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ECI2205 CONTROL SYSTEMS I

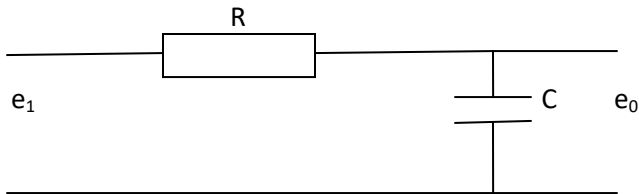
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. You should have the following for this examination:
  - Answer booklet
  - Electronic calculator
2. This paper consists of FIVE questions.
3. Answer ANY THREE Questions
4. All questions carry equal marks

QUESTION ONE

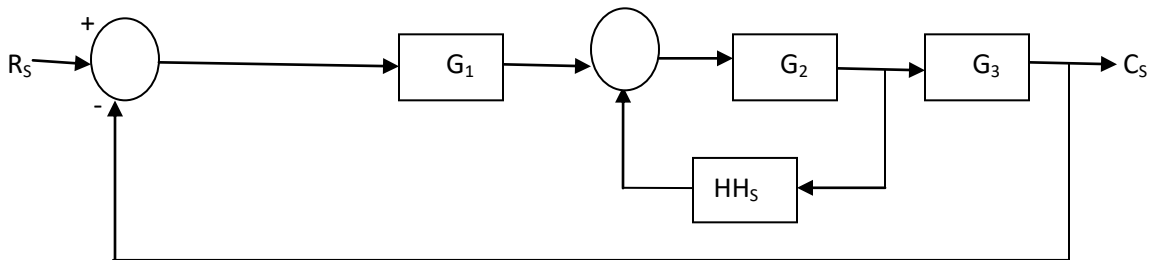
- (a) (i) Distinguish between open loop and closed loop control systems
- (ii) State ONE advantage and ONE disadvantage for each of the systems in (i). (6 marks)
- (b) Explain any FOUR rules for block diagram reduction and give the equation for each case. (4 marks)
- (c) For the circuit of figure Q2a, draw the block diagram and determine the transfer function. (6 marks)



- (d) Distinguish between settling time and response time (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Define the following terms used in control system:
  - (i) Controlled variable
  - (ii) Controller
  - (iii) Measured variable
  - (iv) Disturbance
 (8 marks)
- (b) Use block diagram algebra to simplify the block diagram of figure Q2c. (6 marks)



- (c) Distinguish between linear and non linear control systems (4 marks)

QUESTION THREE

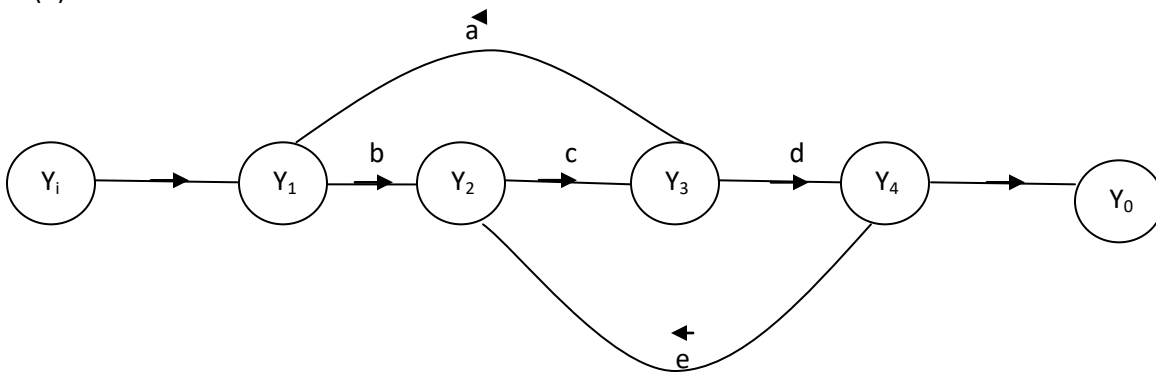
- (a) A system has its transfer function given by  $\frac{Y(s)}{X(s)} = \frac{4}{s^2 + 25s + 4}$ . Determine:
  - (i) Natural frequency,  $\omega_n$
  - (ii) Damping ratio,  $D$
  - (iii) Damped natural frequency,  $\omega_d$
  - (iv) Peak time,  $T_p$

- (v) Setting time,  $T_s$
- (vi) Maximum overshoot,  $P_0$  (12 marks)

- (b) A system is described by the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 3y = 2r(t)$
- (i) Assuming zero initial conditions determine the transfer function of the system
  - (ii) Draw the block diagram (6 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR**

- (a) State mason's gain formula and explain each element in the formula (6 marks)
- (b) Explain the following terms as used in SFG
  - (i) Input node
  - (ii) Path
  - (iii) Forward path
  - (iv) Path gain
  - (v) Sink (5 marks)
- (c) Use systematic reduction to solve the SFG of figure 4c (9 marks)
- (d)



**QUESTION FIVE**

- (a) (i) Distinguish between Damp element and Ramp element
- (ii) Explain any THREE properties of SFG (10 marks)
- (b) Construct a signal flow graph for the following questions. (6 marks)
 
$$B = 85X(s) + \frac{2}{5}C \quad C = SB + \frac{1}{s+1}D \quad D = \frac{1}{s^2}C + 15B + A$$

$$A = s^2X(s) \quad Y(s) = 55A$$
- (c) Draw the corresponding block diagram for the SFG of (b) above. (4 marks)