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**EEE 4303: CONTROL ENGINEERING I.**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES:** JULY 2025

**TIME:** 2 HOURS

**DATE:** JULY 2025

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **five** Questions; Question ONE is compulsory. In addition attempt any Other TWO Questions.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

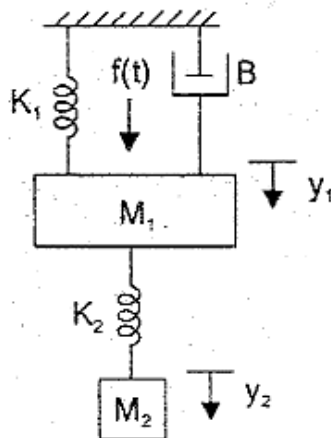
**Question ONE (Compulsory 30 marks)**

- a) (i) Define the term control systems  
 (ii) Explain the features of closed loop and open loop control systems.  
 (iii) Outline any FOUR advantages and limitations of open loop control systems.

**[13 marks]**

- b) For **Figure Q1b** determine the transfer function  $\frac{Y_2(s)}{F(s)}$

**[10 marks]**



**Figure Q1b**

- c) The response of a servomechanism is  $c(t) = 1 + 0.2 e^{-60t} - 1.2e^{-10t}$  when subject to a unit step.
- Obtain an expression for closed loop transfer function
  - Determine the undamped natural frequency
  - The damping ratio

[7 marks]

### Question TWO

- a) Determine hydraulic actuator **Figure Q2a** the nonlinear differential equations relating the movement  $\theta$  of the control surface to the input displacement  $x$  of the valve.
- b) Determine the linear approximation to the equations of motion when  $y = \text{constant}$ , with and without an applied load—that i.e. when  $F_i = 0$  and when  $F = 0$ . Assume that  $\theta$  motion is small.

[10 marks]

[5 marks]

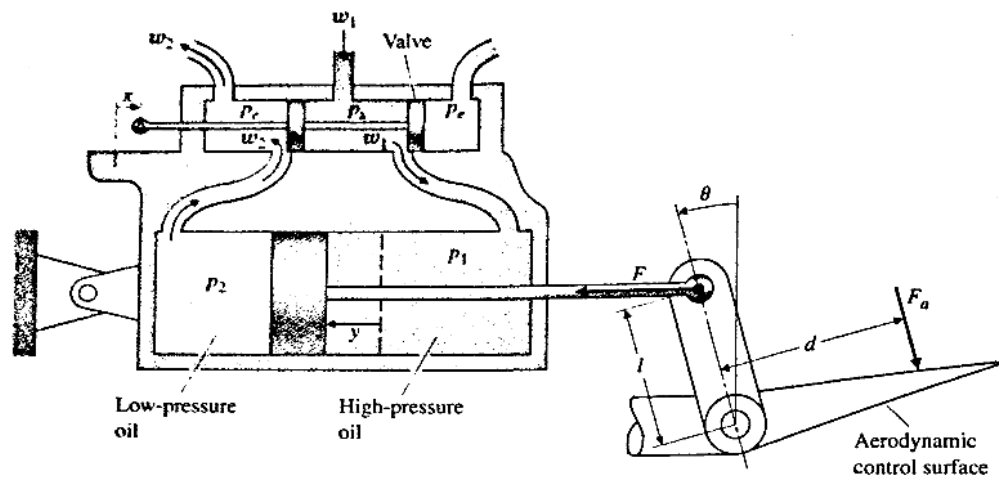


Figure Q2a

### Question THREE

- a) Using block diagram reduction technique, determine closed loop transfer function  $C(s)/R(s)$  of figure Q3a

[11 marks]

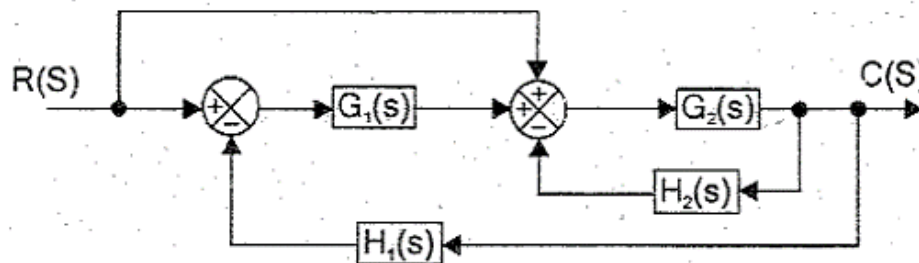


Figure Q3a

- b) Draw a signal flow diagram of the system whose block diagram is Figure 3Qb. Apply Masons gain formula to determine the overall transmittance of the system

