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- Q.1 Consider the following statements regarding diesel cycle:
  - 1. Heat is supplied at constant pressure.
  - 2. It has adiabatic expansion process.
  - 3. Rejection of heat is at constant pressure.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

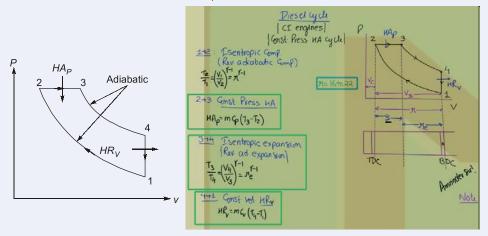
(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

- Heat rejection is at constant volume.
- Heat addition is at constant pressure



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- Q.2 Heat is conducted through a material with a temperature gradient of -9000°C/m. The thermal conductivity of the material is 25 W/m-K. If this heat is convected to surroundings at 30°C with a convection coefficient of 345 W/m<sup>2</sup>-K, What is the surface temperature?
  - (a) 957.24°C

(b) 1108.61°C

(c) 682.17°C

(d) 394.82°C

Ans.

Given: 
$$\frac{dT}{dx} = -9000^{\circ}\text{C/m}; k = 25 \text{ w/mK}; h = 345 \text{ w/mK};$$

 $T_o = 30$ °C;  $T_s = Surface temperature$ 

From surface energy balance

Conduction heat transfer = Convection heat transfer

$$-kA\frac{dT}{dx} = hA(T_{s} - T_{\infty})$$

$$-25(-9000) = 345(T_{s} - 30)$$

$$T_{s} = 682.174^{\circ}C$$

End of Solution



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Q.3 Consider the following statements regarding convective heat transfer coefficient
--

1. It is influenced by viscosity.

2. It is influenced by flow velocity.

3. It is influenced by surface geometry.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

The convective heat transfer coefficient (h) is influenced by several factors including.

- (i) Viscosity: It affects the development of the boundary layer and flow characteristics, which in turn impact the heat transfer coefficient.
- (ii) Flow velocity: Higher velocities usually increase turbulence, which increases heat transfer coefficient.
- (iii) Surface geometry: The shape and orientation of the surface influence flow patterns and boundary layer formation, thus affecting the coefficient.

**End of Solution** 

Q.4 If the specific gravity of a fluid is known, then the density of the fluid will be equal to the specific gravity of the fluid multiplied by the density of

(a) air

(b) water

(c) mercury

(d) oxygen

Ans. (b)

Specific gravity is defined as

Density of fluid S.G. =  $\frac{\text{Density of fluid}}{\text{Density of reference(Standard)fluid}}$ 

Unless the fluid is specified a gas the default assumption is that it refers to a liquid. For liquids, the standard reference is water at 4°C (with density ≈ 1000 kg/m³)

End of Solution



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- Q.5 Upon cooling, a liquid phase is transformed into the two solid phases  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  at the temperature  $T_{F}$ ; the opposite reaction occurs upon heating. This is called
  - (a) eutectic reaction

(b) eutectoid reaction

(c) peritectic reaction

(d) cementite reaction

Ans. (a)

 $L \rightleftharpoons \alpha + \beta$  is Eutectic reaction in partial eutectic system.

COMMON TYPES OF PHASE TRANSFORMATIONS IN BINARY ALLOY SYSTEMS				
Type of transformation	Transformation characteristic  Dirn. Of cooling  ←Dirn. Of heating	Examples		
Allotropy	Solid A $\rightarrow$ solid B	Fe, Sn, Co, Cr, Ti, U, Zr, Mn, Li, Sr		
Eutectoid	Solid A $\rightarrow$ solid B + solid C	Fe-c, Cu-Sn, Cu-Al, Zn-Al		
Eutectic	Liquid $\rightarrow$ solid α + solid β	Fe-C, Al-Si, Bi-Cd, Pb-As, Th-Ti, Cu-Ag, Pb-Sn		
Peritectoid	solid A + solid B → Solid C	Ni-Zn, Cu-Sn, Ni-Mo, Fe-Nb		
Peritectic	Liquid + solid A → solid B	Fe-C, Cu-Zn, Pt-Ag, Cu-Sn, Al- <u>Ti</u> , Al- <u>Mn</u>		
Monotectic	Liquid A → Liquid B + solid	Al-Pb, Cu-Pb, Cu-Cr, Zn-Pb, Ag-Ni, ZnBi		
Order-disorder	Disordered structure→ ←ordered structure	Cu-Zn, Au-Cu		
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- A pipe contains an oil of specific gravity 0.9. A differential manometer connected at the Q.6 two points A and B shows a difference in mercury level as 15 cm. What is the difference of pressures at the two points?
  - (a) 18789 N/m<sup>2</sup>

