



**B.TECH. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: MAY 2017**

(Regulation 2014)

Sixth Semester

**BIOTECHNOLOGY**

U14BTT601: Bioprocess Control and Automation

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1: The students would understand basic principles of process control system.  
CO2: The students would understand controllers and control elements in process control.  
CO3: The students would design control system for bioreactors.  
CO4: The students would apply knowledge on control system in bioprocess industries.  
CO5: The students would apply knowledge on control system in bioreactors.

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions**

**PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

1. Match the List I (Process) with List II their (System). CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]

**PROCESS**

**SYSTEM**

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|-------------------------|---|
| A. Thermometer          | i. Behaving like 2 <sup>nd</sup> order                  |
| B. Control valve        | ii. Inherently 2 <sup>nd</sup> order                    |
| C. Manometer            | iii. 1 <sup>st</sup> order and/or 2 <sup>nd</sup> order |
| D. Fermenters in series | iv. 1 <sup>st</sup> order                               |

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| a) A-iv, B-iii, C-ii, D-i | b) A-iii, B-ii, C-iv, D-i |
| c) A-iii, B-iv, C-ii, D-i | d) A-iv, B-i, C-iii, D-ii |

2. 63.2% of the final response value of the 1<sup>st</sup> order system is equal to one unit of CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]

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| a) Time constant       | b) Dead time     |
| c) Damping coefficient | d) Integral time |

3. Order the following components in the correct sequence of the control system as they appear in the control loop. CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

- A. Process
- B. Control valve
- C. Controller
- D. Comparator
- E. Measuring device

- a) D-C-B-A-E
- b) D-B-C-E-A
- c) A-B-D-C-E
- d) C-E-A-D-B

4. Select the controllers which can be suitable for temperature as well as composition control mechanism. CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

- A. P controller
- B. PD controller
- C. PI controller
- D. PID controller

- a) A,B
- b) A,D
- c) C,D
- d) B,C

5. Frequency analysis is critically used for determination of CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]

- a) Stability analysis
- b) Optimal controller setting
- c) Phase margin & gain margin
- d) All of the above

6. Calculate the amplitude ratio for the transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{2}{0.5s + 1}$ , if  $\omega = 0.1$  CO3 [K<sub>5</sub>]

- a) 0.998
- b) 0.499
- c) 1.2
- d) 0.613

7. Assertion (A): A dynamic system is considered to be stable if for every bounded input it produces bounded output, regardless of its initial state. CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]

Reason (R): When the amplitude ration of an open loop system at its cross over frequency exceeds unity, the system is deemed to be unstable.

- a) Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A)
- b) Both (A) and (R) are false but (R) is not a correct explanation of (A)
- c) (A) is false but (R) is true
- d) (A) is true but (R) is false

8. From the following, select the control strategy used to maintain the medium composition in a submerged fermenter. CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]

- a) Ratio control
- b) Feedback control
- c) Cascade control
- d) Feed-forward control

9. Select the device which is excluded in the PID diagram CO5 [K<sub>2</sub>]

- a) Piping
- b) Control device
- c) Instrumentation
- d) Painting

10. Distributed control system uses the following parameters for building up models and subsequently the controller design. CO5 [K<sub>2</sub>]
- a) Time & temperature b) Time & pressure  
 c) Time & composition d) Time & space

**PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 40 words)**

11. Define time constant and damping parameter. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
12. What is time delay and write its transfer function? CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
13. Compare the offsets of conventional controllers. CO2 [K<sub>4</sub>]
14. Bring your conclusions on stability in terms of roots of the transfer function. CO2 [K<sub>4</sub>]
15. Find the amplitude ratio and phase angle for the transfer function  $G(s) = \frac{1}{s+2}$  CO3 [K<sub>4</sub>]
16. Compare the terms corner frequency and cross-over frequency. CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
17. Differentiate the feedback and feed-forward control strategies. CO4 [K<sub>3</sub>]
18. List the types of control valves based on valve heads and performance. CO4 [K<sub>3</sub>]
19. Recite the principle of programme logic controllers. CO5 [K<sub>2</sub>]
20. Draw and indicate the control accessories in a bioreactor. CO5 [K<sub>2</sub>]

**Answer any FIVE Questions**

**PART C (5 x 14 = 70 Marks)**

**(Answer not more than 300 words)**

**Q.No. 21 is Compulsory**

21. a) Derive the transfer function of a mercury filled-in thermometer which is immersed in a hot fluid. (7) CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]
- b) Consider a thermocouple immersed in an autoclave and its initial steady state temperature is 40°C. Autoclave is charged with medium and its temperature is linearly raised in the rate of 4 °C/s. Suppose the time constant of thermocouple is 2 seconds, Draw the performance curve for the duration 0 to 30 seconds. (7) CO1 [K<sub>5</sub>]
22. a) A pipe line transfers insulin from mega scale submerged fermenter. A manometer of length “l” and diameter “d” is used for pressure drop measurement. Derive its transfer function. (7) CO1 [K<sub>4</sub>]
- b) Find the characteristic parameters of the following under damped second order system: (7) CO1 [K<sub>5</sub>]
- $$G(s) = \frac{16}{1.5s^2 + 2.4s + 6}$$

23. a) Explain the feedback control loop implementation for a bioreactor for which temperature to be maintained in the desired condition. (7) CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]  
 b) Derive the transfer functions of Proportional, Proportional-Derivative, Proportional-integral and Proportional-Derivative-Integral controllers. (7) CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]
24. Draw the asymptotic bode plot of the open loop transfer function CO3 [K<sub>3</sub>]  

$$G(s) = \frac{K_c (10s + 1)}{(0.1s + 1)(s + 1)}$$
25. a) Explain the phase margin and gain margin. (5) CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]  
 b) Elucidate the cascade methodology for a bioreactor temperature control. (9) CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]
26. a) Write short notes on: Hysteresis, dead-band and inherent and installed characteristics of a control valve. (6) CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]  
 b) Obtain the optimum control settings of a control loop having open-loop transfer function:  $G(s) = \frac{K_c}{(s + 1)^4}$ . Use Zigler-Nichols optimum control settings. (8) CO4 [K<sub>4</sub>]
27. Describe the online estimation and monitoring of pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and liquid level in bioreactors. CO5 [K<sub>3</sub>]

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