



# **MURANG'A UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

## **SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY**

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**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR BACHELOR  
OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING/BACHELOR OF  
TECHNOLOGY IN ELECTRICAL**

**EMT410: ROBOTICS TECHNOLOGY**

**DURATION: 2 HOURS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

1. Answer Question one and any other two questions.
2. Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.
3. You are not allowed to write on this examination question paper.

## **SECTION A: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION**

### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) What is a robot? (2marks)
- b) Explain the following types of robots
- i. Android robot
  - ii. NC robot
  - iii. Intelligent robot
  - iv. Fixed sequence robot (4marks)
- c) Describe the classification of robot vision systems based on dimensional model of scenes and light intensity level. (4marks)
- d) Find the equation of motion of the spring-mass system shown below using Newtonian approach and Lagrangian approach. (2marks)

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- e) Explain the following common robot terminologies
- i. Limited sequence
  - ii. Accuracy
  - iii. Payload
  - iv. Yaw (4marks)
- f) Robots are structured in four coordinate systems. Name and describe two of them. (4marks)
- g) Describe the following sensors used in robotics (4marks)
- i. Force sensor
  - ii. Proximity sensor
  - iii. Tactile sensor
  - iv. Limit switches
- h) Mention any two uses of sensors in robotics (4marks)

## **SECTION TWO: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**

### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Differentiate between power and manual lead through programming (4marks)
- b) Explain the five generators of robots controllers (5marks)
- c) What is a controller? Mention the basic types of controllers and their purpose. (4marks)
- d) Consider the following electrical system shown in the figure below (7marks)

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Find the transfer function model and draw its function model.

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the following terms used in robot vision (4marks)
  - i. Thresholding
  - ii. Object recognition
  - iii. Feature extraction
  - iv. Windowing
- b) Find the transfer function of PiD controller and draw its block diagram (4marks)
- c) Show that the equation of a pendulum is given by  $\theta + \frac{g}{l} \sin \theta = 0$  (8marks)
- d) With the help of a diagram explain the operation of the vidicon tube. (4marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) Differentiate between robot-oriented and object-oriented programming. (4marks)
- b) The position of an end effector P(5,8,10) is rotated at 60° about the z-axis, followed by 30° about x-axis and then 45° about the y-axis. Find the final position of the end effector. (6marks)
- c) The figure below shows a 2-DOF link manipulator whose joints are both revolute and link lengths 11 and 12 as shown. Given the exact position and orientation, find the possible joint angles. (10marks)