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QUESTION 1: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (GENERIC)

- | | | |
|-----|-----|------------|
| 1.1 | A ✓ | (1) |
| 1.2 | C ✓ | (1) |
| 1.3 | B ✓ | (1) |
| 1.4 | D ✓ | (1) |
| 1.5 | B ✓ | (1) |
| 1.6 | A ✓ | (1) |
| | | [6] |



QUESTION 2: SAFETY (GENERIC)**2.1 Manual guillotine:**

- Care must therefore be taken to never bring the operator's hands near the shearing blade. ✓
- Blade guard or back of the machine to catch the cut material must be fitted. ✓
- Cut material must be allowed to fall to the floor to be collected when safe to do so. ✓
- The guillotine must never be adjusted during operation. ✓
- The guillotine must never be lubricated during operation. ✓
- The guillotine must never be serviced during operation. ✓
- Care must be taken not to cut material that is thicker than the specified limit or harder materials. ✓
- Do not lean on the machine while operating. ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)**2.2 Examination procedures for First Aid:**

- Environmental observation ✓
- Visible signs ✓
- Visible symptoms ✓
- Indicators to diagnosis ✓
- Vital functions ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)**2.3 Acetylene cylinders key:**So that the valve can be quickly closed./In case of an emergency. ✓ **(1)****2.4 Product layout or a process layout:**2.4.1 Process layout ✓ **(1)**2.4.2 Process layout ✓ **(1)**2.4.3 Product layout ✓ **(1)****[10]**

QUESTION 3: MATERIALS (GENERIC)**3.1 Heat treatment:**

- Work piece size ✓
- Quenching rate ✓
- Carbon content ✓

(3)

3.2 Machining test:

3.2.1 Easy to cut ✓

(1)

3.2.2 Hard/Difficult to cut ✓

(1)

3.2.3 Easy to cut ✓

(1)

3.3 Annealing:

- To relieve internal stresses of the steel ✓
- Soften steel to allow for easy machining ✓
- Make steel ductile ✓
- Refine grain structure ✓
- Reduce brittleness ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)

3.4 Normalising:

3.4.1 above ✓

(1)

3.4.2 soaking ✓

(1)

3.4.3 cooling ✓

(1)

3.4.4 room ✓

(1)

3.5 Rapid cooling:

- To increase the hardness of the metal. ✓
- To produce fine grain structure. ✓
- To maximise tensile strength. ✓
- To minimise ductility. ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)

3.6 Processes which cause internal stress:

- Machining ✓
- Forging ✓
- Welding ✓
- Bending/Rolling ✓
- Twisting ✓
- Extreme/rapid heating ✓
- Flame/plasma cutting ✓
- Hardening ✓
- Rapid/uneven cooling ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

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QUESTION 4: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (SPECIFIC)

- | | | |
|------|-----|-------------|
| 4.1 | C ✓ | (1) |
| 4.2 | A ✓ | (1) |
| 4.3 | C ✓ | (1) |
| 4.4 | D ✓ | (1) |
| 4.5 | C ✓ | (1) |
| 4.6 | A ✓ | (1) |
| 4.7 | D ✓ | (1) |
| 4.8 | B ✓ | (1) |
| 4.9 | B ✓ | (1) |
| 4.10 | B ✓ | (1) |
| 4.11 | C ✓ | (1) |
| 4.12 | B ✓ | (1) |
| 4.13 | B ✓ | (1) |
| 4.14 | D ✓ | (1) |
| | | [14] |



QUESTION 5: TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT (SPECIFIC)**5.1 Engine faults detected on cylinder leakage test only but not compression test:**

- Leaking exhaust valves ✓
- Leaking inlet valves ✓
- Cracked cylinder head ✓
- Blown head gasket ✓
- Worn/broken piston rings (dry test only) ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)**5.2 Conduct compression test:****5.2.1 Place connected:**

Spark plug hole ✓

(1)

5.2.2 Unit of measure:

Bar/kPa ✓

(1)

5.2.3 Reason spark plugs removed:

To allow engine to crank (swing) with minimal resistance. ✓

(1)

5.3 Setup of cylinder leakage test:**5.3.1 Precaution before spark plug removed:**

Blow dirt away from around the spark plug. ✓

(1)

