (3.1) Explain the basic elements of an automated system with a neat block diagram. [CO1 K2] 6
- (3.2) List advantages and limitations of automation in manufacturing. [CO1 K2] 6

Answer any one of the following:-

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| (3.3) | Explain fixed-path and variable-path transport systems. [CO2 K2] | 6 |
| (3.4) | Describe RFID system components and working. [CO2 K2] | 6 |

Answer any one of the following:-

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| (3.5) | Explain FMS planning and scheduling requirements. [CO3 K2] | 6 |
| (3.6) | Discuss Coordinate Measuring Machines (CMM). [CO3 K2] | 6 |

Answer any one of the following:-

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| (3.7) | Explain process control and its objectives. [CO4 K2] | 6 |
| (3.8) | Discuss safety considerations in industrial control systems. [CO4 K2] | 6 |

Answer any one of the following:-

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| (3.9) | Explain components of a SCADA system. [CO5 K2] | 6 |
| (3.10) | Differentiate between PLC and SCADA. [CO5 K2] | 6 |

SECTION-C 50

4. Answer any one of the following:-

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| (4.1) | A factory using transfer lines faces complete line stoppage due to breakdown at one station. Explain the working of transfer lines, analyze the problem, and suggest automation improvements. [CO1 K4] | 10 |
| (4.2) | A company plans to integrate sensors, actuators, and controllers in its production system. Explain basic elements of automation with block diagram and discuss role of feedback. [CO1 K4] | 10 |

5. Answer any one of the following:-

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| (5.1) | Define material handling and explain its objectives. [CO2 K2] | 10 |
| (5.2) | Describe material transport systems used in industries. [CO2 K2] | 10 |

6. Answer any one of the following:-

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| (6.1) | An installed FMS faces scheduling and routing inefficiencies. Discuss FMS planning, routing flexibility, and improvement strategies. [CO3 K3] | 10 |
| (6.2) | A precision manufacturing firm plans automated inspection. Explain inspection principles, CMMs, and non-contact inspection techniques. [CO3 K3] | 10 |

7. Answer any one of the following:-

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| (7.1) | Explain industrial control systems. [CO4 K2] | 10 |
| (7.2) | Explain continuous and discrete control. [CO4 K2] | 10 |

8. Answer any one of the following:-

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| (8.1) | An automation system needs real-time data visualization. Explain data acquisition, HMI, historian, and alarm management. [CO5 K3] | 10 |
| (8.2) | An automated plant connected to IT networks faces cybersecurity risks. Analyze threats and preventive cybersecurity measures. [CO5 K3] | 10 |