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UNIT I REVIEW OF INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENTATION			
Overview of measurement of Flow, Level, Temperature and Pressure.			
PART – A			
Q.No	Questions	BT Level	Competence
1.	Classify the different temperature measurement types using change in physical properties.	BTL 2	Understand
2.	Point out the significance of primary standards used in calibrating measuring instruments.	BTL 4	Analyze
3.	Differentiate between 3-wire RTD and 4-wire RTD.	BTL 4	Analyze
4.	List out the materials used in thermistors.	BTL 1	Remember
5.	Mention any three elastic type pressure gauges.	BTL 2	Understand
6.	Express the different units of pressure.	BTL 2	Understand
7.	Examine the design pressure of capsule-type pressure sensors.	BTL 4	Analyze
8.	Distinguish variable head and variable area flow meters.	BTL 4	Analyze
9.	List out some Electrical type flow meters.	BTL 1	Remember
10.	Illustrate the factors to be considered while selecting a flow meter.	BTL 3	Apply
11.	Mention the advantages of Venturi tube over Orifice plate.	BTL 1	Remember
12.	What are the advantages of float type level measurement?	BTL 1	Remember
13.	Summarize two commonly used electrical method for measuring liquid level in industries.	BTL 2	Understand
14.	Generalize the advantages of capacitance level measurement.	BTL 6	Create
15.	What is DPT? Summarize its use in level measurement.	BTL 5	Evaluate
16.	Define selectivity and specificity of sensors.	BTL 1	Remember
17.	What do you mean by calibration? And mention some methods for flow measurement.	BTL 2	Understand
18.	Define sensitivity & linearity of sensors.	BTL 1	Remember
19.	Recommend the criteria considered for selection of transducer for a particular application.	BTL 5	Evaluate
20.	Differentiate static and dynamic calibration.	BTL 4	Analyze
PART – B			
1.	With neat block diagram explain the principle of fibre optic thermometers. (13)	BTL 1	Remember
2.	Describe the construction, working principle and installation procedure of an orifice meter. (13)	BTL 2	Understand
3.	(i) Describe with neat sketch the construction and working of rotameter.(10)	BTL 1	Remember

	(ii)	Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of rotameter.(3)	BTL 2	Understand
4.		Discuss the construction and working of electromagnetic flow meter.(13)	BTL 2	Understand
5.		Examine the features of RTD and also explain the construction and working of RTD. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
6.		List the non-contact type of level measurement systems. Explain with neat sketch the working and construction of any two of them. (13)	BTL 1	Remember
7.		With neat sketch explain the method of measurement of differential pressure using Capacitive differential pressure sensor. Mention its advantages and disadvantages. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
8.		Explain the pressure measurement process using the following: (i) Bourdon tubes (4) (ii) Bellows (4) (iii) Diaphragms (5)	BTL 4	Analyze
9.		With a neat sketch, analyze how level is measured using nuclear radiations.(13)	BTL 4	Analyze
10.	(i)	Illustrate about different types of thermistor with neat sketch. (7)	BTL 3	Apply
	(ii)	Give the merits and demerits of thermistor. (6)	BTL 2	Understand
11.		Explain about the operation and application of ultrasonic level gauge with suitable sketch. (13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
12.		Summarize the various factors to be considered for the selection of sensors.(13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
13.		Discuss about the different types of probes used in capacitive type level measurement. Also illustrate how level of conducting liquid is measured using capacitive type sensor.(13)	BTL 3	Apply
14.		Briefly explain how a Pitot static tube can be used to measure average flow rate. What are the errors associated with measurement of pressure in Pitot tube? Explain.(13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
PART – C				
1.		Evaluate the performances of various electronic thermometers and explain in detail along with its characteristics. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
2.		Explain the pressure measurement using any two electronic type pressure sensors.(15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
3.		Evaluate the application areas and constructional details of venturi tubes, flow tubes and flow nozzles, also comment on pressure loss on these systems (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
4.		Prepare a summary on brief review of various technologies used for level measurement grouped by sensing characteristics. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate

UNIT II MEASUREMENT IN THERMAL POWER PLANT AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY

Selection and Installation of Instruments used for the Measurement of fuel flow, air flow, drum level, steam pressure, steam temperature – Feed water quality measurement – Flow, level, temperature and pressure measurement in Distillation, pyrolysis, catalytic cracking and reforming process