5.3.2 Reasons piston is at TDC:

- To ensure both/all valves are closed. ✓
- To test for leakages in the combustion chamber. ✓

(2)

5.4 Difference between static and dynamic wheel balancing:

STATIC BALANCING	DYNAMIC BALANCING
• Check where the wheel stops. ✓	• Done while wheel rotates. ✓
• Corrects wheel bounce (hop). ✓	• Corrects wheel (shimmy) wobble. ✓
• Balancing is done by trial and error. ✓	• Placement of weight is determined by wheel balancer. ✓
(Any 1 x 1)	(Any 1 x 1)

(2)

5.5 Functions of the wheel-weight hammer:

- Remove balancing weights. ✓
- Fit balancing weights ✓
- To cut weight if one cannot get correct weight. ✓
- Clean foreign matter from treads ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

5.6 Wheel alignment tool:**5.6.1 Identify tool:**

Bubble gauge ✓ (1)

5.6.2 Angles measured with bubble gauge:

- Camber ✓
- Caster ✓
- King pin inclination (KPI) ✓ (3)

5.7 Functions of the turn-tables:

- It allows the front wheels to turn inward or outward. ✓
- It indicates the angles that the wheel turns. ✓ (2)

5.8 OBD scanners connected to a laptop or computer:

- Wi-Fi ✓
- Bluetooth ✓
- Cable ✓ (3)

5.9 Pre-check on exhaust system:

Ensure there are no exhaust gas leaks. ✓ (1)

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QUESTION 6: ENGINES (SPECIFIC)**6.1 Importance of correct firing order for crankshaft:**

- Reduced torsional stress ✓
- Reduced vibrations/improve smooth running ✓
- Reduced chance of over twisting ✓
- To distribute the force of power strokes evenly. ✓
- It reduces wear. ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)**6.2 Engine terms:****6.2.1 Rotating mass:**

The crankpin ✓ and the lower two-thirds of the connecting rod. ✓

(2)**6.2.2 Reciprocating mass:**

The pistons ✓ and the upper third of the connecting rod. ✓

(2)**6.3 Types of vibration dampers:**

- Friction-face ✓
- Combined rubber and friction disc ✓
- Rubber type ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)**6.4 Balancing the crankshaft dynamically:**

- Drill holes (remove mass) in crank webs ✓
- Add mass pieces to crank webs ✓

(2)**6.5 Engine layout:****6.5.1 Engine cylinder layout:**

V-engine ✓

(1)**6.5.2 Advantages of this engine cylinder layout:**

- Shorter overall length ✓
- Can fit into smaller engine compartment ✓
- Lighter mass ✓
- Improved power-weight ratio ✓
- Improved fuel efficiency ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)**6.6 Power strokes:****6.6.1 One-cylinder, two-stroke engine:**

One ✓

(1)**6.6.2 Eight-cylinder, four-stroke engine:**

Four ✓

(1)

6.7 Turbo-charger:**6.7.1 Labels:**

- A. Compressor impeller/wheel/blade / Compressor ✓
- B. Compressor/Impeller housing/casing ✓
- C. Turbine housing/casing ✓
- D. Turbine blade/wheel / Turbine ✓

(4)

6.7.2 Turbo-charger drive:

Exhaust gases ✓

(1)

6.8 Limiting boost pressure:

- Waste gate ✓
- Vanes ✓
- Dump valve ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)**6.9 Twin-charging system:****6.9.1 Labels:**

- A. Supercharger ✓
- B. Intercooler ✓
- C. Turbo-charger/Turbine ✓

(3)

6.9.2 Advantages twin-charging over super-charging:

- Outstanding fuel economy. ✓
- Increased power across the entire power band. ✓
- High torque available throughout the engine speed range. ✓
- Reduced power-sapping effect of the supercharger on the engine. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)**[28]**

QUESTION 7: FORCES (SPECIFIC)**7.1 Definitions:****7.1.1 Swept volume:**

- Total volume ✓ when the piston moves from bottom dead centre to top dead centre. ✓
- Total volume ✓ displaced during a stroke. ✓

(Any 1 x 2) (2)**7.1.2 Mechanical efficiency:**

The relationship between the theoretical power (IP) ✓ and actual power (BP) ✓ developed by the engine.

