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## University Examinations 2020/2021

### THIRD YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

#### EEE 2404: PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS

**DATE: JULY 2021**

**TIME: 1½ HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions.

#### **QUESTION ONE (30 marks)**

- a) Explain the three process characteristics that are exhibited in energy control system. (6 Marks)
- b) Derive the transfer function of the electronic integral mode shown below (4 Marks)

- c) State four production processes that are controlled using PLC (4 Marks)
- d) Explain the principle of operation of a PLC (6 Marks)
- e) Draw the symbols for the following instruction.....  
 (i) AND NOT  
 (ii) OR NOT  
 (iii)OR BLOCK (6 Marks)
- f) Draw a ladder diagram for a circuit where a lamp is operated from three position switches connected in series. (4 Marks)

### **QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)**

- a) Draw the block diagram of a PLC system and explain the function of each block (12 Marks)
- b) Identify the three main styles of a PLC system (3 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)**

- a) A system is described by the following instruction list. Produce the corresponding ladder diagram (10 Marks)

LD x 400	LD x 404
OR x 401	OR x 405
OUT R 100	AND NOT x 406
LD x 402	OUT R 102
AND x 403	
OUT x R 101	

- b) Explain the following features of a PLC
  - (i) Counter
  - (ii) Time (5 Marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)**

Design a ladder diagram for an industrial control system that ; (15 Marks)

- (i) Counts 10 objects passing along a conveyor belt
- (ii) Closes a deflecting gate when that number has been deflected into a carton
- (iii) Allows a time of 5 seconds between the tenth object counted and the closing of the deflector