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Third Semester M.Tech. Degree Examination, December 2011
Automation in Manufacturing

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions.

- 1
 - a. Explain different types of facilities and layouts used for different levels of production quantity and product variety, with necessary graphs. (10 Marks)
 - b. With a neat block diagram, explain the different functional elements of manufacturing support systems. (10 Marks)

- 2
 - a. An average of 20 new orders are started through a factory each month. On an average, an order consists of 50 parts to be processed through 10 machines in the factory. The operation time per machine for each part = 15 min. The non operation time per order at each machine averages 8 hr and the required setup time per order = 4 hr. There are 25 machines in the factory, 80% of which are operational at any time (the other 20% are in repair or maintenance). The plant operates 160hr/month. However, the plant manager complains that a total of 100 overtime machine hours must be authorized each month to keep up with the production schedule.
 - i) What is the manufacturing lead time for an average order?
 - ii) What is the plant capacity (on a monthly basis) and why must the overtime be authorized?
 - iii) Determine the average level of work – in – process in the plant (given utilization of the plant is 100%). (14 Marks)
 - b. Explain the following production concepts, with necessary equations :
 - i) Production capacity
 - ii) Manufacturing lead time. (06 Marks)

- 3
 - a. Name and explain the basic elements of an automated system. (12 Marks)
 - b. What are the different levels of automations? Explain them. (08 Marks)

- 4
 - a. Write a note on distributed control system (DCS). (10 Marks)
 - b. Mention different sensors and actuators used in control systems of industrial controls. (10 Marks)

- 5
 - a. Explain the principles of lean production. (10 Marks)
 - b. Explain the execution of retrieval CAPP system, with flow chart. (10 Marks)

- 6 Explain the following with necessary circuit :
 - a. Meter - in circuit
 - b. Meter – out circuit
 - c. Bleed – off circuit
 - d. Regenerative circuit. (20 Marks)

- 7
 - a. Discuss the working principle of a electro hydraulic system, with a neat sketch. (10 Marks)
 - b. What is PLC? With a neat block diagram, explain PLC system layout and connection. (10 Marks)

- 8 Write PLC program using Ladder logic diagram for following applications, with a clear layout sketch:
 - a. Drill press semi automatic operation (08 Marks)
 - b. Spray painting process system. (12 Marks)