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	BT Level	Competence
1.	What are the primary measurements of power plant?	BTL 1	Remember
2.	Justify the importance of drum level measurement. How is it taken care of?	BTL 5	Evaluate
3.	What do you mean by swelling effect of boiler drum level?	BTL 1	Remember
4.	Illustrate the use of correction factor for temperature accounted during measurement of steam flow?	BTL 3	Apply
5.	Predict the need of connecting thermocouples in series and parallel during temperature measurement.	BTL 6	Create
6.	What is pulverized coal?	BTL 1	Remember
7.	Examine, how flow of coal is measured in power plants?	BTL 4	Analyze
8.	Identify the various methods of flow measurement for feed water flow in power plants.	BTL 3	Apply
9.	What are the basic factors to be considered for feed water flow?	BTL 1	Remember
10.	Summarize the importance of feedwater Analysis.	BTL 5	Evaluate
11.	Examine the suitability of float type in boiler drum level measurement.	BTL 4	Analyze
12.	Give the scales used for temperature measurements in power plants.	BTL 2	Understand
13.	Mention the instruments used to measure feed water temperature?	BTL 1	Remember
14.	What similarities are there for the CDU with vacuum distillation unit? Also identify the difference.	BTL 3	Apply
15.	What primary disadvantage exists by using live steam in the CDU columns?	BTL 1	Remember
16.	What is pyrolysis?	BTL 1	Remember
17.	Point out the applications of pyrolysis.	BTL4	Analyze
18.	Compare catalytic cracking with thermal cracking.	BTL 2	Understand
19.	Assess the need of hydrogen use in the reforming reaction.	BTL 5	Evaluate
20.	Is reforming a very important process in the refinery? If yes justify.	BTL 5	Evaluate

Part-B

1.	Discuss about the selection and installation of instruments for measurement of fuel flow, air flow and drum level in thermal power plant. (13)	BTL 2	Understand
2.	With suitable diagram, explain the principle of Electromagnetic type flow meters. Also mention its advantages and limitations.(13)	BTL 4	Analyze

3.	Classify the transducers based on Low, Medium and High temperature applications? Also list the major temperature measurement points and suggest suitable sensors in thermal power plant. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
4.	Write short notes on (i) Drum level measurement (6) (ii) Temperature compensation techniques.(7)	BTL 2	Understand
5.	Discuss about flow measurements involved in power plants.	BTL 2	Understand
6.	Explain in detail about Steam temperature Measurement.(13)	BTL 4	Analyze
7.	Explain how selection and installation of steam pressure measuring instrument is done? Also explain about steam pressure measurement. (13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
8.	Discuss the temperature measurements in power plants in detail.(13)	BTL 2	Understand
9.	Explain in detail about air flow control system.(13)	BTL 4	Analyze
10.	With conceptual block diagram explain the sequence of operations taking place in the CDU and VDU. (13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
11.	(i) Illustrate about pyrolysis process. (7)	BTL 3	Apply
	(ii) Point out and explain the necessary process variable measurement associated with pyrolysis process. (6)	BTL 4	Analyze
12.	Demonstrate the significance of measurement of flow, level, pressure and temperature at various locations around the distillation unit.(13)	BTL 3	Apply
13.	(i) What is cracking? How catalytic cracking is different from thermal cracking? (4)	BTL 2	Understand
	(ii) Describe in detail about catalytic cracking process along with the required operating condition. (9)	BTL 1	Remember
14.	Explain about reforming process along with necessary measurements. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
PART – C			
1.	Select instruments for measuring steam pressure and steam temperature in thermal power plant and justify. Also explain its working and installation. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
2.	Combine Primary and Secondary transducers in Pressure measurement? Explain the pressure measurement of steam in Power plant. (15)	BTL 6	Create
3.	Analyze the need of Air/fuel ratio control? What is meant by the term Oxygen trim control in Boiler? Explain the method of controlling the combustion by Oxygen trim control. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
4.	Explain about the types of measuring devices for flow and pressure and recommend location of measurement of these variables in a distillation unit.(15)	BTL 5	Evaluate

UNIT III INDUSTRIAL ANALYSER

Flue gas Oxygen Analyzers- Gas chromatography-dissolved oxygen analyzers- CO, CO₂, and NO₂ monitors- dust monitors – coal analyzer- Hydrocarbon analyzers- oil in or on water – sulphur in oil Analyzer

