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<b>UNIT I - AUTOMATION IN MANUFACTURING &amp; PROCESS INDUSTRIES</b>				
<b>SYLLABUS</b>				
Introduction: Automation in manufacturing system, Principles and strategies of automation, Basic elements of an automated system, Advanced automation functions, Levels of automations, Various Industrial Revolutions, Digitalization and the Networked Economy, Drivers, Enablers, Compelling Forces and Challenges for Industry 4.0.				
<b>PART – A</b>				
<b>S.No</b>	<b>Questions</b>	<b>BT Level</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>Competence</b>
1	Name the two major components Production systems.	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
2	What are manufacturing systems?	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
3	How manufacturing systems are distinguished from production systems?	BLT-2	CO1	Understand
4	Manufacturing systems are divided into three categories, according to worker participation. Name them.	BLT-2	CO1	Understand
5	Classify the four functions included within the scope of manufacturing support systems?	BLT-2	CO1	Understand
6	What is fixed automation?	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
7	What are some of its features of fixed automation?	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
8	Why programmable automation is best suited for batch production?	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
9	What is flexible automation and what are some of its features?	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
10	Summarize the objectives of computer-integrated manufacturing.	BLT-2	CO1	Understand
11	What are some of the reasons why companies automate their operations?	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
12	Define automation.	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
13	Name the three basic elements of an automated system.	BLT-2	CO1	Understand
14	Point out the the power requirements of the automated process.	BLT-2	CO1	Understand
15	What are three reasons why decision making is required in a programmed work cycle?	BLT-1	CO1	Remember
16	Compare the closed-loop control system and an open-loop	BLT-2	CO1	Understand

	control system?				
<b>17</b>	What are the advanced automation functions?		<b>BLT-1</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Remember</b>
<b>18</b>	Identify the five levels of automation in a production plant. What is industrial control?		<b>BLT-2</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Understand</b>
<b>19</b>	Summarize the challenges of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.		<b>BLT-2</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Understand</b>
<b>20</b>	Point out the key enablers required in knowledge management while implementation and adoption.		<b>BLT-2</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Understand</b>
<b>21</b>	What are the enablers of innovation?		<b>BLT-1</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Remember</b>
<b>22</b>	List the enablers of Industry 4.0 adoption in MSME.		<b>BLT-1</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Remember</b>
<b>23</b>	What is Industry 4.0 being driven by?		<b>BLT-1</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Remember</b>
<b>24</b>	Write the examples of enablers.		<b>BLT-2</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Understand</b>
<b>PART B</b>					
<b>1</b>	With neat sketch, describe the Automation and control technologies in the production system.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>2</b>	Describe the elements of an automated system with a neat diagram.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>3</b>	Explain the Advanced automation functions.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>4</b>	Illustrate the five levels of automation and control in manufacturing.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>5</b>	Comparison Between Continuous Control and Discrete Control.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>6</b>	Discuss the Automation Principles and Strategies.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>7</b>	Write the ten Strategies for Automation and Process Improvement.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>8</b>	Explain the three modes of operation of a modern maintenance and repair diagnostics subsystem.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>9</b>	Name three of the four possible strategies in error recovery. Identify the five levels of automation in a production plant.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>10</b>	Briefly explain the five categories of work cycle programs, as listed in the text?	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>11</b>	Explain the safety monitoring in detail.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>12</b>	Tabulate Levels of Automation in the Process Industries and Discrete Manufacturing Industries.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>13</b>	Discuss about the various industrial revolutions Industry 4.0.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>14</b>	Write short notes on digitalisation and the networked economy.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO1</b>	<b>Apply</b>

15	Illustrate the 4 Drivers of Industry 4.0. How they will steer the future.	(16)	BLT-4	CO1	Analyze
16	Explain the enablers of Industry 4.0.	(16)	BLT-4	CO1	Analyze
17	Describe the compelling forces and challenges for industry 4.0.	(16)	BLT-3	CO1	Apply

## UNIT II - PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLER (PLC)

### SYLLABUS

Introduction to PLC, History of PLC, Architecture of PLC, CPU IO Modules Power Supply and Communications, Input and Output Devices, Need of PLC for Industrial Automation, Types of PLC Models. Introduction to PLC Programming: Types of Programming Languages, Ladder logic diagram, Examine On/OFF, timer, counter, data manipulation and other higher level programming instruction with case studies.

