

Chapter 001 - Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs): An Overview

True / False Questions

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21. Which of the following is *not* an advantage that PLCs offer over the conventional relay-type of control system?

- A. Smaller size
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- A. different types of input devices are used.
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
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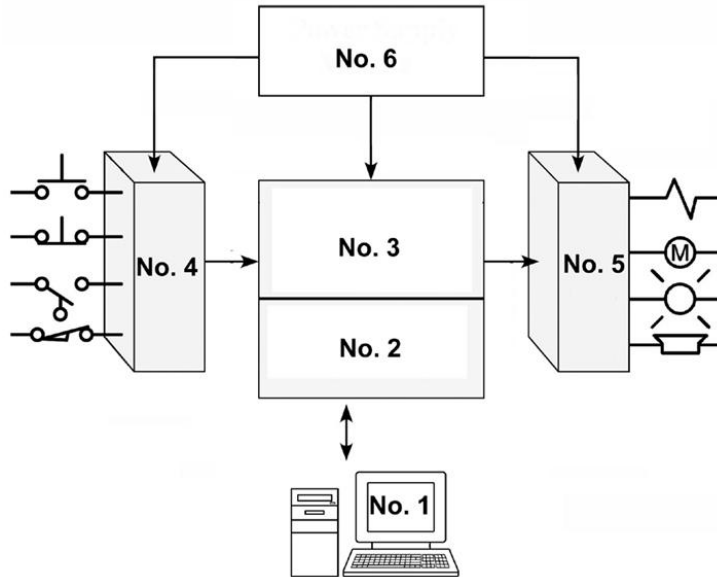
35. The scan time is the time required:
- A. to record the status of all input devices.
 - B. to record the status of all output devices.
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- A. equipped with input and output modules.
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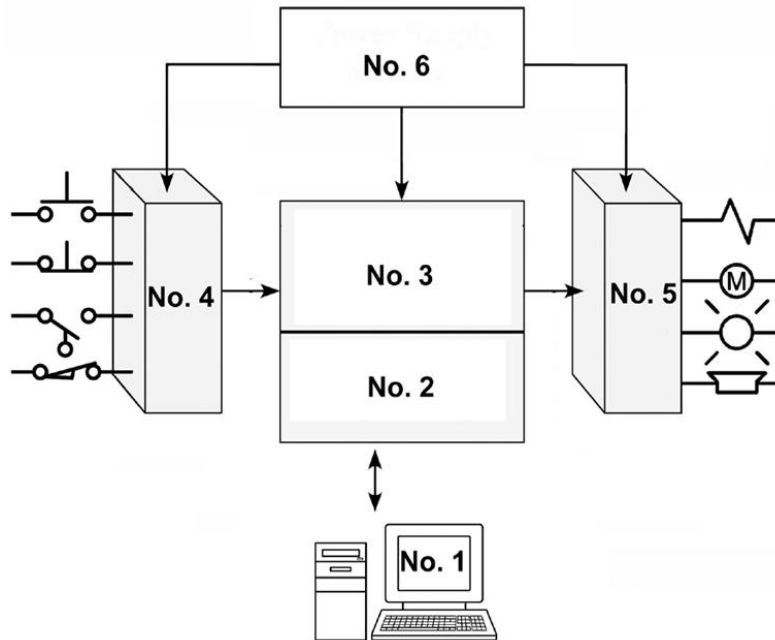
39. Block No.1 of the PLC block diagram represents the:



- A. CPU unit.
- B. programming device.
- C. input module.
- D. output module.

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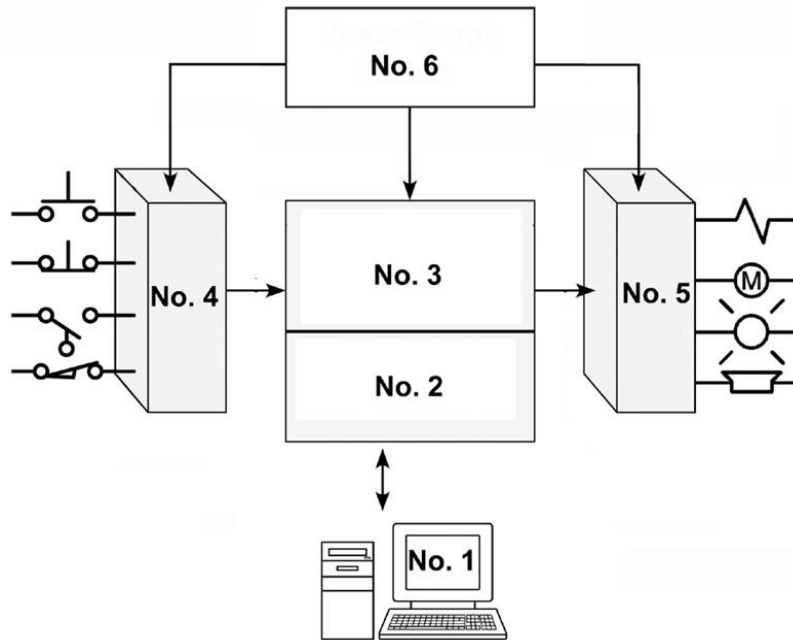
40. Block No. 2 of the PLC block diagram represents the:



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- B. programming device.
- C. input module.
- D. power supply module.

