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Chapter 25 – Electronic Transmission Controls
Quiz A

1. What is the primary role of the Transmission Control Module (TCM) in modern vehicles?
 - a. To monitor engine emissions
 - b. To control hydraulic pump pressure
 - c. To manage shift timing and quality through software
 - d. To regulate fuel injection timing

2. Which type of sensor measures the speed of the input shaft in automatic transmissions?
 - a. Output speed sensor (OSS)
 - b. Hall-Effect sensor
 - c. Turbine speed sensor (TSS)
 - d. Frequency generator

3. What type of memory allows transmission adaptive strategies to be stored even if the battery is disconnected?
 - a. Random access memory (RAM)
 - b. Read-only memory (ROM)
 - c. Electronically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM)
 - d. Keep alive memory (KAM)

4. How does a pressure control solenoid (PCS) adjust hydraulic line pressure?
 - a. By altering the resistance of the valve
 - b. Through pulse-width modulation (PWM)
 - c. By varying the voltage across the solenoid
 - d. By changing the fluid temperature

5. Which solenoid type can precisely control fluid flow through variable power application?
- On-off solenoid
 - Pulse-width modulated (PWM) solenoid
 - Linear solenoid
 - Torque converter clutch solenoid
6. What is the function of the brake on/off (BOO) switch in automatic transmissions?
- To monitor brake pedal position for adaptive learning
 - To signal the TCM to release the torque converter clutch (TCC)
 - To engage overdrive mode during deceleration
 - To control hydraulic pressure during braking
7. In adaptive control systems, what is the purpose of monitoring input and output shaft speeds?
- To calculate the gear ratio and adjust shift duration
 - To optimize engine fuel consumption
 - To increase line pressure during heavy loads
 - To detect leaks in hydraulic circuits
8. How does a thermistor-based Transmission Fluid Temperature (TFT) sensor function?
- It generates a voltage proportional to temperature
 - It creates an AC signal based on fluid temperature
 - It changes resistance inversely with temperature
 - It produces a digital signal to the TCM
9. What adaptive control term does General Motors use to describe managing clutch fill rates?
- Transmission adaptive pressure (TAP)
 - Clutch volume index (CVI)
 - Torque management index (TMI)
 - Fluid synchronization algorithm (FSA)

10. In electronically controlled transmissions, what happens during "fuzzy logic" operation?

- a. The PCM recalibrates adaptive strategies for shifting
- b. Shifts adapt to driving conditions like hills and sharp turns
- c. Line pressure is adjusted to compensate for wear
- d. The system defaults to limp-in mode for diagnostics

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Correct Answers:

1. c

2. c

3. d

4. b

5. c

6. b

7. a

8. c

9. a

10. b