### PART – A

S.No	Questions	BT Level	CO	Competence
1	Define PLC.	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
2	Compare the PLC and PC.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
3	Point out the applications of PLC.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
4	Summarize the I/O modules in PLC.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
5	List any six brands of PLCs available in the market.	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
6	Give five factors affecting the memory size needed for a particular PLC installation.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
7	What is the use of timers in PLC.	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
8	Draw the symbol and state the equivalent instruction for each of the following: NO contact, NC contact, and coil.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
9	Draw the PLC ladder diagram for NAND gate.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
10	When is the output of PLC counter energized?	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
11	When is the output of a programmed timer energized?	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
12	Draw a ladder logic diagram for single input timer.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
13	What is the use of MCR instruction?	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
14	Retentive instructions should not be placed within an MCR zone. Justify?	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
15	List the advantages of jump instruction.	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
16	List basic math functions that can be performed on PLCs.	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
17	What standard format is used for PLC math instructions?	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
18	What the jump to subroutine instruction allows the program to do?	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
19	When are the immediate input and immediate output instructions used?	BLT-2	CO2	Understand
20	What are the programming method in PLC?	BLT-1	CO2	Remember
21	Compare the timers and counter functions of PLC.	BLT-2	CO2	Understand

22	Draw the Ladder diagram for AND and NOR gates.		BLT-1	CO2	Remember
23	How PLC is used in sequential control?		BLT-2	CO2	Understand
24	What are the 3 types of sequential circuits?		BLT-1	CO2	Remember
<b>PART-B</b>					
1	Describe typical PLC input / output system connection with neat sketch.	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
2	Explain the following modules in RTU in detail.		BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
	(i) Digital input modules and output modules.	(10)			
	(ii) Digital counter or accumulator modules.	(6)			
3	Illustrate the basic architecture of PLC with neat block diagram.	(16)	BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
4	Explain in detail about various hardware components present in PLC.	(16)	BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
5	Describe Retentive on-delay timer instructions in a PLC with example.	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
6	Develop a Ladder Logic Diagram to ON & OFF a motor with single button; ON at first press and OFF at second press.	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
7	List and explain various data move functions available in PLC.	(16)	BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
8	Discuss the difference in operation between following instructions a. MCR b. Timer – Retentive Timer	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
9	Examine the following PLC function with suitable example. a. Less than COMPARE function b. Jump to Subroutine function.	(16)	BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
10	Deduce the Timer and Counter instructions- TON, TOFF, RTO, CTU, and CTD.	(16)	BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
11	Explain Branch instructions with examples in ladder logic programming.	(16)	BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
12	Explain the function of the UP-DOWN counter with the help of timing diagram.	(16)	BLT-4	CO2	Analyze
13	Describe the data manipulation instructions used in PLC.	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
14	Discuss the program control instructions used in PLC.	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
15	Develop the ladder logic diagram for the Bottle filling system application.	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
16	Write a PLC program to control traffic lights.	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply
17	Draw a ladder logic diagram to control the motor output as per the given logic. Make use of start and stop pushbuttons, 4 switches to turn on and off 2 motors (M), and a buzzer (B).	(16)	BLT-3	CO2	Apply

### UNIT III - OVERVIEW OF MATERIAL HANDLING SYSTEMS

#### SYLLABUS

Overview of material handling systems: Types of material handling equipment, Design of the system, Conveyor system, Automated guided vehicle system. Automated Manufacturing Systems: Components, Classification and overview of manufacturing systems, Cellular manufacturing, Flexible manufacturing

system (FMS).

**PART –A**

S.No	Questions	BT Level	CO	Competence
1.	Point out the objectives of materials handling?	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
2.	Give the benefits of material handling?	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
3.	Summarize the 3 major functions of materials handling system?	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
4.	List the classification of material handling system?	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
5.	What is the selection of material handling equipment	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
6.	What is the utilization principle of material handling?	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
7.	Define conveyor system.	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
8.	List the benefits of conveyor system.	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
9.	Give the types of conveyor system?	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
10.	Define an Automated Guided Vehicle system.	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
11.	List the versatile application of Automated Guided Vehicle system.	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
12.	Give the key benefits of Automated Guided Vehicle system.	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
13.	List the function of automated manufacturing system?	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
14.	Point out the goals of automation in manufacturing industry?	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
15.	Give the classification of automation	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
16.	Give the classification of manufacturing system.	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
17.	What are the components of manufacturing system?	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
18.	Define cellular manufacturing.	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
19.	Give the major the steps in the Cellular Manufacturing Process.	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
20.	Define FMS.	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
21.	Point out the components of FMS.	BLT-2	CO3	Understand
22.	What are the FMS layout configurations?	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
23.	List the applications of FMSs	BLT-1	CO3	Remember
24.	How FMS classified does based on number of machines?	BLT-2	CO3	Understand