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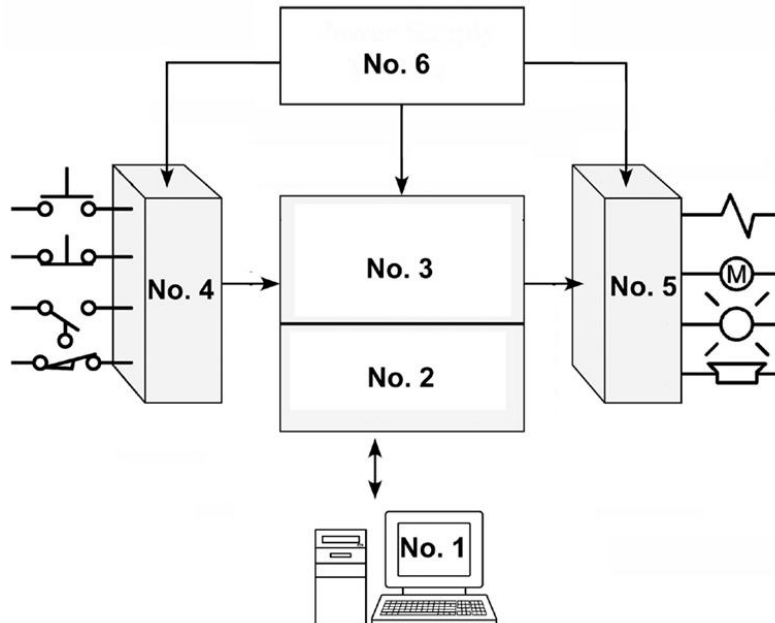
41. Block No. 3 of the PLC block diagram represents the:



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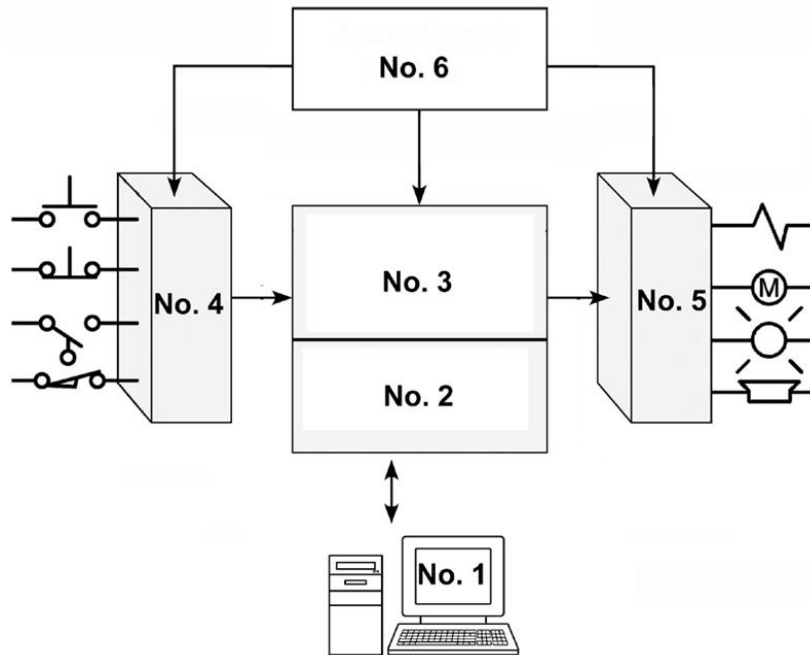
42. Block No. 4 of the PLC block diagram represents the:



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- D. CPU.

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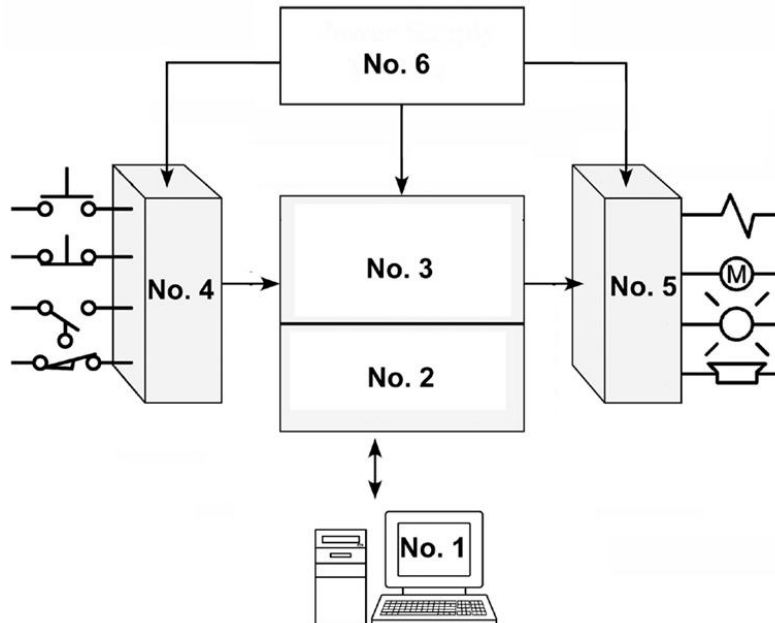
43. Block No. 5 of the PLC block diagram represents the:



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- B. power supply module.
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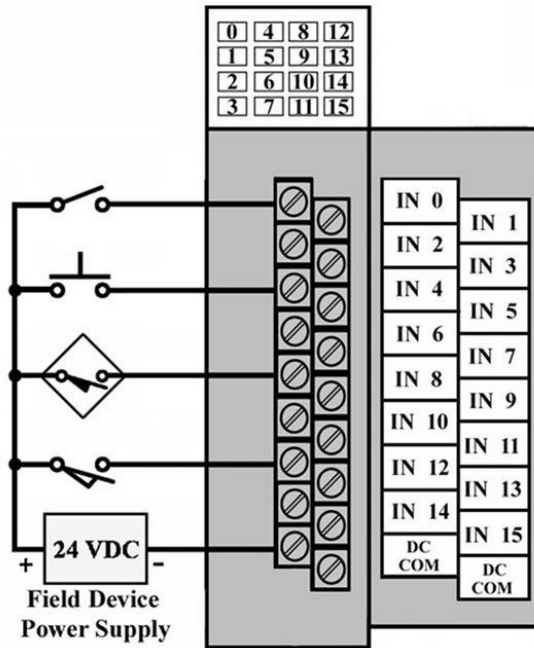
44. Block No. 6 of the PLC block diagram represents the:



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- B. power supply module.
- C. input module.
- D. output module.