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	BT Level	Competence
1.	Which property of oxygen is utilized in oxygen analyzers?	BTL 3	Apply
2.	Point out the disadvantages of thermal type oxygen analyzers.	BTL 4	Analyze
3.	Categorize the electrochemical oxygen detectors.	BTL 4	Analyze
4.	Summarize the comparison among electrochemical oxygen detectors.	BTL 5	Evaluate
5.	Name the detectors used for dissolved oxygen measurement.	BTL 1	Remember
6.	Discuss about basic elements of chromatograph.	BTL 2	Understand
7.	Write the purpose of Gas chromatography.	BTL 1	Remember
8.	Recommend the detectors to be used in gas chromatography.	BTL 5	Evaluate
9.	Define retention time in a chromatograph.	BTL 1	Remember
10.	List the types of CO analyzer.	BTL 1	Remember
11.	State the principle of orsat analyzer.	BTL 1	Remember
12.	Analyze the need of measuring carbon monoxide in flue gas.	BTL 4	Analyze
13.	Identify the methods to estimate Nitrogen-oxides present in air.	BTL 3	Apply
14.	Point out few gas pollutants.	BTL 4	Analyze
15.	Show a typical diagram of the system used to measure dust particles.	BTL 3	Apply
16.	Demonstrate the principle of dust measurement in exhaust.	BTL 3	Apply
17.	Outline how carbon-monoxide in the air is monitored?	BTL 2	Understand
18.	List the analyzers used for oil-on water measurement.	BTL 1	Remember
19.	Discover the applications of oil-in water and sulphur in-oil analyzer?	BTL 3	Apply
20.	Predict the importance of monitoring the characteristics of coal.	BTL 2	Understand

PART – B

1.	Demonstrate the working principle of deflection type and dual gas type paramagnetic oxygen analyzer with a functional diagram. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
2.	Describe the different stages of Gas Chromatography in the separation of two phases with schematic diagram.(13)	BTL 1	Remember
3.	Mention the methods used for analyzing dissolved oxygen and describe about any two methods. (13)	BTL 1	Remember
4.	(i) Explain how CO level in air is estimated using NDIR analyzer with relevant diagrams. (10)	BTL 5	Evaluate

	(ii)	Discuss about the merits and limitations of any three types of CO analyzers. (3)	BTL 2	Understand
5.	(i)	Analyze how to estimate the amount of hydrocarbons present in air with neat instrumentation setup. (7)	BTL 4	Analyze
	(ii)	Give short notes on air pollution due to carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide and hydrocarbons. (6)	BTL 3	Apply
6.		Explain the determination of NO ₂ using following colorimetric methods (i) Griess–Saltzman method(7) (ii) Jacobs–Hochheiser method (6)	BTL 4	Analyze
7.		Describe the constructional details and working of a dust monitor. (13)	BTL 1	Remember
8.		Explain oxygen detection using high temperature current mode O ₂ detector and electrochemical O ₂ detector. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
9.	(i)	Why coal analyzer is needed? Explain how coal is analyzed using thermogravimetry coal analyzer. (10)	BTL 5	Evaluate
	(ii)	Is carbon dioxide measurement in ambient air is important? If yes justify. And also list the types of sensors used for its measurement. (3)	BTL 4	Analyze
10.		Discuss about radio frequency sensors, conductivity and capacitance sensors, Ultrasonic sensors and Nuclear sensors that can be used for water-in-oil detection. (13)	BTL 2	Understand
11.	(i)	Compose the consequences of air pollution.(7)	BTL 6	Create
	(ii)	Discuss about oxygen analyzer using zirconium oxidefuel cells. (13)	BTL 2	Understand
12.	(i)	Explain how oil-water interface is detected using radio frequency sensor? (7)	BTL 5	Evaluate
	(ii)	Explain the operation of capacitance type water-in-oil detector with neat diagram. (6)	BTL 4	Analyze
13.		Illustrate how oil-in-water can be detected in upflow sample stream and in falling sample stream using UV radiation. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
14.		Demonstrate how sulphur in oil is analyzed using x-ray absorption type sulphur-in-oil analyzer. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
PART – C				
1.		Explain how dissolved oxygen can be estimated using polarographic cell method and galvanic cell method. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
2.	(i)	Summarize the necessity of O ₂ analysis and explain how it is performed using thermal type paramagnetic O ₂ analyzer. (10)	BTL 5	Evaluate
	(ii)	Analyze about green house gases and conclude about its effect on the environment. (5)	BTL 6	Create
3.		Explain determination of oil-in-water using ultraviolet oil-in-water analyzer with automatic zero feature using relevant diagram. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
4.		Examine the impact of oil- on- water over freshwater and marine ecosystem. Discuss the method available to detect oil-on-water and also explain how its thickness can be measured. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate

