

PRINCE OF SONGKLA UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

Midterm Examination : Semester 2

Academic Year : 2006

Date : December 23, 2006

Time : 9.00-12.00

Subject : 226-431 Manufacturing Automation System

Room : R200

Direction

- There are 10 questions. The total score is 100.
- Write your own answer in to the exam paper.
- All materials, books, calculators are allowed.

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Question	Full Scores	Assigned scores
1	5	
2	5	
3	10	
4	10	
5	10	
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7	5	
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รวม	100	

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1. Explain the relationship between product quantities and facility layouts? (**5 points**)

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2. In the industrial engineering department, what are the system facilities and support systems. (**5 points**)

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3. How many basic types of automated manufacturing systems can be classified? Explain and give some examples of each type. (**10 points**)

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4. What are the statements of the USA principle? Explain and give some examples. (10 points)

5. The break-even point is to be determined for two production methods, one a manual method and the other automated. The manual method requires two workers at \$9.00 / hr. each. Together, they produce at a rate of 36 units/hr. The automated method has an initial cost of \$125,000, a 4 year service life, no salvage value, and annual maintenance costs = \$3000. No labor (except for maintenance) is required to operate the machine, but the power required to run the machine is 50 kW (when running). Cost of electric power is \$0.05/kWh. If the production rate for the automated is 100 units/hr., determine the break-even point for the two methods, using a rate of return = 25%. If the plant would like to produce 2000 units per month, which method should be selected? (10 points)

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6. An average of 20 new orders is started through a certain factory each month. On 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 nonoperation 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 160 hr./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.

- 6.1 What is the manufacturing lead time for an average order? (5 points)
 - 6.2 What is the plant capacity (on a monthly basis) and why must the overtime be authorized? (5 points)
 - 6.3 What is the utilization of the plant according to the definition given in the text? (5 points)
 - 6.4 Determine the average level of work-in-process (number of parts-in-process) in the plant. (5 points)

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7. What is the meaning of manufacturing automation? (5 points)

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8. What is a problem of Thai manufacturing process in your idea? How can you solve the problem by manufacturing automation theories? (15 points)

connected to the lead screw using a 5 : 1 gear ratio (5 turns of the motor correspond to 1 turn of the leadscrew). The motor has 180 steps per revolution. To execute a certain programmed instruction, the table must be moved from point (3.5, 1.5) to point (1.0, 7.2) at a speed of 10 in./min. Determine (a) the number of pulses to control the x axis, (b) the rotational speed of the motor, and (c) the pulse rate (15 points)

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9. Describe accuracy and repeatability of the CNC machine system. (5 points)

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10. A stepping motor is used to drive the x axis of a NC milling machine table. The motor is coupled directly to the table leadscrew, which has 4 threads/in. It is connected to the leadscrew using a 5 : 1 gear ratio (5 turns of the motor converts to 1 turn of the leadscrew). The motor has 180 steps per revolution. To execute a certain programmed instruction, the table must be moved from point (3.5, 1.5) to point (1.0,7.2) at a speed of 10 in./min. Determine (a) the number of pulses to control the x axis, (b) the rotational speed of the motor, and (c) the pulse rate (**15 points**)