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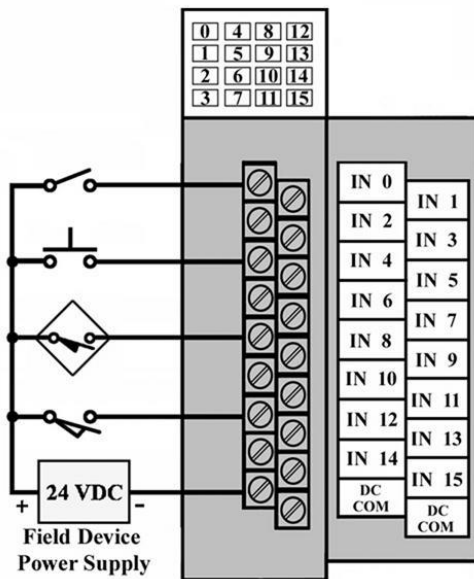
45. The diagram shown is a:



- A. relay schematic.
- B. ladder logic program.
- C. input module wiring.
- D. output module wiring.

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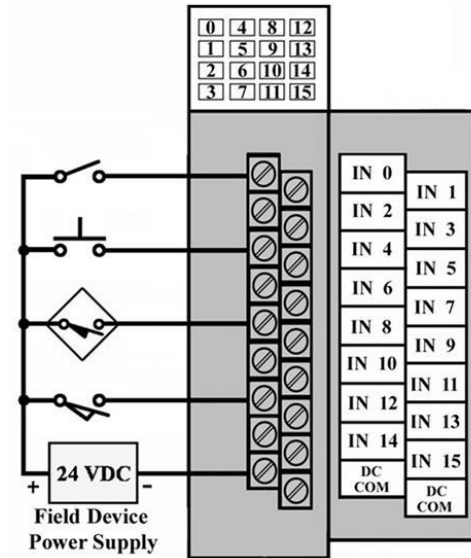
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- B. 6 volts.
- C. 12 volts.
- D. 24 volts.

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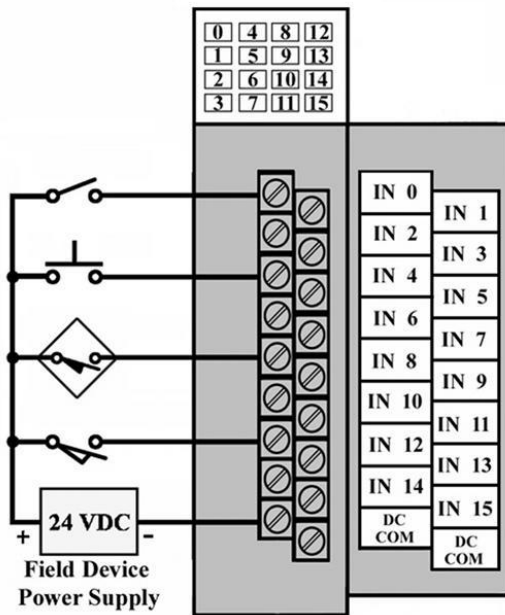
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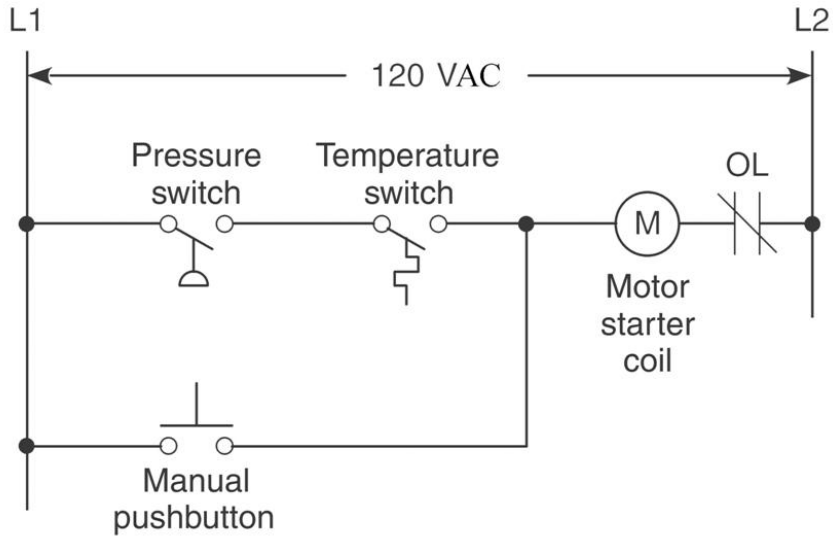
48. The devices connected to the terminals would be classified as:



- A. field input devices.
- B. internal input instructions.
- C. field output devices.
- D. internal output instructions

