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**QUESTION 1: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS**

- |      |          |             |
|------|----------|-------------|
| 1.1  | B ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.2  | A ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.3  | D ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.4  | B ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.5  | A or B ✓ | (1)         |
| 1.6  | B ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.7  | A ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.8  | C ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.9  | D ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.10 | A ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.11 | D ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.12 | B ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.13 | B ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.14 | C ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.15 | A ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.16 | C ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.17 | D ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.18 | A ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.19 | C ✓      | (1)         |
| 1.20 | D ✓      | (1)         |
|      |          | <b>[20]</b> |

**QUESTION 2: TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 2.1 **Causes of low compression:**
- Worn cylinders ✓
  - Worn compression rings ✓
  - Worn piston ✓
  - Worn valves ✓
  - Worn head gasket ✓
- (Any 3 x 1) (3)
- 2.2 **Torsion:**  
Torsion is the twisting action in a member caused by two opposing moments along the longitudinal axis. ✓ (2)
- 2.3 **Multimeter:**
- A – LCD display screen ✓
  - B – Range selector switch ✓
  - C – 10 A DC terminal socket (Input terminal) ✓
  - D – VΩmA terminal socket (Input Terminal) ✓
  - E – Common terminal socket ✓
- (5)
- 2.4 **Cylinder leakage tester:**
- Listen at the carburettor and/or inlet manifold for hissing noise. ✓  
(inlet valve is leaking) ✓
  - Listen to the exhaust pipe or exhaust manifold for a hissing noise. ✓  
(exhaust pipe is leaking) ✓
  - Listen for hissing noise in the dipstick hole. ✓  
(piston rings worn) ✓
  - Remove the filler cap on the tappet cover and listen for hissing noise. ✓  
(rings are worn) ✓
  - If you see bubbles in the radiator water, ✓  
(the cylinder head gasket is blown or the cylinder block is cracked) ✓
- (Any 3 x 2) (6)
- 2.5 **MAGS/MIGS – meaning**
- MAGS: Metal Arc Gas Shielded ✓
  - MIGS: Metal Inert Gas Shielded ✓
- (2)
- 2.6 **MAGS/MIGS gases**
- Argon ✓
  - CO<sub>2</sub> ✓
  - Helium ✓
- (Any 2 x 1) (2)
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**QUESTION 3: MATERIALS****3.1 Non-ferrous materials and composites:**

- Non-ferrous Metals are metallic and composites are non-metallic. ✓✓
- Non-ferrous metals are original substances and composites are combinations of two or more materials. ✓✓

(Any 1 x 2) (2)

**3.2 Compressive strength test:**

3.2.1 Material A has the highest compressive strength. ✓ (1)

3.2.2 The material that can resist a large compression force will have little deformation or compression, and has a higher compressive strength. ✓✓ (2)

**3.3 Carbon steel:**

- Low-carbon steel ✓
- Medium-carbon steel ✓
- High-carbon steel ✓ (3)

**3.4 Carbon steel – properties:**

- Greater hardness is obtained ✓
- Tensile strength is increased ✓
- Ductility is decreased ✓
- Welding ability is decreased ✓ (4)

**3.5 Uses and properties of engineering materials:****3.5.1 Uses of Duralumin:**

It is used to make the following:

- Bars ✓
- Sheets ✓
- Piston rods ✓
- Tubes ✓
- Rivets ✓
- Motorcar and aircraft parts ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**Properties of Duralumin:**

- Lightweight ✓
- High tensile strength ✓
- Good resistance to corrosion ✓
- Hardens with age ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**3.5.2 Uses of PVC:**

It is used to make:

- Pipes and fittings ✓
- Cable and services ducting ✓
- Roofing and ceiling systems and membranes ✓
- Healthcare materials ✓
- Automotive industry materials ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**Properties of PVC:**