(2)**7.2 Methods to lower the compression ratio:**

- Fit thicker gasket between cylinder block and cylinder head. ✓
- Fit a shim between cylinder block and cylinder head. ✓
- Fit piston with suitable lower crowns. ✓
- Fit shorter connecting rod. ✓
- Fit crankshaft with shorter stroke. ✓
- Re-sleeve the bore/cylinder. ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)**7.3 Calculations:****7.3.1 Swept volume:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 SV &= \frac{\pi \times D^2}{4} \times L \\
 &= \frac{\pi \times 9,2^2}{4} \times 8,5 \\
 &= 565,05 \text{ cm}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

(3)**7.3.2 Clearance volume:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 CV &= \frac{SV}{CR - 1} \\
 &= \frac{565,05}{11 - 1} \\
 &= 56,51 \text{ cm}^3
 \end{aligned}$$

(3)

7.3.3 **New bore diameter:**

$$CV = \frac{SV}{CR-1}$$

$$SV = CV (CR-1) \checkmark$$

$$= 56,51(12-1) \checkmark$$

$$= 621,61 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark$$

$$SV = \frac{\pi \times D^2}{4} \times L$$

$$D = \sqrt{\frac{SV \times 4}{\pi \times L}} \checkmark$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{621,61 \times 4}{\pi \times 8,5}} \checkmark$$

$$= 9,649 \text{ cm} \checkmark$$

$$\text{OR} \quad = \sqrt{\frac{621,61 \times 10^3 \times 4}{\pi \times 85}} \checkmark$$

$$\text{OR} \quad = 96,50 \text{ mm} \checkmark$$

(6)

7.4 **Engine calculations:**7.4.1 **Torque:**

$$BP = 2\pi NT$$

$$\text{where } N = \frac{3000}{60} = 50 \text{ r/s} \checkmark$$

$$T = \frac{BP}{2\pi N} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{(16 \times 1000)}{2 \times \pi \times 50} \checkmark$$

$$= 50,93 \text{ Nm} \checkmark$$

(4)



7.4.2 Indicated power in kW:

$$P = 450 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$$

$$L = \frac{80}{1000}$$

$$= 0,08 \text{ m} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\pi \times 0,083^2}{4} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 0,00541 \text{ m}^2 \quad \text{OR} \quad 5,41 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \quad \checkmark$$

$$N = \frac{3000}{60 \times 1} \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 50 \text{ firing strokes/sec} \quad \checkmark$$

$$n = 2$$

$$IP = PLANn$$

$$= (450 \times 10^3) \times (0,08) \times (0,00541) \times (50) \times (2) \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 19,48 \text{ kW} \quad \checkmark$$

(7)

7.4.3 Mechanical efficiency:

$$ME = \frac{BP}{IP} \times 100$$

$$= \frac{16}{19,48} \times 100 \quad \checkmark$$

$$= 82,14 \% \quad \checkmark$$

(2)

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QUESTION 8: MAINTENANCE (SPECIFIC)**8.1 Gas Analysis:**

FAULTS (DEFECTS)	POSSIBLE CAUSES	CORRECTIVE MEASURES
	8.1.1	8.1.2
High hydrocarbon (HC) reading	Excessive unburned fuel. ✓	Reset fuel mixture. ✓
	Improper timing. ✓	Check and reset ignition system. ✓
	Vacuum leak. ✓	Repair vacuum leaks. ✓
	Faulty air management system. ✓	Check and repair the air management system. ✓
	(Any 1 x 1)	(Any 1 x 1)
	8.1.3	8.1.4
High oxygen (O ₂) reading	Too lean air-fuel ratio. ✓	Reset fuel mixture. ✓
	Ignition problems. ✓	Check and reset ignition system. ✓
	Vacuum leaks. ✓	Repair vacuum leaks. ✓
	Catalytic converter not working. ✓	Check and repair the catalytic converter. ✓
	(Any 1 x 1)	(Any 1 x 1)

(4)

8.2 Perform wet compression test:

- Squirt oil into cylinder onto piston. ✓
- Fit compression tester. ✓
- Open throttle valve fully. ✓
- Crank engine 4 to 10 times. ✓
- Record the reading. ✓

(5)

