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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Answer any four (4) questions.
2. Each question carries 25 marks.
3. Marks for different sections are shown in the right-hand margin.

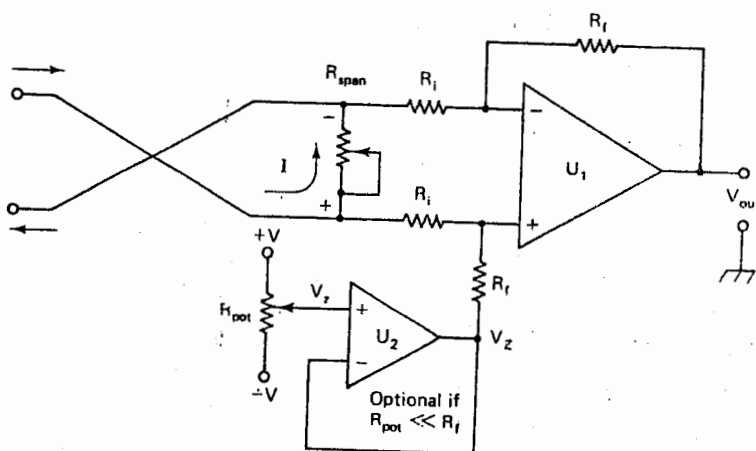
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### Question 1

A modular transducer outputs 10 to 60 mA current. The manufacturer indicates that the gain is 6 and  $100\Omega$  is the maximum allowable floating load. For the current to voltage converter of Figure 1, determine the correct zero and span components to give the output of -10 to 10 V output, using the following steps:

- (A) Draw the transfer curve. (7 marks)
- (B) Determine the value of the span resistor  $R_{span}$ . (9 marks)
- (C) Determine the zero offset voltage  $V_z$  and the supply voltage  $V^+$  and  $V^-$ . (5 marks)
- (D) Determine the value for  $R_i$  and  $R_f$ . (4 marks)



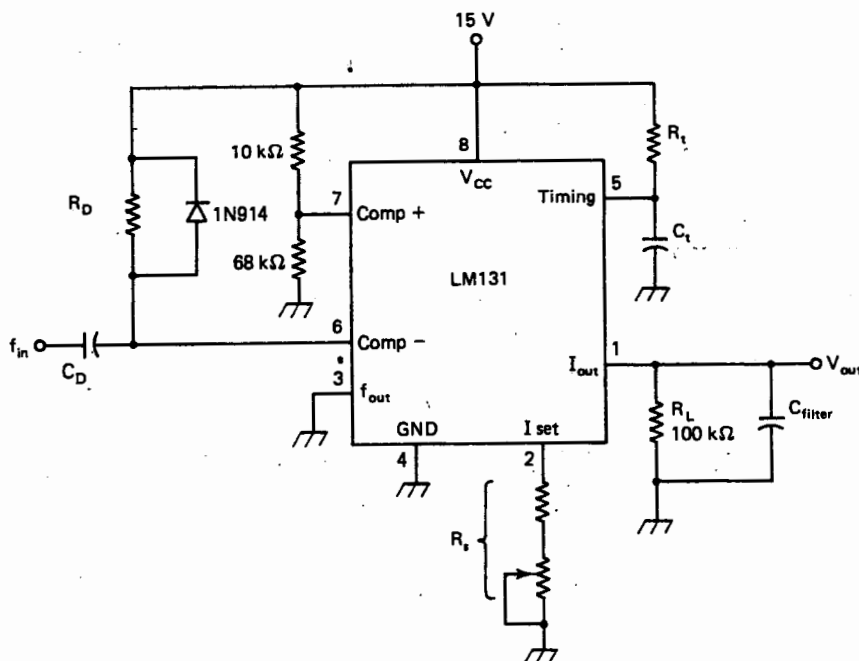
Floating current-to-voltage converter.

**Figure 1**

**Question 2**

A reflective optical sensor is used to encode the velocity of a shaft. There are six pieces of reflective tape. They are sized and positioned to produce a 50% duty-cycle wave. The maximum shaft speed is 4000r/min. Design the frequency-to-voltage converter necessary to output 10 V at the maximum shaft speed. Provide filtering adequate to assure no more than 10% ripple at 100r/min. Use the configuration shown in Figure 2

and note that the size of the switched current is  $i = \frac{2\text{volts}}{R_s}$ . (25 marks)



**Figure 2**

### **Question 3**

Design a telemetry circuit required to transmit temperature readings ranging from  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $110^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

A block diagram of the circuit is shown in Figure 3 and the following are the specifications

#### **Temperature sensor circuit**

The output of the sensor circuit is linear and gives the following readings:

0.8 volts at  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$

0.2 volts at  $120^{\circ}\text{C}$

#### **Signal conditioner**

The output of the signal conditioner should range from 1 volts to 10 volts.