UNIT-IV INSTRUMENTATION FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

Electrical and Intrinsic safety – Explosion suppression and Deluge systems – Conservation and emergency vents – Flame, fire and smoke detectors – Leak detectors – Metal detectors

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	BT Level	Competence
1.	Mention three fundamental factors that safety depends on.	BTL 1	Remember
2.	Write the three ways through which electricity can kill or cause injury. Also mention the range of fuse used to protect the wiring and the instrument.	BTL 2	Understand
3.	Mention the types of devices used for electrical and intrinsic safety.	BTL 1	Remember
4.	Point out the protection methods for preventing explosion hazards.	BTL 4	Analyze
5.	Inspect the hardware units present in explosion suppression system and mention its purpose.	BTL 4	Analyze
6.	Give the categories of flame behaviour.	BTL 2	Understand
7.	List the compounds that can be used as explosion suppressants.	BTL 1	Remember
8.	Compare explosion suppression system with ultra high speed Deluge system.	BTL 2	Understand
9.	Recommend the types of vents used in tank design.	BTL 5	Evaluate
10.	Define flash point of liquid.	BTL 1	Remember
11.	Why inert gas blanket is required in storage tank? Which type of vent can be used to produce this?	BTL 5	Evaluate
12.	When conservation vents are recommended to use?	BTL 3	Apply
13.	Discuss about emergency vents used in storage tank.	BTL 2	Understand
14.	Give the merits and demerits of UV type flame detector?	BTL 2	Understand
15.	Quote the types of optical flame sensor.	BTL 1	Remember
16.	Write the characteristics of flame that is used to detect the presence of flame.	BTL 5	Evaluate
17.	Examine the energy spectrum covered by flame radiation.	BTL 4	Analyze
18.	Identify the detector options used for leak detection in large containers and small parts.	BTL 3	Apply
19.	Mention any five gases that can be detected by thermal conductivity-type leak detector along with its minimum detectable leak rate.	BTL 1	Remember
20.	Point out the applications of metal detectors?	BTL 4	Analyze

PART – B

1.	Explain NEMA ICS “Industrial control” recommended types of enclosures for live parts that ensure electrical safety. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
2.	Discuss about the concept of grounding, personnel safety and energy levels with reference to electrical safety. (13)	BTL 2	Understand
3.	Explain about the devices which serve to discern the initiation of the explosion and also about the unit which initiate the corrective action in explosion suppression system. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze

4.	(i)	How NEC defines intrinsic safety? (3)	BTL 1	Remember
	(ii)	Discuss the following with reference to intrinsic safety (a) Energy levels (2) (b) Certification of intrinsic safety (8)	BTL 2	Understand
5.		Examine the purpose of actuated devices in explosion suppression system? Explain the functioning of these devices with necessary diagram. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
6.	(i)	Give the applications of explosion suppression system. Also explain the cases where these systems will not work. (5)	BTL 2	Understand
	(ii)	Describe the installation of flame sensors for safe operation of burner management system with neat diagram. (8)	BTL 2	Understand
7.		By what factors ultra-high-speed deluge (UHSD) system differs from explosion suppression system. Explain the functioning of UHSD system with neat diagram. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
8.		Explain about the purpose, implementation and functioning of (i) Conservation vents (9) (ii) Emergency vents (4)	BTL 5	Evaluate
9.	(i)	Write short notes on smoke detectors and thermal sensors. (7)	BTL 1	Remember
	(ii)	Discuss the rectification phenomenon utilized in detecting electrical conduction characteristic of flame. (6)	BTL 3	Apply
10.	(i)	Demonstrate the occurrence of fire in four different phases. (4)	BTL 3	Apply
	(ii)	Discuss about heat sensors and conduction-type detectors used in flame detection. (9)	BTL 2	Understand
11.		Indicate the methods of detecting radiation characteristic of flame in UV, visible and IR wavelength and explain. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
12.		Summarize the features (both advantageous and disadvantageous) of various flame guard sensors along with their comparison. (13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
13.		Explain how halogen detectors are used in aboveground leak detection system? (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
14.		Discuss about the types of metal detectors. Explain how these detectors are installed on conveyor belts for detecting metal objects. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
PART – C				
1.		Justify, how purging, pressurization or venting ensure safe implementation of tight enclosure of any size. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
2.		Explain about criteria considered for selecting flame detector. Also explain in detail about its operation, features and demerits of five basic types of optical flame sensor. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate