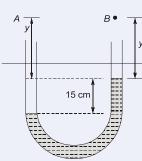
(b) 18688 N/m<sup>2</sup>

(c) 18888 N/m<sup>2</sup>

(d) 18989 N/m<sup>2</sup>

Ans. (b)

Let  $P_A$  be greater than  $P_B$ .



$$P_A$$
 + 900 × 9.81 (y + 0.15) - 13600 × 9.81 × 0.15  
-900 × 9.81 × y =  $P_B$   
 $P_A$  -  $P_B$  = 18688 N/m<sup>2</sup>

End of Solution

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Ans.		(b) Differential pressure measuring devices, such as orifice meter, venturimeter, pitot tubes are bared on Bernoulli's principle.  End of Solution									
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Ans.	(b) •	rollin	ng an	d abo	out its transvers	se axis is	kn	own	as p	s longitudinal axis is known as bitching. ses on one side and decreases  End of Solution	
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	Q.	Stea	dy nc	n-unit	orm flow	2.				stant rate through a duct of	
	R.	Unst	eady	unifo	rm flow	3.	uniform cross-section Flow at varying rates through a duct of non- uniform cross-section				
	S.	Unst	eady	non-u	ıniform flow	4.				stant rate through a duct of non- ss-section	
	Se	lect th	ne coi	rect a	answer using th	e code (	give	n be	low.		
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		1	2	3	4		2	4	1	3	
	(c)	Р		R	S	(d)			R		
		4	1	2	3		3	4	2	1	
Ans.	(b)									End of Solution	



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- Q.10 Consider the following statements regarding properties of stream function and potential function:
  - 1. If velocity potential  $(\phi)$  exists, the flow should be rotational.
  - 2. If velocity potential (\$\phi\$) satisfies the Laplace equation, it represents the possible steady incompressible irrotational flow.
  - 3. If stream function  $(\psi)$  exists, it is a possible case of fluid flow which may be rotational or irrotational.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (b)

For velocity potential function ( $\phi$ )

- only exists for irrotational flow.
- if  $\phi$  satisfies the Laplace equation, that means the flow is possible.

For stream function  $(\psi)$ 

- If  $\psi$  exists, the flow is possible.
- If  $\psi$  satisfies the Laplace equation, then the flow is irrotational.

End of Solution

Match the following lists (where the notations have their usual meanings): Q.11

List-I

Orifice meter

1.  $Q_{act} = C_d \left( \frac{a_1 a_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 - a_2^2}} \right) \sqrt{2gh}$ 

Q. Venturi meter

 $2. \quad V = C_v \sqrt{2gh}$ 

R. Pitot tube

3.  $Q = \frac{C_d a_0 a_1 \sqrt{2gh}}{\sqrt{a_1^2 - a_0^2}}$ 

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

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(b) P Q R

3 1 2

(c) P Q R (d) P Q R

Ans. (c)

End of Solution

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- Q.12 What is the pressure gradient along the flow, if the oil viscosity is 0.02 N-s/m<sup>2</sup> flowing between two stationary parallel plates 1 m wide maintained 10 mm apart? (The velocity midway between the plates is 2 m/s)
- (b) -3180 N/m<sup>2</sup> per m
- (a) -3150 N/m<sup>2</sup> per m (c) -3200 N/m<sup>2</sup> per m
  - (d) -3210 N/m<sup>2</sup> per m



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Ans. (c)

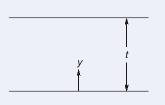
Given: 
$$\mu = 0.02 \text{ Ns/m}^2$$
,  $t = 10 \text{ mm}$ ,  $V_m = 2 \text{ m/s}$ 

$$u = \frac{1}{2\mu} \left( -\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} \right) \left( ty - y^2 \right)$$

$$y = \frac{t}{2}, \ u = 2$$

$$2 = \frac{1}{2 \times 0.02} \left( -\frac{\partial p}{\partial x} \right) \left( \frac{t^2}{4} \right)$$

Pressure gradient, 
$$\frac{\partial p}{\partial r} = -3200 \text{ N/m}^2 \text{ per m}$$



End of Solution

- Which type of glass is used in flat-plate collectors? Q.13
  - (a) Low-iron tempered glass
- (b) High-iron tempered glass
- (c) Low-iron black glass
- (d) High-iron black glass

Ans. (a)

> Low Iron content allows better transmission of sunlight, through the panels, which results in higher efficiency for solar cells. Tempared glass is heat treated to make it impactresistant. If shattered, it breaks, into small pieces, thereby reducing injury and damage to solar cells.