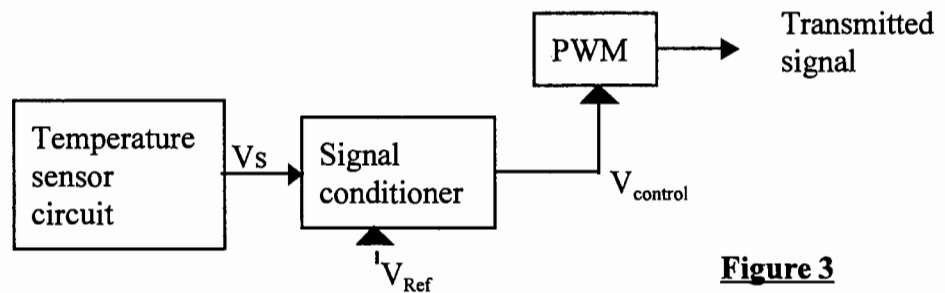
#### **PWM**

The PWM comprises of two 555 timers.

Oscillator:  $T = 20$  msec and 50% duty cycle

Duration of the variable one shot:  $t_p = 18$  msec

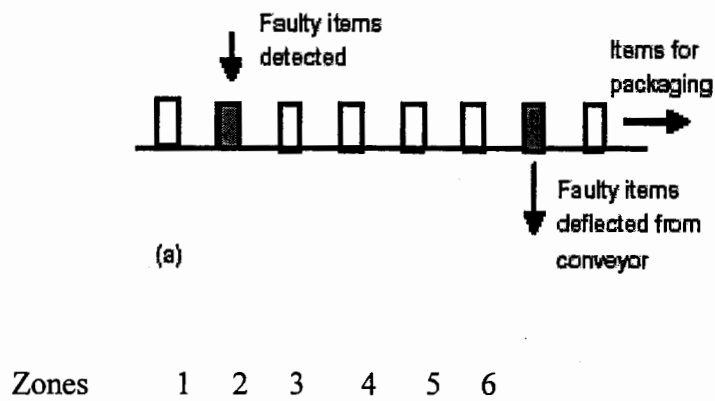
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**Figure 3**

**Question 4**

Shift registers may be used to keep track of a faulty item moving along a conveyor belt so that when it reaches the appropriate point a reject mechanism is activated to remove it from the conveyor belt. Figure 4 illustrates this arrangement. An Inspector decides if an item is good or faulty. If an item is faulty then the Inspector presses a Reject button while the item is still in zone 1 and marks the item for the benefit of the other workers in zone 2, 3, 4, and 5. Between zone 1 and 2 there is a limit switch (LS). When the part enters zone 6 the shift register signals the diverter to deflect the item if it is faulty. Produce a control circuit of this arrangement and explain the operation of your circuit. Use shift registers. (25 marks)

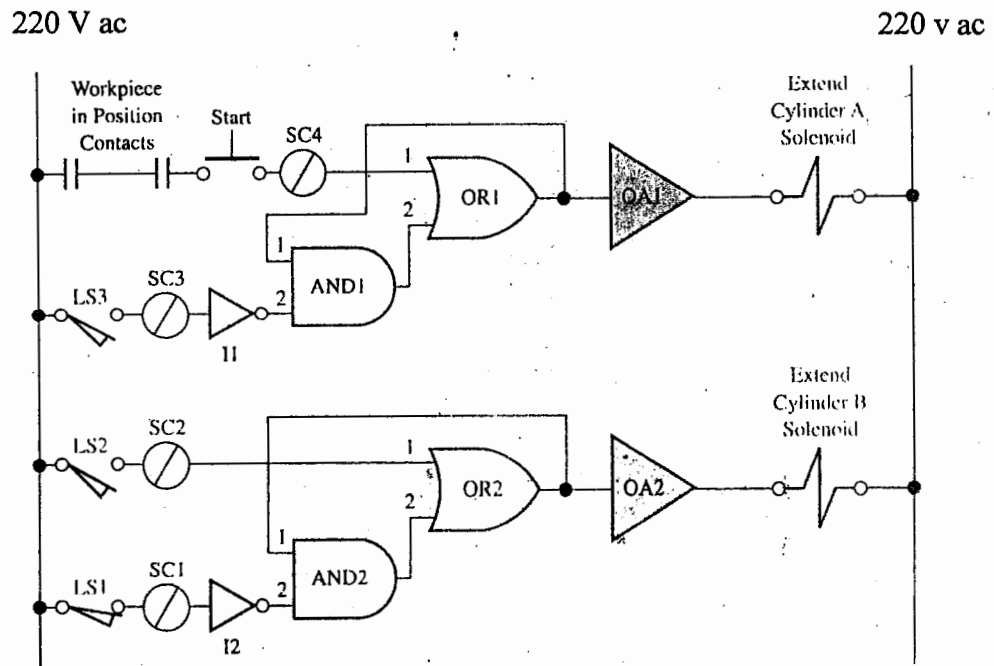


**Figure 4**

LS makes momentary contact every time an item goes from zone 1 to zone 2 and all items change zones at the same time.

**Question 5**

Using Allen Bradley PLC 5/12 addressing notation, draw a ladder-logic from the logic circuit of a two-cylinder machine-tool drilling apparatus shown in Figure 5. (25 marks)



**Figure 5**