- Lightweight ✓
- Weather resistant ✓
- Rigid or flexible ✓
- Clear or coloured ✓
- Good electrical insulator ✓
- Good resistance to corrosion ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)  
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**QUESTION 4: SAFETY, TERMINOLOGY AND JOINING METHODS****4.1 Beam bending tester:**

- Make sure that the object to be tested is firmly secured. ✓
- Make sure that all the holding devices are properly fitted. ✓
- Check components of tester for wear. ✓
- Check for leaks at the hydraulic pump ram and hose. ✓
- Make sure that the tester is clean and free from oil and grease. ✓

(Any 3 x 1)

(3)

**4.2 Gas cylinders:**

- Store full cylinders apart from empty cylinders. ✓
- Keep in cool, dry place away from sunlight. ✓
- Acetylene cylinders should be stored in an upright position. ✓
- Oxygen cylinders should be stored away from acetylene cylinders. ✓
- Do not allow cylinders to fall. ✓
- No oil and grease should come into contact with oxygen cylinders and fittings. ✓

(Any 3 x 1)

(3)

**4.3 Milling operations:****4.3.1 Upcut milling:**

- Less vibration occurs. ✓
- Less strain on the cutter and arbor. ✓
- There is positive pressure on the feed screw spindle and its nuts because of the direction of the cutter. ✓
- A coarser feed may be used. ✓

(Any 2 x 1)

(2)

**4.3.2 Down-cut milling:**

- Deeper cuts can be made because the force of the cutter is downwards. ✓
- A finer finish is obtained. ✓

(2)

4.4 **Indexing:**

4.4.1 Indexing  $= \frac{40}{A}$  ✓  
 $= \frac{40}{60}$  ✓  
 $= \frac{4 \times 4}{6 \times 4}$  ✓  
 $= \frac{16}{24}$  or  $\frac{20}{30}$  or  $\frac{26}{39}$  or  $\frac{28}{42}$  or  $\frac{34}{51}$  or  $\frac{36}{54}$  or  $\frac{44}{66}$  ✓

16 holes on the 24-hole circle or  
 20 holes on the 30-hole circle or  
 26 holes on the 39-hole circle or  
 28 holes on the 42-hole circle or  
 34 holes on the 51-hole circle or  
 36 holes on the 51-hole circle or  
 44 holes on the 44-hole circle

(4)

4.4.2  $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = (A-n) \times \frac{40}{A}$  OR  $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = (N-n) \times \frac{40}{N}$  ✓  
 $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = (60-63) \times \frac{40}{60}$   $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = (60-63) \times \frac{40}{60}$  ✓  
 $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = \frac{-120}{60}$   $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = \frac{-120}{60}$  ✓  
 $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = \frac{-12 \times 4}{6 \times 4}$   $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = \frac{-12 \times 4}{6 \times 4}$  ✓  
 $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = \frac{-48}{24}$  or  $\frac{56}{28}$  or  $\frac{64}{32}$   $\frac{D_r}{D_v} = \frac{-48}{24}$  or  $\frac{56}{28}$  or  $\frac{64}{32}$  ✓ (5)

4.5 **Cutting feed:**

$V = \pi DN$	✓	
$N = \frac{V}{\pi D}$	✓	
$N = \frac{20}{\pi \times 0,08}$	✓	
$N = 79,577 \text{ r/min}$	✓	
$f = f_1 \times T \times N$	✓	
$f = 0,08 \times 14 \times 79,577$	✓	
$f = 89,13 \text{ mm/min}$	✓	(7)

4.6 **Ultrasonic test:**

- A high frequency sound wave is send into the metal for a very short period of 1 to 3 microseconds. ✓
  - The same unit which was used to send the sound wave then acts as a receiver to listen to the ultrasonic waves it reflected through the metal. ✓
  - This cycle is repeated from one to five million times per second.
  - The oscilloscope is calibrated only to pick up defects of a size that would be considered harmful. ✓
  - The oscilloscope wave pattern is also calibrated to show the distance between the searching unit and any defects found. ✓
- (5)