8.3 Cylinder leakage test faults:**8.3.1 Bubbles in radiator:**

- Repair/Replace cylinder head. ✓
- Replace cylinder head gasket. ✓
- Repair/Replace cylinder block. ✓
- Replace cylinder sleeves. ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)**8.3.2 Hissing sound at the exhaust pipe:**

- Replace exhaust valve. ✓
- Re-seat exhaust valve. ✓
- Repair/Replace valve seats. ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)

8.3.3 Hissing sound at the dipstick:

- Replace piston rings. ✓
- Re-sleeve cylinders. ✓
- Re-bore cylinders. ✓
- Replace damaged piston. ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)**8.4 Oil pressure test:****8.4.1 Change the oil:**

- Oil is dirty/contaminated. ✓
- Incorrect oil viscosity/Oil is too thick/Oil too thin. ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)**8.4.2 Clean the oil pick up screen:**

Blocked oil pump screen in sump. ✓

(1)**8.4.3 Replace the oil pump:**

Worn/broken oil pump. ✓

(1)**8.4.4 Replace oil filter:**

Oil filter is dirty/contaminated. ✓

(1)**8.5 Manufacturer's specification:**

- Fuel pressure after the injector pump or fuel pump. ✓
- Fuel pressure when the engine is idling. ✓
- Fuel pressure on high revolutions. ✓

(3)**8.6 Precautions for cooling system pressure test:**

- Top up the water level. ✓
- Do not put more pressure in the system than indicated by the manufacturer's specifications. ✓
- Do not open the radiator cap when the engine is hot. ✓
- Do not drop the pump, as you may damage it. ✓
- Select the correct adapter for the vehicle's cooling system. ✓
- Ensure the pressure tester is calibrated. ✓

(Any 4 x 1) (4)**[23]**

QUESTION 9: SYSTEMS AND CONTROL (AUTOMATIC GEARBOX) (SPECIFIC)**9.1 Difference between gearboxes:****9.1.1 Type of clutch:**

- The manual gearbox has a dry clutch. ✓
- The automatic gearbox has wet clutches. ✓ (2)

9.1.2 Type of gear system:

- The automatic gearbox uses an epicyclic gear system. ✓
- The manual gearbox uses compound gear trains. ✓ (2)

9.2 Torque converter:

Lock-up clutch torque converter ✓ (1)

9.3 Components of the torque converter:

9.3.1 Pump/Impeller ✓ (1)

9.3.2 Turbine ✓ (1)

9.4 Epicyclic gear system:**9.4.1 Labels:**

- A. Sun gear ✓
- B. Planetary gear ✓
- C. Annulus/ring gear ✓
- D. Planet carrier ✓
- E. Output shaft ✓ (5)

9.4.2 Advantages of epicyclic gear trains:

- Provides a variation in torque./Higher reduction ratio is achieved. ✓
- Changes the direction of rotation. ✓
- It's compact in design. ✓
- Gears are in constant mesh. ✓
- Reduced vibration. ✓
- The efficiency of transmission is higher. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

9.5 Function of automatic gearbox components:**9.5.1 Valve body:**

- To direct oil to components. ✓
- To automatically select gears. ✓ (2)

9.5.2 Oil pump:

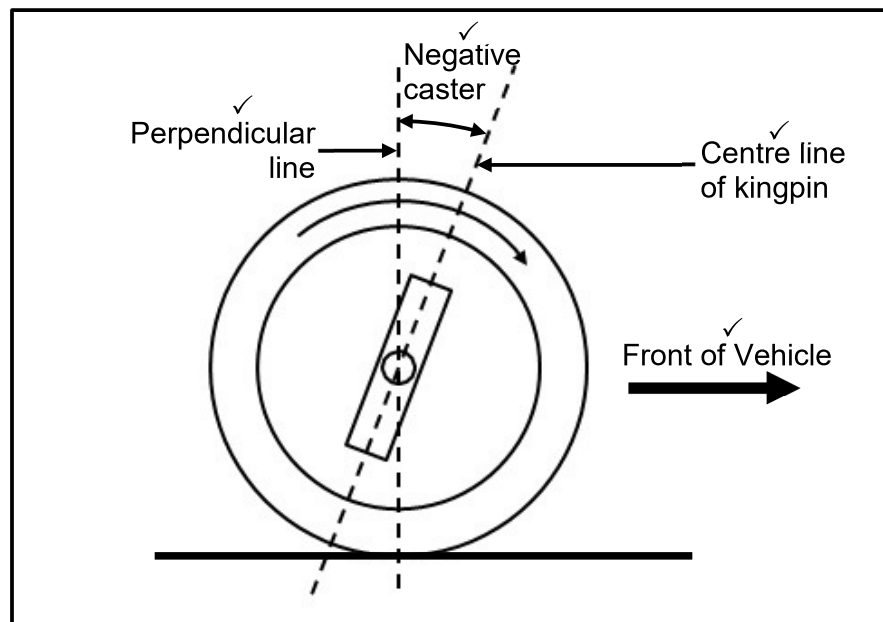
- Circulates/Pumps the oil. ✓
- Pressurises the oil. ✓ (2)