**PART B**

1	Illustrate the factors that influence the design of the material handling system.	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
2	Describe the five categories of material transport equipment commonly used to move parts and other materials in manufacturing and warehouse facilities.	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply
3	Give some examples of industrial trucks used in material handling.	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply
4	Describe the vehicle management system.	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply
5	Outline the vehicle safety and Rail Guided vehicles	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply
6	Explain the variety of conveyor equipment is commercially available	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
7	Describe the Conveyor Operations and Features.	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply
8	Outlining the three types of automated guided vehicles.	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply
9	Describe the vehicle guidance technologies in automated guided vehicles.	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
10	Illustrate the key components of a manufacturing system.	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
11	Explores the various factors that distinguish different types	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze

	of manufacturing systems.				
12	Illustrate the classification of manufacturing systems.	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
13	Explain the cellular manufacturing system.	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
14	Outline the analysis of cellular manufacturing system.	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply
15	Define flexible manufacturing system. Explain the different types of flexible manufacturing system.	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
16	Describe the three basic components of a flexible manufacturing system.	(16)	BLT-4	CO3	Analyze
17	Outline the FMS application, planning and Implementation issues.	(16)	BLT-3	CO3	Apply

#### UNIT IV- SCADA SYSTEMS

##### SYLLABUS

Introduction, definition and history of SCADA, typical SCADA System Architecture, Communication requirements, Desirable properties of SCADA system, Features, advantages, disadvantages and applications of SCADA. SCADA Architecture: First Generation-Monolithic, Second Generation-Distributed, Third Generation-Networked Architecture, SCADA systems in operation and case studies.

##### PART –A

S.No	Questions	BT Level	CO	Competence
1.	Compare PLC and SCADA.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
2.	List the hardware elements of SCADA.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
3.	How does the processor identify the location of a specific input or output device?	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
4.	Give the communication architecture for SCADA.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
5.	What is the necessity to use master station architecture of SCADA.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
6.	How does SCADA handle issues?	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
7.	Point out the communication protocols used in SCADA.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
8.	List the two main functions of a SCADA system.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
9.	List the SCADA software used in the industry.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
10.	Compare SCADA and HMI.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
11.	Define Device Net.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
12.	What is meant by Control Net.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
13.	Demonstrate a real-time operating system,	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
14.	Summarise the role of Human machine interface.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
15.	Define Master terminal unit.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
16.	What is Remote terminal unit?	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
17.	Write some of the typical SCADA software components	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
18.	List some typical attacks that might be mounted against SCADA systems.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
19.	What is meant by Audit and monitoring logs?	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
20.	Define firewalls.	BLT-1	CO4	Remember
21.	How malicious code detection and elimination in SCADA.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
22.	Write the role of SCADA in the petroleum refining process.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand
23.	Point out the control components in a typical power generation unit.	BLT-2	CO4	Understand

24.	Define SCADA security.		BLT-1	CO4	Remember
<b>PART B</b>					
1	Explain the components of SCADA with neat sketch.	(16)	BLT-4	CO4	Analyze
2	Write short notes on the following		BLT-3	CO4	Apply
	(i) SCADA hardware and Software.	(10)			
	(ii) SCADA and local area networks.	(6)			
3	Outline about the evolution of SCADA.	(16)	BLT-3	CO4	Apply
4	Describe the typical architecture of SCADA with neat sketch.	(16)	BLT-3	CO4	Apply
5	With neat sketch explain the typical structure of SCADA using internet and cellular network..	(16)	BLT-4	CO4	Analyze
6	Explain SCADA Systems in the Critical Infrastructure such as Pressurized Water Reactor.	(16)	BLT-4	CO4	Analyze
7	With the help of neat diagram explain the operation of RTU hardware structure in SCADA.	(16)	BLT-4	CO4	Analyze
8	Discuss about the SCADA system desirable properties.	(16)	BLT-3	CO4	Apply
9	Evaluate the following communication architecture of SCADA		BLT-4	CO4	Analyze
	(i) Point-to-point architecture and Multi-point architecture	(8)			
	(ii) Relay station architecture	(8)			
10	Discuss about the SCADA system security issues.		BLT-3	CO4	Apply
11	Describe the features of SCADA. Write the advantages and disadvantages of SCADA.	(16)	BLT-3	CO4	Apply
12	With a neat sketch, explain the first generation of SCADA.(monolithic)	(16)	BLT-4	CO4	Analyze
13	With neat sketch, describe the second generation of distributed SCADA system.	(16)	BLT-3	CO4	Apply
14	With neat sketch, describe the third generation of networked architecture SCADA System	(16)	BLT-3	CO4	Apply
15	Discuss the Water Purification System to control and monitor the water purification process.	(16)	BLT-3	CO4	Apply
16	Explain the role of the SCADA system in a power generation unit.	(16)	BLT-4	CO4	Analyze
17	Explain in any case study using a SCADA System.	(16)	BLT-4	CO4	Analyze