[9 marks]

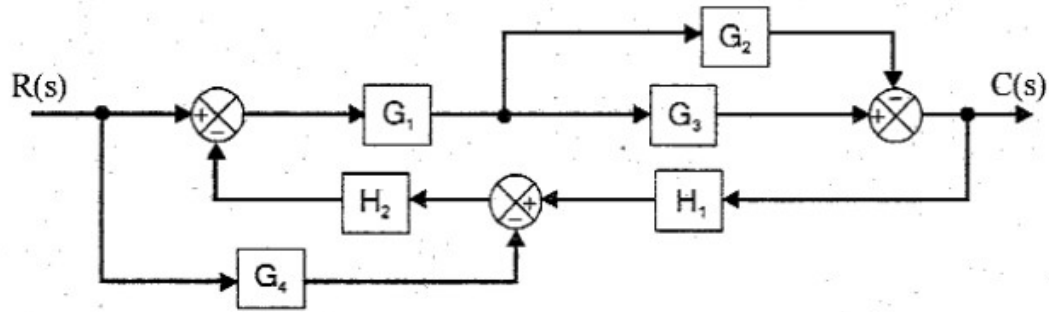


Figure Q3b

#### Question FOUR

a) With the aid of diagram explain the following as applied to control systems.

- (i) Delay time
- (ii) Rise time
- (iii) Peak time

[6 marks]

b) Figure Q4b is a positional control system with velocity feedback.

Given that  $\xi=0.5$ . for a unit step input, determine;

- (i) The response  $c(t)$
- (ii) Rise time
- (iii) Peak time
- (iv) Maximum overshoot
- (v) Settling time

[14 marks]

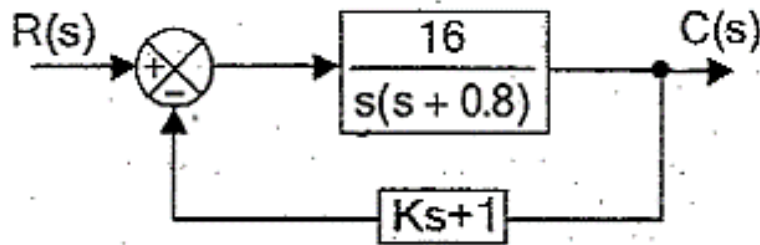
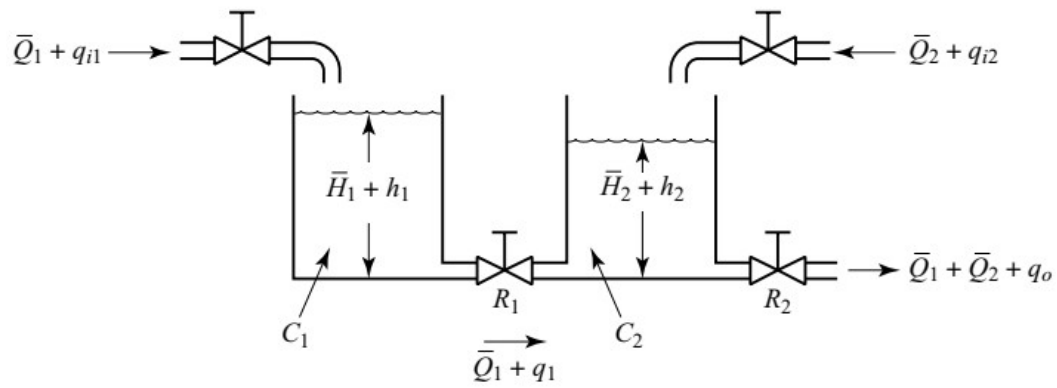


Figure Q4b

#### Question FIVE

a) Consider the liquid-level system shown in Figure 5a. In the system,  $\bar{Q}_1$  and  $\bar{Q}_2$  are steady-state inflow rates  $\bar{H}_1$  and  $\bar{H}_2$  are steady-state heads. The quantities  $q_{i1}, q_{i2}, h_1, h_2, q_1$ , and  $q_o$  are considered small. Obtain a state-space representation for the system when  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are the outputs and  $q_{i1}$  and  $q_{i2}$  are the inputs.

[11 marks]



**Figure 5a**

**b)** Define the following terms with the aid of diagrams

- (i) Resonant peak
- (ii) Resonant frequency
- (iii) Band width
- (iv) Cutoff rate

**[9 marks]**