4.7 **Weld defects:**

4.7.1 **Slag inclusion:**

Causes:

- Included angle too narrow ✓
  - Rapid cooling ✓
  - Welding temperature too low ✓
  - High viscosity of molten metal. ✓
  - Welding second run without removing slag ✓
- (Any 2 x 1) (2)

Prevention:

- Increase the included angle. ✓
  - Let the welded metal cool slowly ✓
  - Pre-heat the metal ✓
  - Remove slag before welding a second run ✓
- (Any 1 x 1) (1)



4.7.2 **Undercutting:**

Causes:

- Faulty electrode manipulation ✓
- Arc length too long ✓
- Current too high ✓
- Welding speed too fast ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

Prevention:

- Use a uniform weaving movement in butt joint ✓
- Use the correct electrode ✓
- Use the correct current ✓
- Weld slowly ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)

4.8 **Milling Cutters:**

4.8.1 Spur gear – Involute cutter ✓

4.8.2 Groove – Side-and-face cutter or end mill or slot drill ✓

4.8.3 Rack – Involute cutter/Fly cutter ✓

4.8.4 Blind hole – Flute-end mill ✓ (4)

4.9 **Dividing head of a milling machine:**

**A** = Index plate ✓

**B** = Index crank ✓

**C** = Sector arms ✓

**D** = Single-start worm ✓

**E** = Wormwheel/gear ✓ (5)

4.10 **Classification of milling cutters:**

Arbor cutters ✓ (1)

**Examples:** Plain cutter , side cutter, staggered-tooth cutter, slitting-saw cutter, angular cutter, profile/form cutters, side-and-face cutter, helical cutter ✓  
(Any 1 x 1) (1)

Shank cutters ✓ (1)

**Examples:** End mill; shell end mill; T-slot cutter and Woodruff keyseat cutter  
(Any 1 x 1) (1)

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**QUESTION 5: MAINTENANCE AND TURBINES****5.1 Clutch****5.1.1 Parts:**

- |    |                  |   |     |
|----|------------------|---|-----|
| A. | Crankshaft       | ✓ |     |
| B. | Clutch plate     | ✓ |     |
| C. | Gearbox shaft    | ✓ |     |
| D. | Diaphragm spring | ✓ |     |
| E. | Pressure plate   | ✓ |     |
| F. | Flywheel         | ✓ | (6) |

**5.1.2 Functions:**

- |   |   |    |     |
|---|---|----|-----|
| • | To provide friction between the clutch and pressure plate | ✓✓ |     |
| • | To connect the flywheel to the gearbox shaft              | ✓✓ | (4) |

**5.1.3 Causes of slip:**

- |   |  |             |     |
|---|--|-------------|-----|
| • | Oil on the friction surfaces   | ✓           |     |
| • | Worn friction surfaces   | ✓           |     |
| • | Lack of compressive force on the friction surfaces caused by weak springs              | ✓           |     |
| • | Lack of compressive force on the friction surfaces caused by incorrect clutch settings | ✓           |     |
| • | Uneven friction surfaces   | ✓           |     |
| • | Overheating  | ✓           |     |
|   |  | (Any 3 x 1) | (3) |

**5.1.4 Clutch types:**

- |   |                    |             |     |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----|
| • | Single-disc clutch | ✓           |     |
| • | Multi-disc clutch  | ✓           |     |
| • | Centrifugal clutch | ✓           |     |
|   |                    | (Any 2 x 1) | (2) |

**5.2 Functions of lubricating oil:**

- |   |   |             |     |
|---|---|-------------|-----|
| • | Provides lubrication between contact surfaces | ✓           |     |
| • | Resists oxidation                             | ✓           |     |
| • | Prevents rust                                 | ✓           |     |
| • | Avoids foaming                                | ✓           |     |
| • | Resists carbon forming                        | ✓           |     |
| • | Prevents corrosion                            | ✓           |     |
| • | Resists extreme pressure                      | ✓           |     |
|   |   | (Any 3 x 1) | (3) |