> > End of Solution

- Consider the following statements regarding transitional flow: Q.14
  - 1. Tollmien and Schlichting predicted that the waves would form and grow in the boundary layer.
  - 2. It has been seen that in the presence of an adverse pressure gradient, at a high Reynolds number, two-dimensional waves appear.
  - 3. The instantaneous velocity profiles produce low shear in the outer region of the boundary layer.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

- Tollmien -Schilichting waves are small disturbances in a laminar boundary layer. These waves can grow due to instability, especially in adverse pressure gradients, and lead to transition to turbulence.
- An adverse pressure gradient destabilizes the boundary layer. At high Reynolds numbers, it can lead to the formation of 2D instabilities (T-s waves), aiding transition.
- During transition, the outer region of the boundary layer often retains characteristics of laminar flow longer than the near-wall region. This means the shear (velocity gradient) is relatively low in the outer part, compared to the high shear near the wall in developing turbulence.

End of Solution



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Q.15 What type of turbulence is generated by two adjacent layers of fluid in the absence of wall?

(a) Wall turbulence

(b) Free turbulence

(c) Fixed turbulence

(d) Isotropic turbulence

Ans. (b)

Free turbulance is generated by two adjacent layers of fluid in the absence of wall.

End of Solution

Q.16 Consider the following statements regarding properties of refrigerants:

1. Ammonia is highly toxic and highly irritating refrigerant.

2. Carbon refrigerant. dioxide is corrosive

3. Sulphur dioxide is highly toxic refrigerant.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

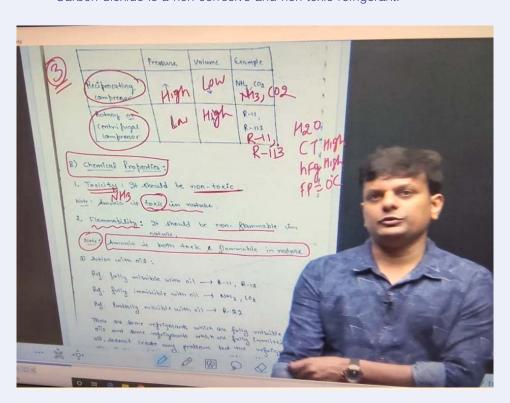
(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (c)

Ammonia and sulphur dioxide both are highly toxic refrigerants.

Carbon dioxide is a non-corrosive and non toxic refrigerant.



End of Solution

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- Consider the following statements regarding vapour absorption cycle: Q.17
  - 1. Absorbent should have negligible vapour pressure at generator temperature compared
  - 2. Absorbent should have low specific heat.
  - 3. Lithium bromide is a hygroscopic salt with low affinity for water.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Lithium bromide (LiBr) is a hygroscopic salt, but it has a high affinity for water, this high affinity makes it ideal as an absorbent in LiBr-water absorption systems.

- Consider the following statements regarding properties of moist air: Q.18
  - 1. Percentage saturation is defined as the ratio of specific humidities, saturated versus actual at a given temperature.
  - 2. Specific humidity is defined as the mass of water vapour in kilograms which is associated with one kilogram of dry air-water vapour mixture.
  - 3. Relative humidity is the ratio of actual water vapour pressure in the air to the vapour pressure which would exist in a saturated mixture at the temperature of the air.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

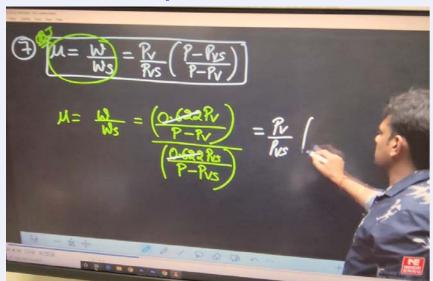
(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (b)

> Percentage saturation is defined as the ratio actual specific humidity to specific humidity at saturation.

$$\mu = \frac{W}{W_s}$$

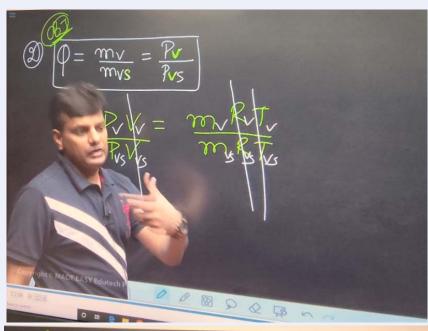


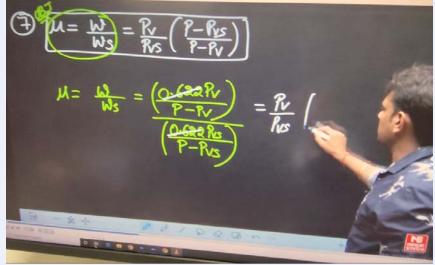


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Q.19 The sensible heat gain of a room is 4.8 kW and its latent heat gain is 1.4 kW. What is the sensible heat ratio?