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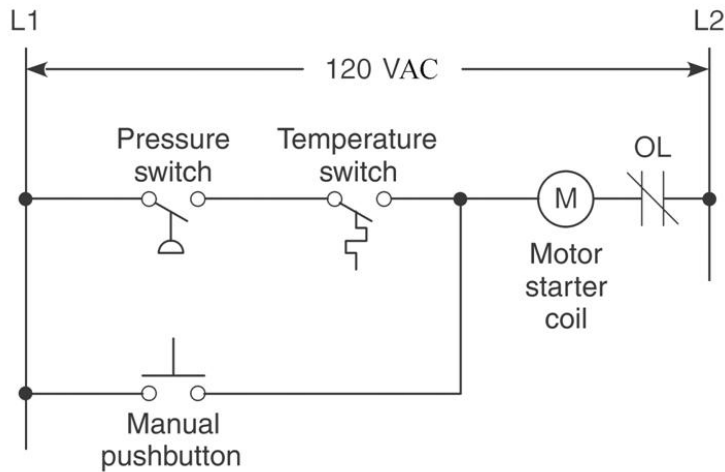
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- B. ladder logic program.
- C. input module schematic.
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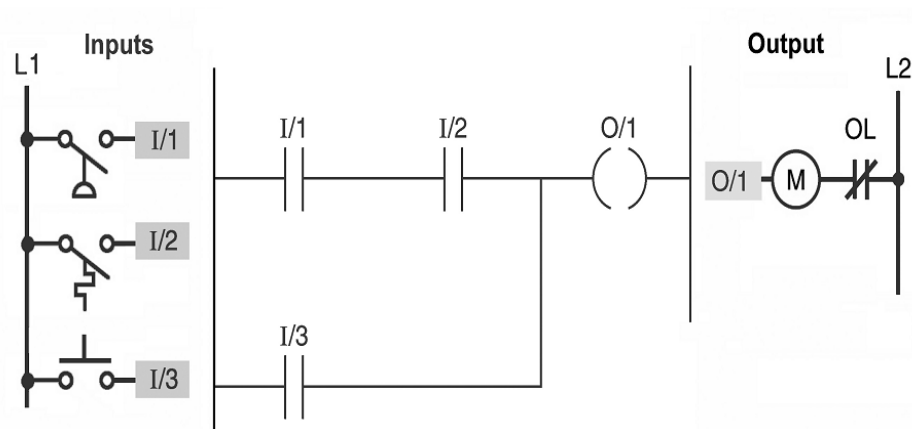
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50. In order to energize the starter coil:



- A. the pressure switch, and the temperature switch, and the manual pushbutton must be closed.
- B. the pressure switch, or the temperature switch, or the manual pushbutton must be closed.
- C. the pressure switch, and the temperature switch, or the manual pushbutton must be closed.
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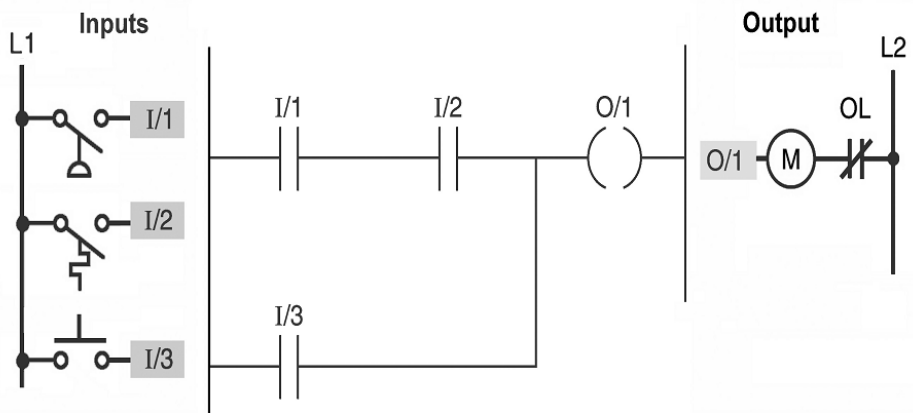
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52. For there to be a continuous logic path from left to right across the rung:



- A. I/1, I/2, and I/3 must all be at logic 1.
- B. I/1, I/2, and I/3 must all be at logic 0.
- C. I/1 and I/2 or I/3 must be at logic 1.
- D. I/1 and I/2 or I/3 will be at logic 0.

53. The PLC power supply module normally is rated to provide the power for:

- A. all field devices.
- B. input field devices only.
- C. output field devices only.
- D. PLC backplane and I/O modules.

54. Which module of the PLC is responsible for performing logical operations?

- A. Processor
- B. Input
- C. Output
- D. Power supply

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55. Which module of the PLC connects directly to field devices such as pilot lights, motor starters, and solenoids?

- A. Input
- B. Output
- C. Power supply
- D. Memory

56. I/Os are typical of small PLCs that come in one package with no separate removable units.

- A. Fixed
- B. Modular
- C. Digital
- D. Analog

57. PLC software that runs on a personal computer can be used to:

- A. write a PLC program.
- B. document a PLC program.
- C. monitor the control process.
- D. All of the above.

58. A control management PLC application normally requires a:

- A. micro-size PLC.
- B. small-size PLC.
- C. medium-size PLC.
- D. large-size PLC.