### UNIT V- DISTRIBUTED CONTROL SYSTEMS (DCS)

#### SYLLABUS

Introduction - Local Control Unit (LCU) architecture, LCU Process Interfacing Issues, Block diagram and Exploring Various Security Design Strategies for Local Control Units (LCUs)- Networking of DCS. Information gathering, Real-time analysis of data stream from DCS, Historian, Integration of business inputs with process data, Leveraging remote terminal unit (RTU).

#### PART -A

S.No	Questions	BT Level	CO	Competence
1.	Define Distributed Control System (DCS) with an example.	BLT-1	CO5	Remember
2.	What do you mean by Local Control Unit?	BLT-1	CO5	Remember

3.	Give any two popular industrial communication protocols.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
4.	Point out the different functions performed by DCS.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
5.	Summarize the display hierarchy used in the DCS system.		BLT-1	CO5	Remember
6.	Write the important features incorporated in high level engineering interface.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
7.	What is the need can be satisfied in designing an industrial grade LCU?		BLT-1	CO5	Remember
8.	Predict the function of LCU.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
9.	Give some application of DCS.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
10.	Give some communication protocol used in distributed control system.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
11.	What approaches are used in designing a redundant LCU architecture?		BLT-1	CO5	Remember
12.	Compare the configuration of the controller.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
13.	Mention the prominent features of graphic display.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
14.	Classify the factors to be considered for types of communication in DCS.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
15.	How engineering workstation is different from operator work station in DCS?		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
16.	List the major architectural parameters to be considered for designing a controller for various industrial control applications.		BLT-1	CO5	Remember
17.	Write the important features incorporated in HLEI.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
18.	Compare individual, centralized and distributive control systems.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
19.	Generalize some of the bus standard used in process industries.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
20.	What is the role of communication interfaces in DCS?		BLT-1	CO5	Remember
21.	Point out the various elements in DCS.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
22.	List the various architecture of DCS.		BLT-1	CO5	Remember
23.	List the various redundant controllers in DCS.		BLT-1	CO5	Remember
24.	Compare LLHI and HLHI.		BLT-2	CO5	Understand
<b>PART B</b>					
1	Describe the generalised DCS architecture with neat diagram.	(16)	BLT-3	CO5	Apply
2	Write a summary of some of the key features of distributed control systems.	(16)	BLT-3	CO5	Apply
3	Explain the basic elements of Local Control Unit.	(16)	BLT-4	CO5	Analyze
4	Illustrate some of the differences in LCU architectures.	(16)	BLT-4	CO5	Analyze
5	Outline the concept of function blocks can be appreciated most easily through an example.	(16)	BLT-3	CO5	Apply
6	How the DCS can interface with the process.	(16)	BLT-3	CO5	Apply
7	Explain the providing security safeguards to LCU.	(16)	BLT-4	CO5	Analyze
8	Explain the various security design strategies for Local Control Units.	(16)	BLT-4	CO5	Analyze
9	Describe the three basic categories of security approaches in DCS.	(16)	BLT-3	CO5	Apply
10	Discuss the conventional point to point wiring and black box facility in DCS	(16)	BLT-3	CO5	Apply

<b>11</b>	Describe the network topology in DCS.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO5</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>12</b>	Outline the networking architecture of a DCS is designed to facilitate communication, data exchange, and coordination between different components within a control system.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO5</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>13</b>	Illustrate the data gathering from Distributed Control Systems (DCS) involves collecting real-time data.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO5</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>14</b>	Describe the data analytics and Real-time analysis of data stream from DCS.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO5</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>15</b>	Describe the historian build, in the context of industrial automation and control systems.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-3</b>	<b>CO5</b>	<b>Apply</b>
<b>16</b>	Explain the Integration of business inputs with process data and leveraging remote terminal unit.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO5</b>	<b>Analyze</b>
<b>17</b>	With neat sketches, explain different types of displays in DCS systems.	<b>(16)</b>	<b>BLT-4</b>	<b>CO5</b>	<b>Analyze</b>

