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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2013/Jan.2014

Computer Integrated Manufacturing

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO questions from each part.

PART – A

- 1 a. Discuss the following automation strategies:
 - i) Specialization of operations
 - ii) Increased flexibility
 - iii) On-line inspection (06 Marks)
- b. With sketch explain the automation migration strategy. (06 Marks)
- c. There are total 24 machines in the manufacturing plant and the part produced in a batch must be processed through an average of eight machines. 24 new batches are launched each week. Average operation time is 6 min, average batch size is 30 parts, average set-up time is 6 hr and average non-operation time per batch is 12 hr/machine. The plant operates an average of 80 production hours per week and assume $A = 95\%$. Determine:
 - i) Manufacturing lead time for an average part
 - ii) Production rate
 - iii) Plant capacity
 - iv) Plant utilization
 - v) WIP
 - vi) WIP ratio (08 Marks)
- 2 a. Discuss the general methods of transporting work pieces on flow lines. (08 Marks)
- b. With sketch explain linear walking beam and Geneva wheel, work transfer mechanisms. (08 Marks)
- c. State the importance of Buffer storage. (04 Marks)
- 3 a. Enumerate the difference between 'upper bound approach' and 'lower bound approach'. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain the following terms used in the analysis of an automated flow lines:
 - i) Partial automation
 - ii) Lower bound approach (06 Marks)
- c. A transfer line has ten station with an ideal cycle time of 30 sec. The frequency of the line stop occurrence is 0.06 stop/cycle on an average. When a stop occurs, it takes an average of 5 min to make repairs. Determine:
 - i) Average production time, T_p
 - ii) Average production rate, R_e
 - iii) Line efficiency, E
 - iv) Proportion of down time. (08 Marks)
- 4 a. Discuss the following:
 - i) Minimum rational work element
 - ii) Cycle time
 - iii) Line efficiency
 - iv) Precedence constraints (08 Marks)
- b. Explain different methods to solve assembly line balancing problems. (12 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. State and briefly explain the important design principles for automated assembly system. (06 Marks)
- b. List the parts feeding devices in delivery system and with sketch explain pick and place mechanism. (06 Marks)
- c. An ten station assembly line has an ideal cycle time of 0.2 min. The fraction defection rate at each of the ten stations is $q = 0.020$ and the system operates using the instantaneous control strategy. When the breakdown occurs, it takes 1 min, an average, for the system to be put back into operation. Determine the production rate for the assembly line, the yield of good products and the proportion uptime of the system. (08 Marks)
- 6 a. Describe the three main components used in an MRP system. (10 Marks)
- b. Define capacity planning and explain its decisions. (05 Marks)
- c. Explain retrieval approach used for computer aided process planning systems. (05 Marks)
- 7 a. Give the classification of machining centres and explain any two machine centres. (10 Marks)
- b. State and explain the steps involved in part programming. (10 Marks)
- 8 a. State and draw five types of joints commonly used in industrial robot construction. (05 Marks)
- b. Draw the robot configurations for the given joint notations and briefly explain:
i) TRR ii) VRO (10 Marks)
- c. Explain end effectors. (05 Marks)

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