59. Which of the following is *not* a factor effecting the memory size needed for a particular PLC installation?

- A. Voltage rating of field devices
- B. Number of I/O points
- C. Size of control program
- D. Supervisory functions

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
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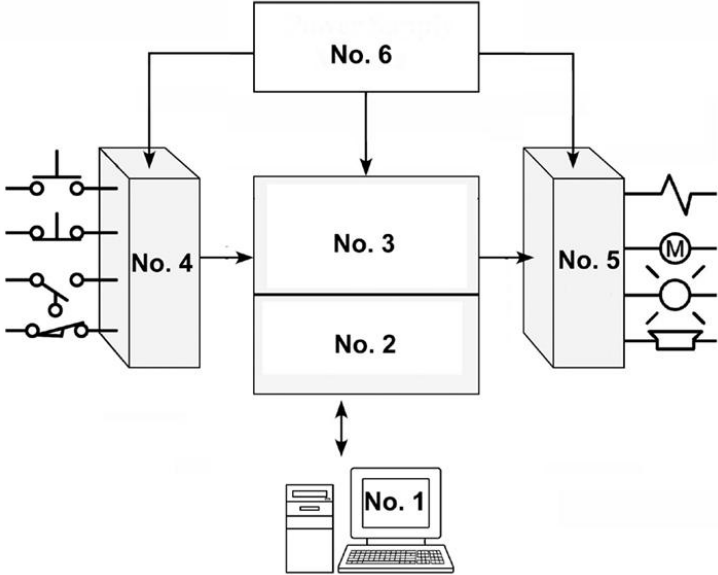
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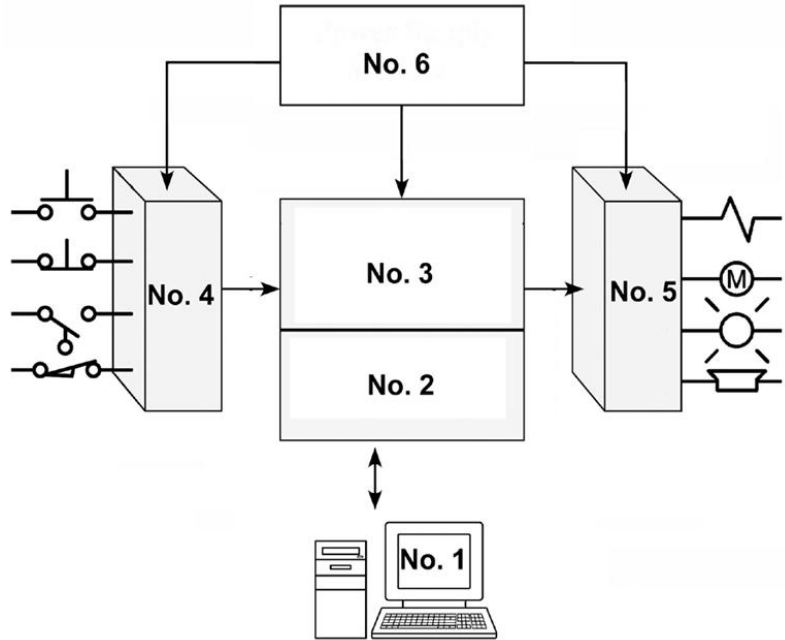


- A. CPU unit.
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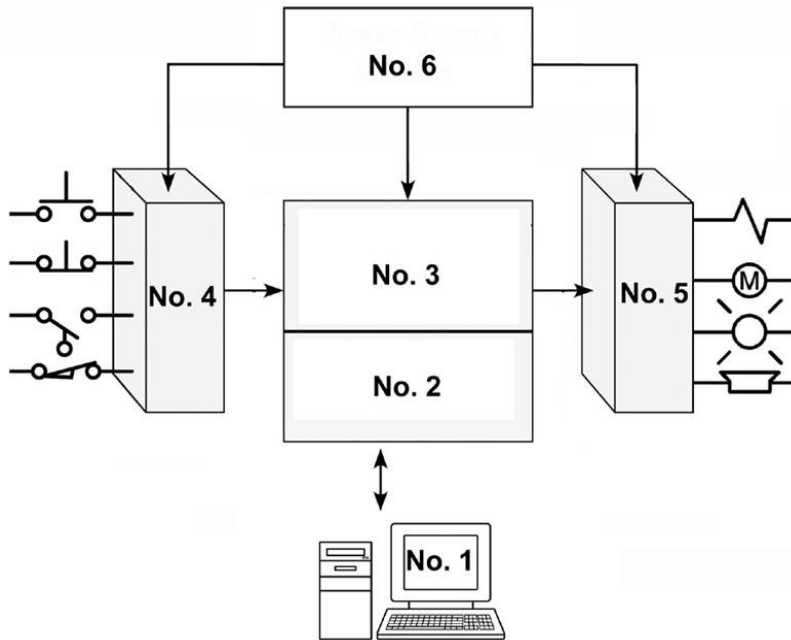


