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Set No. 2

**IV B.Tech I Semester Examinations, NOVEMBER 2010  
AUTOMATION IN MANUFACTURING**

**Common to Mechanical Engineering, Production Engineering**

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

**Answer any FIVE Questions  
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