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**UNIVERSITY OF SWAZILAND  
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION PAPER**

**PROGRAMME** : **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FOOD SCIENCE,  
NUTRITION AND TECHNOLOGY YEAR IV**

**COURSE CODE** : **FSNT 410**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : **PROCESS CONTROL AND AUTOMATION**

**TIME ALLOWED** : **TWO (2) HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS** : **ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER  
TWO (2) QUESTIONS.**

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**QUESTION 1 [COMPULSORY]**

- (a) Explain the working principle of thermocouples and resistance temperature detectors. (20 Marks)
- (b) Explain the functions of actuators and final control elements. Give an example for each in food process operations. (20 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 40]

**QUESTION 2**

- (a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of process automation. (15 Marks)
- (b) With the help of sketches, describe the different types of control valves. (15 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

**QUESTION 3**

- (a) Describe the principle of radiation thermometer and explain why its use was limited in the food industry. (15 Marks)
- (b) Describe **five (5)** reasons for automation. (15 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]

**QUESTION 4**

- (a) Describe a float type level measurement technique (use sketch). (15 Marks)
- (b) Make a distinction between servo and regulation activities. (15 Marks)

[TOTAL MARKS = 30]