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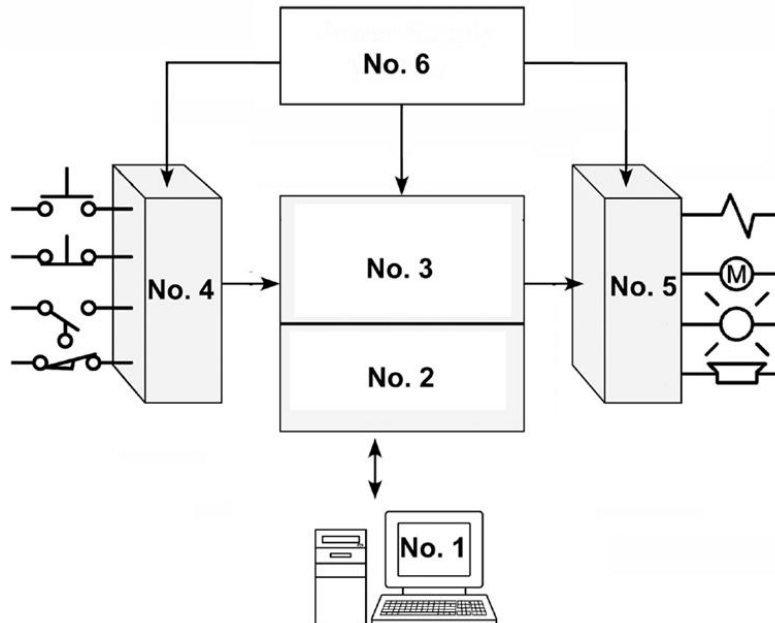


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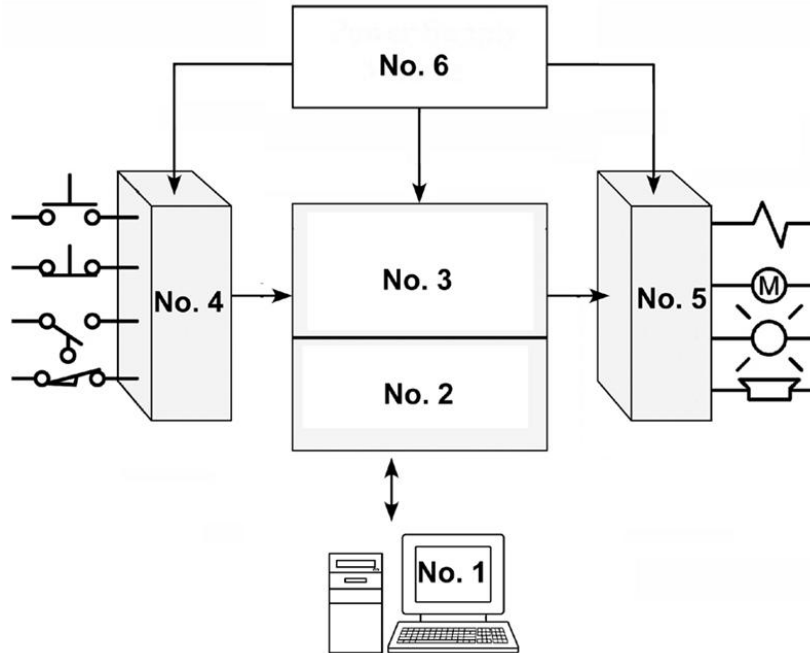


- A. memory.
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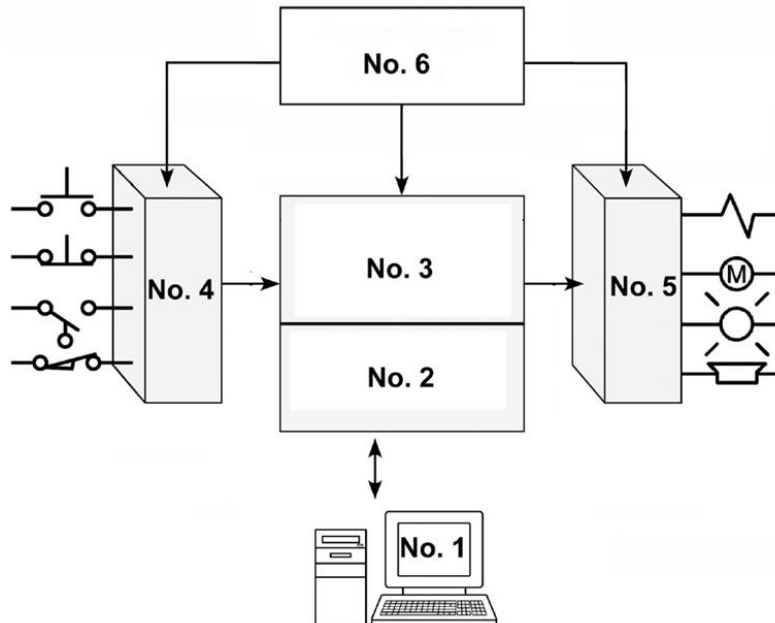


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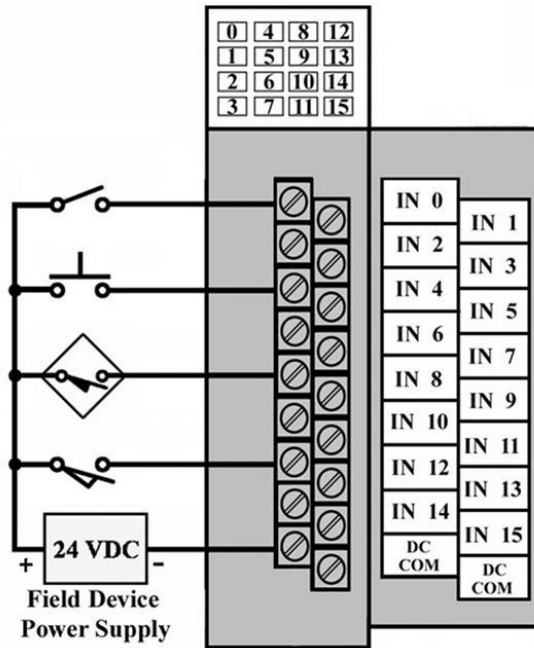


- A. processor module.
- B.** power supply module.
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- D. output module.