(a) 0.98

(c) 0.59

(b) 0.77

(d) 0.65

(b) Ans.

Given : S.H = 4.8 kW; L.H = 1.4 kW

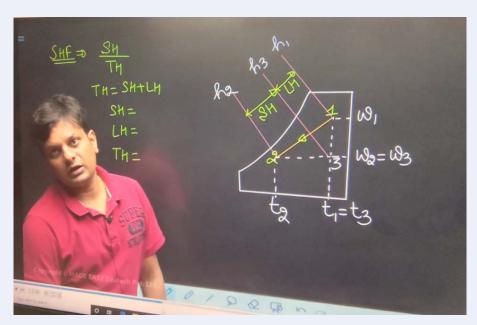
Sensible heat factor = 
$$\frac{SH}{SH + LH} = \frac{4.8}{4.8 + 1.4} = 0.774$$

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- Q.20 Consider the following statements regarding psychrometry:
  - 1. Dry-bulb temperature is the temperature of the air measured with an ordinary thermometer.
  - 2. Dew-point temperature is the temperature at which water vapour in the air is saturated.
  - 3. Sensible heat is necessary to produce a change of state of a material at a constant temperature.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

- Sensible heat changes the temperatures of a substance.
- Latent heat is required to change the phase (e.g. liquid to vapour) at constant temperature.

End of Solution

- **Q.21** Consider the following statements regarding thermodynamic systems:
  - 1. Close system is that system which exchanges neither energy nor matter with any other system or with environment.
  - 2. A system which consists of two phases is called a heterogeneous system.
  - 3. A phase is a quantity of matter which is homogeneous throughout in chemical composition and physical structure.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

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(b) Ans.

> Close system is that system which can exchange energy but not matter with its surroundings.

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Q.22 Consider the following statements regarding pure substance:

- 1. It is homogeneous in composition.
- 2. It is homogeneous in chemical aggregation.
- 3. It is variable is chemical aggregation.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Pure substance is homogeneous in composition and in chemical aggregation.

- Q.23 Consider the following statements regarding phase change of a pure substance:
  - 1. The difference between super-heated temperature and saturation temperature at the given pressure is called the degree of superheat.
  - 2. The amount of heat required to convert liquid water completely into vapour is called the heat of sublimation.
  - 3. If the temperature of liquid water on cooling becomes lower than the saturation temperature for the given pressure, the liquid water is called a subcooled liquid.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.

The amount of heat required to convert liquid water completely into vapour is called latent heat of vaporization.

End of Solution

- Q.24 Consider the following statements regarding thermometer and thermo-metric property:
  - 1. Constant volume gas thermometer is used to measure resistance.
  - 2. Thermocouple is used to measure electromotive force.
  - 3. Pyrometer is used to measure intensity of radiation.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (b)

> The thermometric property that is measured by constant volume gas thermometer is pressure.

> > End of Solution



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- Q.25 Consider the following statements regarding first law of thermodynamics:
  - 1. The first law applies to reversible as well as irreversible transformations.
  - 2. It is impossible to construct a perpetual motion machine of first kind.
  - 3. It is observed that when a system is made to undergo a complete cycle, then net work is done on or by the system.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

End of Solution

- Consider the following statements regarding reversible processes:
  - 1. Frictionless adiabatic expansion is an ideal reversible process.
  - 2. Condensation and boiling of liquids are ideal reversible processes.
  - 3. Mixing of two fluids is an ideal reversible process.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Mixing of two fluids is an irreversible process.

**End of Solution** 

- Q.27 Consider the following statements regarding perpetual motion machine (PMM):
  - 1. Machine which would continuously absorb heat from a single thermal reservoir and would convert this heat completely into work is called the PMM of the second kind.
  - 2. Machine which violates the first law of thermodynamics is called the PMM of the first kind.
  - 3. The PMM of the second kind does not violate the second law of thermodynamics. Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

- The PMM of first kind voilates the first law of thermodynamics.
- the PMM of second kind voilates the second law of thermodynamics.

End of Solution

- Q.28 Consider the following statements regarding Carnot cycle:
  - 1. It cannot be performed in practice because it is impossible to perform a frictionless process.
  - 2. Compression and expansion are non-reversible.
  - 3. Working medium is a perfect gas and has constant specific heat.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



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Ans. (c)

In Carnot cycle both compression and expansion are isentropic.