3.	(i)	Determine how suppression works in explosion suppression system. (6)	BTL 5	Evaluate
	(ii)	Evaluate the explosion characteristics of various materials. (5)		
	(iii)	How suppressant chemicals help in suppressing explosion? (4)		
4.	Justify the necessity of underground leak detection system and explain principle employed in level monitoring type and soil detector type underground leakage detection with necessary diagrams. (15)		BTL 6	Create



UNIT-V SAFETY INSTRUMENTATION

Introduction to Safety Instrumented Systems – Hazards and Risk – Process Hazards Analysis (PHA)– Safety Life Cycle – Control and Safety Systems - Safety Instrumented Function - Safety Integrity Level (SIL) – Selection, Verification and Validation

PART – A

Q.No	Questions	BT Level	Competency
1.	Give the applications of Safety instrumented systems (SIS)	BTL 2	Understand
2.	What is the principle behind safety standards?	BTL 1	Remember
3.	Analyze the safety life cycle of Safety instrumented systems (SIS).	BTL 4	Analyze
4.	Give the different definitions of hazard	BTL 2	Understand
5.	Point out the different risks involved in a system.	BTL 4	Analyze
6.	Discuss about the types of hazards.	BTL 2	Understand
7.	Interpret the meaning of different risk level.	BTL 5	Evaluate
8.	Evaluate the purpose of Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA).	BTL 5	Evaluate
9.	List out some major sources of hazards.	BTL 1	Remember
10.	Identify the three phases of safety life cycle?	BTL 3	Apply
11.	Differentiate safety standards IEC 61508 and IEC 61511	BTL 2	Understand
12.	Define the terms Safety Instrumented system and Safety instrumented Function.	BTL 1	Remember
13.	Draw the typical diagram showing risk reduction methods.	BTL 1	Remember
14.	Illustrate the importance of SIL selection.	BTL 3	Apply
15.	What is meant by SIL verification?	BTL 1	Remember
16.	Point out the issues addressed by safety integrity level (SIL).	BTL 4	Analyze
17.	What is HFT? And examine its significance.	BTL 4	Analyze
18.	Define validation in safety instrumented system.	BTL 1	Remember
19.	Summarize the techniques used to determine SIL?	BTL 5	Evaluate
20.	Evaluate how selection, verification and validation are related in SIL	BTL 5	Evaluate

PART – B

1.	Analyze the different definitions of Hazard and Risk. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
2.	Discuss the applications of risk register, risk matrix and risk ranking. (13)	BTL 2	Understand
3.	Explain the relationship of vulnerability with risk management also discuss about vulnerability ratings. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze

4.	Define the terms PHA, FMEA and HAZOP and compare the concepts of each. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
5.	Discuss about types of risks and prescribe some control measures.(13)	BTL 6	Create
6.	Explain in detail the role of Plant Hazard Analysis by giving the PHA process diagram. (13)	BTL 4	Analyze
7.	(i) Write short notes on Risk register. (7)	BTL 1	Remember
	(ii) Explain the function of risk matrix. (6)	BTL 4	Analyze
8.	Illustrate the features and concepts of safety standards IEC 61508 and IEC 61511. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
9.	Explain in detail about different phases of safety Life Cycle. (13)	BTL 4	Remember
10.	Evaluate the functional aspects of Safety Instrumented system and Safety instrumented Function.(13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
11.	Discuss in detail about SIL methods.(13)	BTL 2	Understand
12.	(i) Develop a short note on SIL in Safety Life Cycle. (7)	BTL 6	Create
	(ii) Develop a short note on Risk Reduction and SIL (6)	BTL 6	Create
13.	Illustrate any two SIL determination techniques. (13)	BTL 3	Apply
14.	Explain the process of SIL selection, verification and validation. (13)	BTL 5	Evaluate
PART – C			
1.	Write your interpretation in detail on the meaning and the steps involved in HAZID.(15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
2.	Evaluate the safety instrumentation systems applied in different levels of nuclear power plants. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate
3.	Create a Safety Instrumented System (SIS) for different units of fossil fuel power plants.(15)	BTL 6	Create
4.	Explain about safety instrumentation in oil and gas industries. (15)	BTL 5	Evaluate