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45. (p. 7) The diagram shown is a:

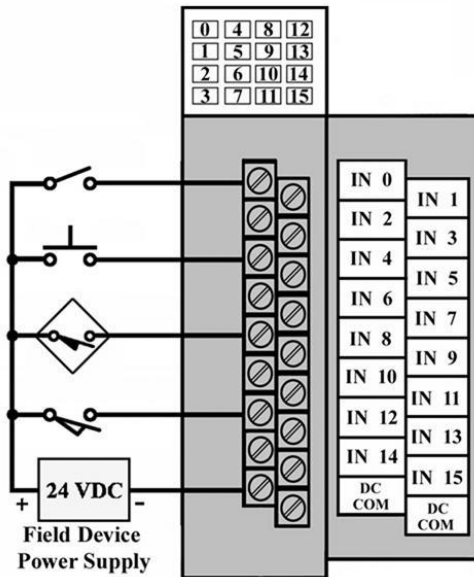


- A. relay schematic.
- B. ladder logic program.
- C. input module wiring.**
- D. output module wiring.

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46. (p. 7) The voltage that would be present between the DC common and terminal 4 with the pushbutton open would be approximately:

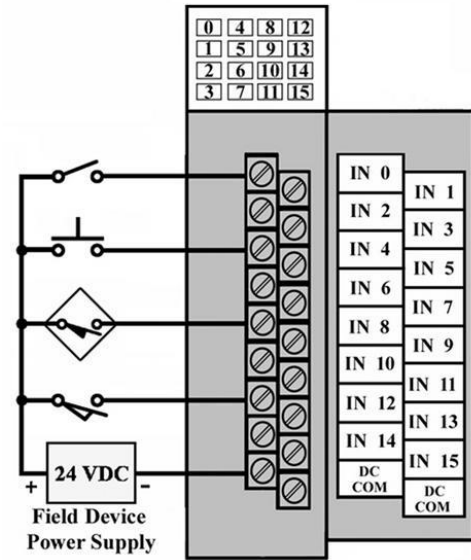


- A.** 0 volts.
- B. 6 volts.
- C. 12 volts.
- D. 24 volts.

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47. (p. 7) The voltage that would be present between the DC common and terminal 4 with the pushbutton closed would be approximately:

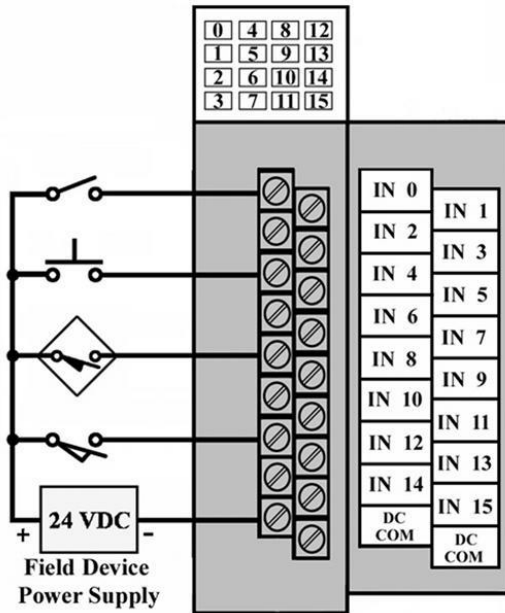


- A. 0 volts.
- B. 6 volts.
- C. 12 volts.
- D.** 24 volts.

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48. (p. 7) The devices connected to the terminals would be classified as:

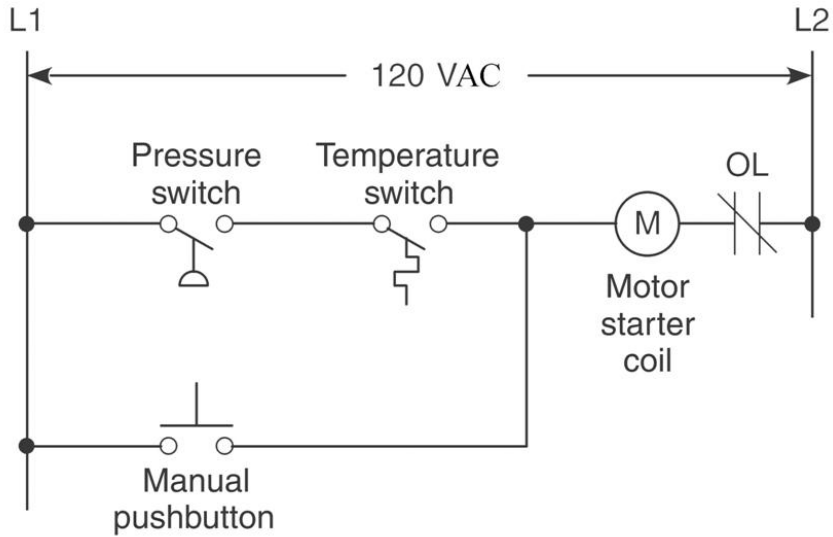


- A.** field input devices.
- B. internal input instructions.
- C. field output devices.
- D. internal output instructions

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49. (p. 9) The diagram shown is that of a