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- Q.29 A cyclic heat engine operates between a source temperature of 1000°C and a sink temperature of 40 °C. Find the least rate of heat rejection per kW net output of the engine.
  - (a) 0.758 kW

(c) 0.326 kW

(b) 0.543 kW

(d) 0.917 kW

Ans.

Given:  $T_H = 1000$ °C,  $T_L = 40$ °C, W = 1 kW

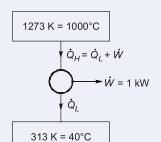
$$\eta_{\text{max}} = \frac{\dot{W}}{\dot{Q}_H = \dot{Q}_L + \dot{W}}$$

$$1 - \frac{313}{1273} = \frac{1}{\dot{Q}_{l} + 1}$$

$$0.7541(\dot{Q}_L + 1) = 1$$

$$\dot{Q}_L + 1 = 1.3261$$

$$\dot{Q}_{l} = 0.3261 \text{ kW}$$



End of Solution

- Q.30 The efficiency of an Otto cycle is 60% and the ratio of specific heats is 1.5. What is the compression ratio?
  - (a) 6.25

(b) 4.26

(c) 9.85

(d) 8.15

Ans. (a)

Given:  $\gamma = 1.5$ ,  $\eta_o = 60\%$ .

$$\eta_o = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{\gamma - 1}}$$

$$0.6 = 1 - \frac{1}{(r)^{1.5 - 1}}$$

$$\frac{1}{(r)^{0.5}} = 0.4$$

$$r^{0.4} = \frac{1}{0.4} = 0.5$$

$$r = (0.5)^{1/0.5}$$

$$r = (2.5)^2 = 6.25$$

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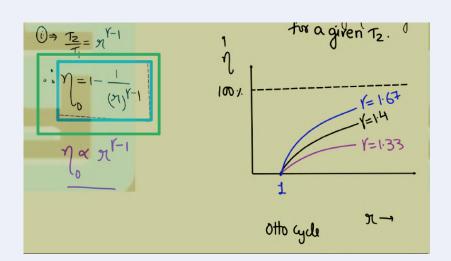
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- Q.31 Consider the following statements regarding reheating in Rankine cycle:
  - 1. The reheater may be heated by a coil carrying high-pressure superheated steam.
  - 2. Reheating should be done at optimum pressure.
  - 3. A large proportion of the heat supplied in the reheating process will be thrown to waste in the condenser.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

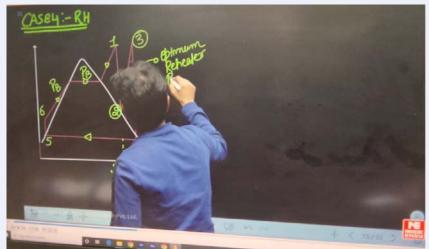
(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

- In a Rankine cycle with reheat, the reheater is typically heated by high-pressure steam or directly by the combustion gases in a boiler.
- Reheating should be done at optimum pressure because if reheat is too high or low, it might not yield maximum efficiency.



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- Q.32 In case of a steam turbine working on Rankine cycle, the work done per kg of steam flowing through the turbine and the amount of total heat supplied during the processes are 1080 kJ/kg and 3076.1 kJ/kg respectively. What is the thermal efficiency of the cycle?
  - (a) 23.7%

(b) 29.3%

(c) 35.1%

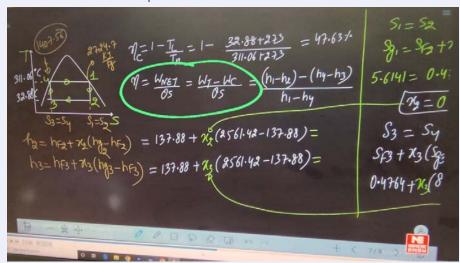
(d) 41.4%

Ans. (c)

Given:  $W_{\text{net}} = 1080 \text{ kJ/kg}$ ;  $Q_s = 3076.1 \text{ kJ/kg}$ 

Efficiency, 
$$\eta = \frac{\text{Workdone}}{\text{Heat supplied}} = \frac{W_{net}}{Q_s} = \frac{1080}{3076.1} \times 100$$

$$\eta = 35.1\%$$



End of Solution

- Q.33 Consider the following statements regarding advantages of regenerative cycle over simple Rankine cycle:
  - 1. The heating process in the boiler tends to become reversible.
  - 2. Heat rate is increased.
  - 3. A small size condenser is required.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (b)

In case of regeneration the efficiency of the cycle increases

and efficiency = 
$$\frac{1}{\text{Heat rate}}$$

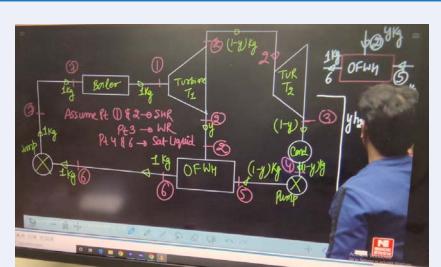
If efficiency increases than heat rate will decrease.