**5.3 Cutting fluid:**

- Avoid contamination of the cutting fluid by draining and regularly replacing it. ✓
- Always clean metal cuttings from the machine's splash tray after use. ✓
- Regularly wipe cutting fluid splashes off machine parts when machine is stationary. ✓
- Ensure that the sump is topped up from time to time, and check that there is sufficient flow of cutting fluid to the cutting tool. ✓
- Check for correct ratio of cutting fluid to water. ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**5.4 Supercharger**

5.4.1 Centrifugal type ✓ (1)

**5.4.2 Parts:**

- A. Inlet port ✓
- B. Outlet port ✓
- C. Rotor ✓
- D. Vane ✓

(4)

**5.4.3 Operation:**

- The engine drives the rotor ✓
- Air is drawn in behind the rotor ✓
- The air is forced around into a decreasing volume ✓
- This raises the pressure of the air ✓
- The air is forced into the inlet manifold and into the cylinders ✓

(5)

**5.4.4 Advantages of a supercharger:**

- More power is developed compared to a similar vehicle without a supercharger ✓
- Supercharged engines are more economical per given kilowatt output ✓
- Less fuel is used compared to engine mass ✓
- Power loss above sea level is eliminated ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

5.5 **Steam turbines:**

- Condensing turbines ✓
- Non-condensing turbines ✓
- Reheat turbines ✓
- Extracting turbines ✓
- Induction turbines ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

5.6 **Advantages of gas turbine:**

- High power output from a given weight of engine. ✓
- The torque output permits a notable simplification of the transmission system. ✓
- Smooth vibrationless running due to absence of reciprocating parts. ✓
- No rubbing parts such as piston so that internal friction and wear are almost eliminated. ✓
- Easy starting. ✓
- Can use a wide range of fuels without expensive anti-knock additives. ✓
- Low lubricating oil consumption. ✓
- No water cooling system needed. ✓
- Non-poisonous exhaust gases gives very little trouble with pollution. ✓
- Requires little routine maintenance. ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)  
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**QUESTION 6: FORCES, SYSTEMS AND CONTROL****6.1 Hydraulics:****6.1.1 Fluid pressure:****Rounded off**

$$A_A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\pi \times (0,038)^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 1,13 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{F_A}{A_A} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{300}{1,13 \times 10^{-3}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 0,27 \text{ MPa} \quad \checkmark$$

**Fully extended**

$$A_A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\pi \times (0,038)^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 0,001134114 \text{ m}^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{F_A}{A_A} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{300}{0,001134114} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 264523,45 \text{ Pa} \quad \checkmark$$

(5)

**6.1.2 Load lifted by piston B:****Rounded off**

$$A_B = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\pi \times (0,175)^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 24,05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{F_B}{A_B} \quad \checkmark$$

$$F_B = A_B \times P \quad \checkmark$$

$$= (24,05 \times 10^{-3}) \times 0,27 \times 10^6 \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 6,49 \text{ kN} \quad \checkmark$$

**Fully extended**

$$A_B = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\pi \times (0,175)^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 0,024052818 \text{ m}^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{F_B}{A_B} \quad \checkmark$$

$$F_B = A_B \times P \quad \checkmark$$

$$= (0,024052818 \times 264523,45) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 6362,54 \text{ N} \quad \checkmark$$

(6)

6.2 **Stress and Strain:****Tensile force:****Rounded off**

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon &= \frac{\Delta L}{OL} \\ &= \frac{0,2}{300} \\ &= 0,66 \times 10^{-3}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E &= \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon} \\ \sigma &= E \times \varepsilon \\ &= 245 \times 10^9 \times 0,66 \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 161,7 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \frac{F}{A} \\ F &= \sigma \times A \\ &= 161,7 \times 10^6 \times 2,2 \times 10^{-6} \\ &= 355,74 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