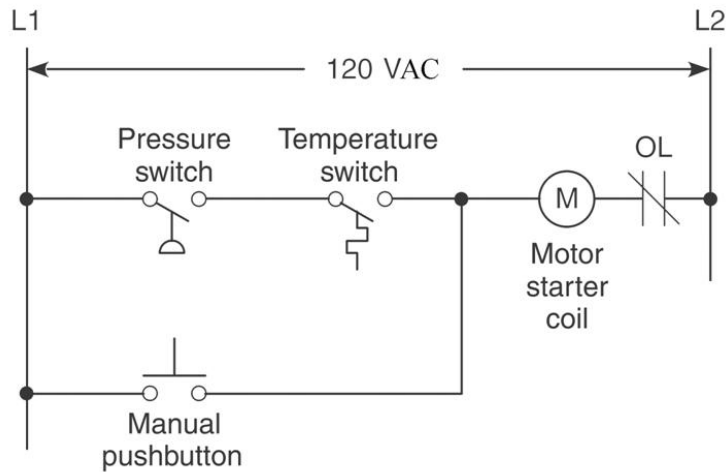


- A.** hardwired relay schematic.
- B. ladder logic program.
- C. input module schematic.
- D. output module schematic.

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50. (p. 8) In order to energize the starter coil:

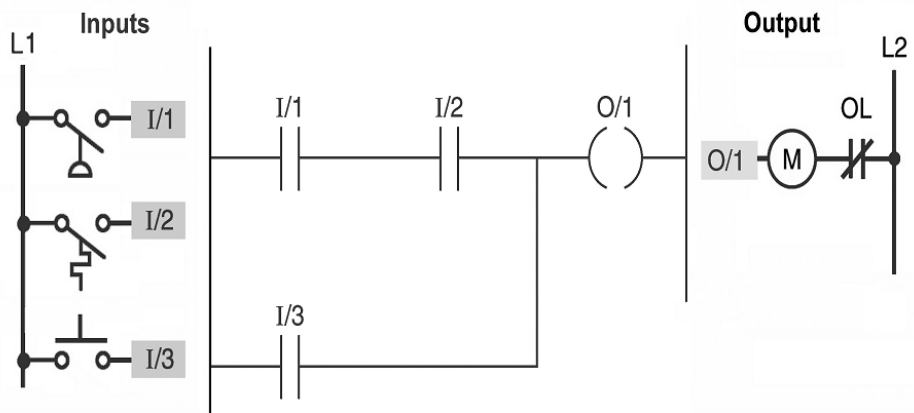


- A. the pressure switch, and the temperature switch, and the manual pushbutton must be closed.
- B. the pressure switch, or the temperature switch, or the manual pushbutton must be closed.
- C.** the pressure switch, and the temperature switch, or the manual pushbutton must be closed.
- D. All of the above.

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51. (p. 10) The diagram shown is that of a:

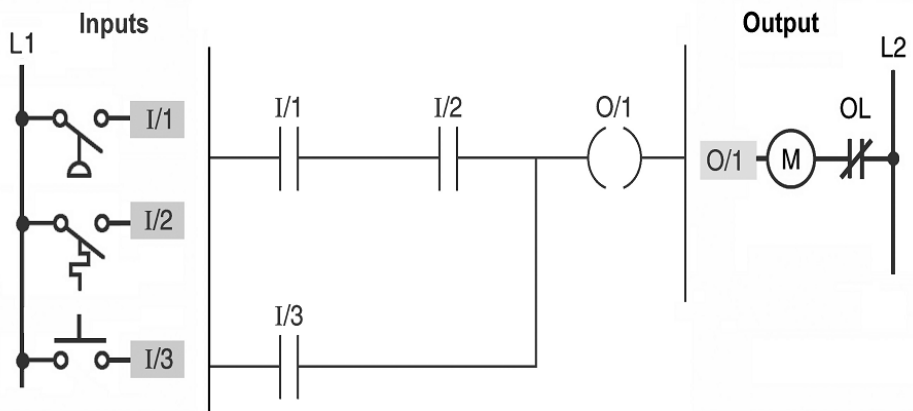


- A. relay schematic.
- B.** ladder logic program.
- C. input module wiring diagram.
- D. output module wiring diagram.

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52. (p. 10) For there to be a continuous logic path from left to right across the rung:



- A. I/1, I/2, and I/3 must all be at logic 1.
- B. I/1, I/2, and I/3 must all be at logic 0.
- C. I/1 and I/2 or I/3 must be at logic 1.**
- D. I/1 and I/2 or I/3 will be at logic 0.

PTS: 1

53. (p. 4) The PLC power supply module normally is rated to provide the power for:

- A. all field devices.
- B. input field devices only.
- C. output field devices only.
- D. PLC backplane and I/O modules.**

PTS: 1

54. (p. 5) Which module of the PLC is responsible for performing logical operations?

- A. Processor**
- B. Input
- C. Output
- D. Power supply

PTS: 1

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55. (p. 3) Which module of the PLC connects directly to field devices such as pilot lights, motor starters, and solenoids?

- A. Input
- B. Output**
- C. Power supply
- D. Memory

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56. (p. 4) I/Os are typical of small PLCs that come in one package with no separate removable units.

- A. Fixed**
- B. Modular
- C. Digital
- D. Analog

PTS: 1

57. (p. 7) PLC software that runs on a personal computer can be used to:

- A. write a PLC program.
- B. document a PLC program.
- C. monitor the control process.
- D. All of the above.**

PTS: 1

58. (p. 13) A control management PLC application normally requires a:

- A. micro-size PLC.
- B. small-size PLC.
- C. medium-size PLC.
- D. large-size PLC.**

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59. (p. 14) Which of the following is *not* a factor effecting the memory size needed for a particular PLC installation?

- A. Voltage rating of field devices
- B. Number of I/O points
- C. Size of control program
- D. Supervisory functions

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