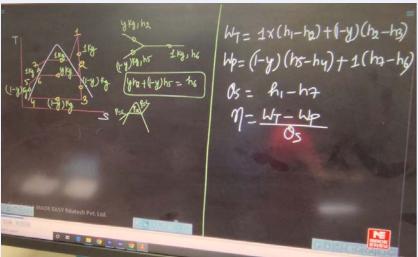


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### **Engineering** Set-B

Mechanical





End of Solution

Q.34 A grade written as "5-10 cm, 500-A8-F24-S1.6" indicates the coal as having

1. a size of 5-10 cm

2. heating value of 5000 kcal/kg

3. 8 to 10% ash

Which of the above are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

5 - 10 cm : Refers to the size of coal pieces

500: Typically refer to heating value, so

 $(500 \times 10 = 5000 \text{ kcal/kg})$ 

A8: This refers to ash content = 8%

End of Solution



### **Preliminary Exam**



Q.35 A boiler generates 360 kg of steam per hour. The quantity of heat supplied per kg of steam is 2560.6 kJ/kg. The calorific value of coal is 29245.4 kJ/kg. If the hourly rate of burning is 60 kg. what is the boiler efficiency?

(a) 21.41%

(b) 34.87%

(c) 52.53%

(d) 65.86%

Ans. (c)

Given : Qs = 2560.6; CV = 29245.4;  $m_s$  = 360 kg/hour;  $m_f$  = 60 kg/hour

$$\eta_b = \frac{Q_s m_s}{m_f \times CV} \times 100 = \frac{2560.6 \times 360}{60 \times 29245.4} \times 100$$
= 52.53%

End of Solution

**Q.36** Consider the following statements regarding locomotive boiler:

- 1. It consists of a cylindrical barrel with a rectangular firebox at one end and a smoke box at the other end.
- 2. The hot gases which are generated due to burning of coal are deflected by an arch of firebricks.
- 3. The fire tubes are placed inside the smoke box.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

- Fire tubes run through the cylindrical barrel of the boiler between the firebox and the smoke box, not inside the smoke box.
- The smoke box only collects the hot gases after they have passed through the tubes.

End of Solution

Q.37 Consider the following statements regarding Babcock and Wilcox boiler:

- 1. It is a fire tube boiler.
- 2. It may be designed for stationary or marine purposes.
- 3. It consists of a drum connected to a series of front-end and rear-end headers by short riser tubes.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (c)

- The Babcock and Wilcox boiler is a water tube boiler, not a fire-tube boiler.
- In this type water flows inside the tubes and hot gases flow outside.

**End of Solution** 

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- Q.38 The ratio of heat received by 1 kg of water under working conditions to received by 1 kg of water evaporated from and at 100 °C is known as
  - (a) factor of evaporation

(b) boiler efficiency

(c) overall efficiency

(d) evaporation efficiency

Ans. (a)

The ratio of heat received by 1 kg of water under working conditions to that received by 1 kg of water evaporated from and at 100°C is known as factor of evaporation.

End of Solution

Q.39 In a reaction turbine, the fixed blades and moving blades are of the same shape but reversed in direction. The work done per pair of blades per kg of steam is 7600 N-m. If the heat drop per pair is 10-04 kJ/kg, what is the efficiency of the pair?

(a) 57.1%

(b) 68.4%

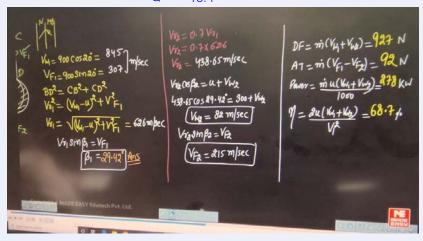
(c) 75.7%

(d) 81.3%

Ans. (c)

Given: W = 7600 Nm/kg = 7.6 kJ/kg; Q = 10.04 kJ/kg

$$\eta = \frac{W}{Q} = \frac{7.6}{10.4} = 75.69\%$$



End of Solution

- Q.40 Consider the following statements regarding air leakage in condenser:
  - 1. The leakage air in the condenser results in decrease in back pressure on the prime mover
  - 2. The leaked air in the condenser lowers the partial pressure of steam.
  - 3. The air has poor thermal conductivity; hence the leaked air reduces the rate of heat transfer from vapour.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (b)

The leaked air in the condenser increases the partial pressure of steam.