**Fully extended**

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon &= \frac{\Delta L}{OL} \\ &= \frac{0,2}{300} \\ &= 0,0006666\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}E &= \frac{\sigma}{\varepsilon} \\ \sigma &= E \times \varepsilon \\ &= 245 \times 10^9 \times 0,000666666 \\ &= 163333333,3 \text{ Pa}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma &= \frac{F}{A} \\ F &= \sigma \times A \\ &= 163333333,3 \times 2,2 \times 10^{-6} \\ &= 359,33 \text{ N}\end{aligned}$$

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6.3 **Belt drives:**6.3.1 **Rotation frequency of the driven pulley:**

$$\begin{aligned}N_A \times D_A &= N_B \times D_B \\ N_B &= \frac{N_A \times D_A}{D_B} \\ &= \frac{1000 \times 0,25}{0,35} \\ &= 714,29 \text{ r/min}\end{aligned}$$

(3)

**6.3.2 Power transmitted:**

$$P = \frac{(T_1 - T_2)\pi DN}{60} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{(200 - 90) \times \pi \times 0,25 \times 1000}{60} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = 1439,90 \text{ Watts}$$

$$P = 1,44 \text{ kW} \quad \checkmark$$

(3)

**6.3.3 Belt speed:**

$$v = \frac{\pi DN}{60} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{\pi \times 0,25 \times 1000}{60} \quad \checkmark$$

$$v = 13,09 \text{ m.s}^{-1} \quad \checkmark$$

(3)

**6.4 Gears:****6.4.1 Rotation frequency of the output shaft:**

$$\frac{N_F}{N_A} = \frac{T_A \times T_C \times T_E}{T_B \times T_D \times T_F} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{N_F}{N_A} = \frac{\text{Product of driven gears}}{\text{Product of driver gears}} \quad \checkmark$$

$$N_F = \frac{T_A \times T_C \times T_E \times N_A}{T_B \times T_D \times T_F} = \frac{24 \times 20 \times 42 \times 1440}{40 \times 48 \times 90} \quad \checkmark$$

$$N_F = \frac{24 \times 20 \times 42 \times 1440}{40 \times 48 \times 90} = 168 \text{ r/min} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 168 \text{ r/min} \quad \checkmark \quad (4)$$

**6.4.2 Velocity ratio:**

$$VR = \frac{N_A}{N_F} \quad \checkmark$$

$$VR = \frac{1440}{168}$$

$$VR = 8.57 : 1 \quad \checkmark$$

(2)

**6.5 Differential wheel and axle:****6.5.1 Mechanical advantage:**

$$MA = \frac{W}{F} \quad \checkmark$$

$$MA = \frac{2400}{400}$$

$$MA = 6 \quad \checkmark \quad (2)$$

**6.5.2 Velocity ratio:**

$$VR = \frac{2D}{d_1 - d_2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$VR = \frac{2(210)}{160 - 140} \quad \checkmark$$

$$VR = \frac{420}{20}$$

$$VR = 21 : 1 \quad \checkmark \quad (3)$$

**6.5.3 Mechanical efficiency:**

$$\eta_{mech} = \frac{MA}{VR} \times 100\% \quad \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{6}{21} \times 100\%$$

$$= 28.57\% \quad \checkmark \quad (2)$$



**6.6 Clutches:****6.6.1 Diameter of clutch plate:**

$$T = \mu W n R \quad \checkmark$$

$$R = \frac{T}{\mu W n} \quad \checkmark$$

$$R = \frac{336}{0,4 \times 3500 \times 2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$R = 0,12 \text{ m}$$

$$D = 2 \times 0,12 \quad \checkmark$$

$$D = 0,24 \text{ m} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 240 \text{ mm} \quad \checkmark$$

(5)

**6.6.2 Power transmitted at 3500 rpm in kW:**

$$P = \frac{2 \pi N T}{60} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = \frac{2 \times \pi \times 3200 \times 336}{60} \quad \checkmark$$

$$P = 112,59 \text{ kW} \quad \checkmark$$

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[50]**TOTAL: 200**