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QUESTION 10: SYSTEMS AND CONTROL (AXLES, STEERING GEOMETRY AND ELECTRONIC) (SPECIFIC)**10.1 Wheel alignment pre-checks:**

- Kerb mass against the manufacturer's specifications ✓
- Kerb height (riding height) ✓
- Tyre pressures ✓
- Tyre wear ✓
- Tyre sizes ✓
- Run-out on the wheels/tyres ✓
- Correct preload on the wheel (hub) bearings ✓
- Kingpins and kingpin bushes for wear ✓
- Suspension bushes for excessive free movement ✓
- Conditions of upper and lower control arm ball joints ✓
- Conditions of idler arm ball joints ✓
- Conditions of tie-rod ends ✓
- Steering box play ✓
- Worn or broken suspension springs ✓
- Ineffective shock absorbers. ✓
- Spring U-bolts and spring mountings ✓
- Condition of chassis ✓
- Loose cross-members ✓
- Even wheelbase at front and rear ✓

(Any 4 x 1) (4)**10.2 Negative caster:****(4 x 1 labels) (4)**

10.3 **Sensors:**

10.3.1 **Manifold absolute pressure sensor (MAP):**
Air intake system ✓ (1)

10.3.2 **Camshaft position sensor (CMP):**
Cylinder head ✓ (1)

10.3.3 **Lambda (oxygen) sensor:**
Exhaust system ✓ (1)

10.4 **Basic functions of sensors:**

- Detect engine operating conditions. ✓
- Sends the information to the ECU. ✓ (2)

10.5 **Coil on plug (COP) ignition:**

10.5.1 **Labels:**
A. Spark plug ✓
B. Control module ✓
C. Ignition switch ✓
D. Crank position sensor (CPS) ✓ (4)

10.5.2 **Conventional ignition:**
• Common coil ✓
• HT leads ✓
• Distributor ✓
(Any 2 x 1) (2)

10.6 **Environmentally friendly gases:**

- Water vapour/mist/steam (H₂O) ✓
 - Nitrogen (N₂) ✓
 - Carbon dioxide (CO₂) ✓
- (Any 2 x 1) (2)

10.7 **Advantages of the adaptive speed control system:**

- Adapt the vehicle speed. ✓
 - Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front. ✓
 - Provide a warning if there is a risk of a collision. ✓
 - It can take control of the brakes. ✓
 - It can take control the vehicle's transmission. ✓
- (Any 2 x 1) (2)



10.8 **Rotor:**10.8.1 **Labels:**

- A. Slip ring ✓
- B. Brushes ✓
- C. Pole pieces ✓

(3)

10.8.2 **Function:**

- To provide an electromagnet. ✓✓
- Induces current into the stator. ✓✓

(Any 1 x 2) (2)

10.9 **Advantages of an electric fuel pump:**

- Immediate supply of fuel when the ignition switch is turned on. ✓
- Low operation noise. ✓
- Less discharge pulsation of fuel. ✓
- Compact design. ✓
- Light in design. ✓
- Prevent fuel leak ✓
- Prevent vapour lock. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

10.10 **Functions of a check (one-way) valve:**

- It maintains the pressure in the fuel line to prevent vapour lock. ✓
- It ensures better start ability. ✓
- Prevents back flow/Allows the fuel to flow in one direction. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

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