End of Solution



### **Preliminary Exam**



- Q.41 Consider the following statements regarding centrifugal pumps:
  - 1. The speed ratio varies from 0.95 to 1.25.
  - 2. The flow ratio varies from 0-1 to 0.25.
  - 3. For low-to-medium specific speed pumps, the number of vanes varies from 15 to 25. Which of the above statements are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

(a) Ans.

For low to medium specific speed pumps, the number of vanes varies 9 to 12.

End of Solution

- Q.42 A centrifugal pump has an impeller of 30 cm outer diameter. The vane tips are radial at the outlet. For a rotative speed of 1450 r.p.m., what is the manometric head developed? (Assume a manometric efficiency of 82%)
  - (a) 17.82 m

(b) 23.34 m

(c) 29.82 m

(d) 43.38 m

Ans. (d)

Given:  $d_2 = 0.3$  m,  $\phi = 90^\circ$ , N = 1450 rpm,  $\eta_{mano} = 82\%$ .

$$\eta_{\text{mano}} = \frac{W.P.}{I.P.} = \frac{gH_m}{V_{w2}u_2}$$

For radial vane,

$$V_{w2} = u_2$$

$$\eta_{\text{mano}} = \frac{gH_m}{u_2^2}$$

$$u_2 = \frac{\pi d_2 N}{60} = \frac{\pi \times 0.3 \times 1450}{60}$$

$$u_2 = 22.77 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\eta_{\text{mano}} = \frac{9.81 \times H_m}{22.77^2} = 0.82$$

$$H_{\rm m} = 43.33~{\rm m}$$

**End of Solution** 

- A discharge of 0.4 m<sup>3</sup>/s of water is needed to be pumped to a total head of 240 m. Q.43 How many pumps connected in series and each having a specific speed of 35 and running at a speed of 1500 r.p.m. would be needed for the job? (The dynamic head in the system can be neglected)
  - (a) 1 pump

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(b) 5 pumps

(c) 3 pumps

(d) 4 pumps

Ans.

Given:  $Q = 0.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$ ,  $H_m = 240 \text{ m}$ ,  $N_s = 35$ , N = 1500 rpm.

 $Q = \text{Constant} = 0.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}.$ For series,

Total 
$$H_m = 240 \text{ m} = n \times (H_m)_{\text{Each pump}}$$

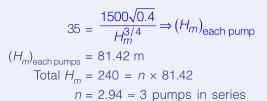
$$(N_s)_{\text{each pumps}} = \left(\frac{N\sqrt{Q}}{H_m^{3/4}}\right)_{\text{each pump}}$$



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Mechanical



Q. Hm=150m
N3=26
N3:450 PPM
Q:0.2 m/4.

1.2

Scies
Total Hm=150

-2.49\(\frac{3}{2}\) Pumps

-2.49\(\frac{3}{2}\) Pumps

**End of Solution** 

- **Q.44** Consider the following statements regarding reciprocating pumps:
  - 1. The ratio of theoretical discharge to actual discharge is known as coefficient of discharge.
  - 2. The difference between theoretical discharge and actual discharge is called the slip of the pump.
  - 3. In a double-acting pump, both sides of the piston will be displacing the liquid. Which of the above statements are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 2 only

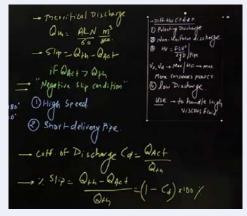
(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (c)

The ratio of actual discharge to theoretical discharge in known as coefficient of discharge.



End of Solution

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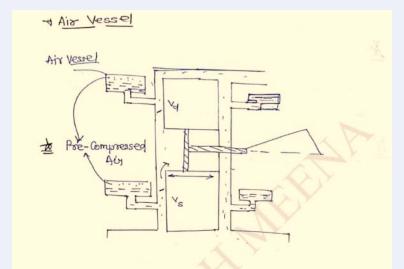
- Q.45 Consider the following statements regarding advantages of air vessels in suction pipe:
  - 1. Power expended in pumping will reduce.
  - 2. Frictional losses will reduce.
  - 3. For a given speed, there will be increase in the cavitation susceptibility. Which of the above statements are correct?
  - (a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)



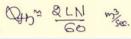
it is the reservior of water placed near to pump in suction and delivery pipe.

#### Advantages:

In suction and delivery pipe

- 1) To maintain constant & contineous discharge.
- @ To reduce the power imput to pump.
- 3 it also helps to increase discharge.

