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B.E. / B.Tech. - DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOV / DEC 2025

Seventh Semester

Mechanical Engineering

20MEEL707 - INDUSTRIAL ROBOTICS AND MATERIAL HANDLING SYSTEMS

Regulations - 2020

Duration: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

PART - A (MCQ) (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

| | <i>Marks</i> | <i>K- Level</i> | <i>CO</i> |
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| 1. Degrees of Freedom in robots refers to: (a) Number of directions a robot can move (c) Power supply options | 1 | K1 | CO1 |
| (b) Temperature range (d) Programming languages | | | |
| 2. Which manipulator mimics the human arm? (a) SCARA (b) Cartesian (c) Spherical (d) Articulated | 1 | K1 | CO1 |
| 3. The term "object recognition" means: (a) Moving parts only (c) Transmitting data | 1 | K1 | CO2 |
| (b) Identifying objects via images (d) Networking | | | |
| 4. A robot for underwater work usually has: (a) No vision (b) Special sensors and cameras (c) Magnetic grippers only (d) Wheels | 1 | K1 | CO2 |
| 5. Mechanical grippers work by: (a) Magnetic force (b) Vacuum (c) Jaws/fingers (d) Welding | 1 | K1 | CO3 |
| 6. Gripper design involves: (a) Only material selection (b) Force, shape, and object type (c) Only surface finish (d) Power connection | 1 | K1 | CO3 |
| 7. Robot testing means: (a) Software debugging only (b) Performance validation & bench marking (c) Sensor calibration (d) Power analysis | 1 | K1 | CO4 |
| 8. Robotization impacts: (a) Productivity only (b) Society, jobs, safety (c) Only on management roles (d) Only on students | 1 | K1 | CO4 |
| 9. Material handling refers to: (a) Storage only (b) Movement, protection, storage, and control of materials (c) Production only (d) Communication | 1 | K1 | CO5 |
| 10. Flexible automation in handling implies: (a) Easily reprogrammable (b) Fixed sequence only (c) Manual handling (d) Non-automated | 1 | K1 | CO6 |

PART - B (12 × 2 = 24 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

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| 11. Define work volume of a robot. | 2 | K1 | CO1 |
| 12. What is meant by repeatability in robots? | 2 | K1 | CO1 |
| 13. List two image representation techniques used in robot vision. | 2 | K1 | CO2 |
| 14. What are underwater robots? | 2 | K1 | CO2 |
| 15. What is a mechanical gripper? | 2 | K1 | CO3 |
| 16. Differentiate internal and external grippers. | 2 | K2 | CO3 |
| 17. What is Accuracy and reliability? | 2 | K1 | CO4 |
| 18. What is ROI? | 2 | K1 | CO4 |

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| 19. Differentiate external and internal logistics. | 2 | K2 | CO5 |
| 20. List the technologies used in Vehicle guidance. | 2 | K1 | CO5 |
| 21. List four conventional Material handling equipments. | 2 | K1 | CO6 |
| 22. What is ASRS? | 2 | K1 | CO6 |

PART - C (6 × 11 = 66 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

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| 23. a) Describe the different types of Industrial robots with a neat sketch. | 11 | K2 | CO1 |
| OR | | | |
| b) Describe how robots are used in loading and unloading station. | 11 | K2 | CO1 |
| 24. a) What is a robotic vision system and explain its main components? | 11 | K2 | CO2 |
| OR | | | |
| b) Explain the construction and working of robots in the welding process. Also, list its advantages and disadvantages. | 11 | K2 | CO2 |
| 25. a) An Industry wants to install robots for pick and place operations. They are the leading manufacturer of Glass and its components. Select a suitable gripper for this operation. Explain with a neat sketch its working and various components involved. Justify how it will be useful for the Glass industry. | 11 | K3 | CO3 |
| OR | | | |
| b) Explain passive grippers and its types. Illustrate, with a neat sketch, the construction and working of a magnetic gripper when used for handling steel sheets in an automated press line. | 11 | K3 | CO3 |
| 26. a) Explain how to calculate the payback period of the robots when an industry installs Robots on its shop floor for the loading and unloading section. Consider all the costs involved in it. | 11 | K2 | CO4 |
| OR | | | |
| b) Explain the various factors influencing robot selection for a manufacturing system. | 11 | K2 | CO4 |
| 27. a) Explain Radio Frequency Identification method with a neat diagram. | 11 | K2 | CO5 |
| OR | | | |
| b) Explain three types of Automated Guided Vehicle system with a neat diagram. | 11 | K2 | CO5 |
| 28. a) Explain the principle of ASRS in terms of inventory control. | 11 | K2 | CO6 |
| OR | | | |
| b) What is bar code technology? Explain how it is used in Part identification in moving conveyor systems. | 11 | K2 | CO6 |