# single glinder Double acting reciprocating pump.



End of Solution

- Q.46 The percentage of incoming radiation energy reflected back to space by the earth is about
  - (a) 10%

(b) 20%

(c) 30%

(d) 40%



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#### Ans. (c)

The incoming radiation energy reflected back to space by earth is called the albedo of the earth-atmosphere system and has a value of about 30% of the incoming solar radiation for the earth as a whole.



**End of Solution** 

- **Q.47** Consider the following statements regarding flat-plate collector:
  - 1. One of the desirable characteristics of thermal insulating material is low thermal conductivity.
  - 2. Copper is often chosen for absorber plates due to its high thermal conductivity and good corrosion resistance.
  - 3. Absorber plate material should have low thermal conductivity.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

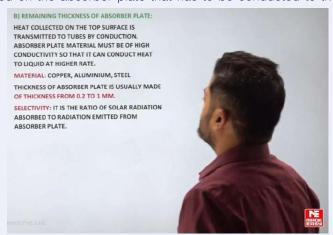
(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

Absorber plate material should have high thermal conductivity because whatever heat is collected on the absorber plate that has to be conducted to the tubes.

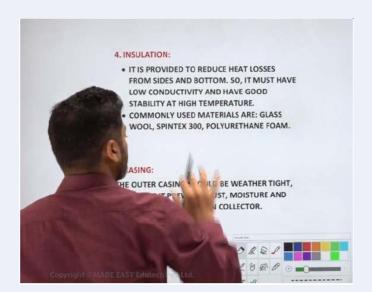




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- Consider the following statements regarding performance indices of a solar collector: Q.48
  - 1. Temperature range is the range of temperature to which the heat transporting fluid is heated up by the collector.
  - 2. Collector efficiency is defined as the ratio of the energy actually absorbed and transferred to heat transporting fluid by the collector to the energy incident on the
  - 3. Concentration ratio is defined as the ratio of the area of the receiver to the area of aperture of the system.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

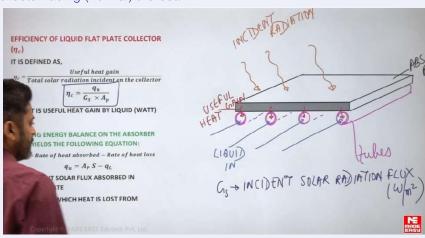
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#### Ans. (a)

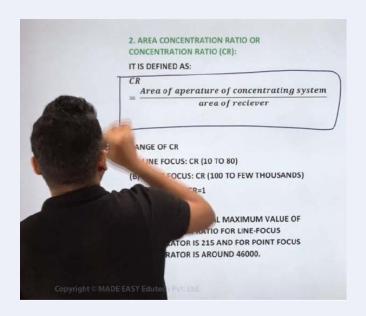
Concentration ratio (CR) is defined as the ratio of the area of the aperture of the system to the area of the receiver. The aperture of the system is the projected area of the collector facing (normal) the beam.





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- Consider the following statements regarding solar thermal systems:
  - 1. In cold climate regions, large amount of low-grade thermal energy is required for heating air for comfort.
  - 2. Solar energy is best suited for low-grade thermal applications.
  - 3. Solar thermal energy is not utilized in drying industries.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

> We know that the solar energy can be utilized directly by two technologies namely solar thermal and solar photovoltaic. Solar thermal system provide thermal energy for various processes. In region of cold climates a large amount of low grade thermal energy is required to heat air for comfort and hot water for washing, cleaning and other domestic and industrial needs. Various industrial surveys show that upto 24% of all industrial heat is consumed for heating fluids to a moderate temperature. Thus, solar energy is best suited for low grade thermal applications. Even in high temperature heating applications, a significant amount of fuel can be saved by suing solar energy for preheating (upto about 180°C). Solar thermal energy is utilized in drying industries.

> > End of Solution

- Q.50 Consider the following statements regarding chemical energy storage:
  - 1. The chemical energy in hydrogen can be converted into thermal energy.
  - 2. Hydrogen-fired steam turbine may also be used to obtain mechanical energy.
  - 3. Electrical energy may also be obtained more efficiently directly from hydrogen by means of fuel cell.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



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#### Ans. (d)

The chemical energy in hydrogen can be converted into the thermal, mechanical or electrical energy, one possibility is to burn hydrogen in air, in a manner similar to natural gas, to produce thermal energy for use in home or industry. Hydrogen can also serve as fuel in place of gasoline in automobiles, to obtain mechanical energy.

Hydrogen fired steam turbines may also be used to obtain mechanical energy. Electrical energy can then be generated from mechanical energy thus obtained by using a generator. Electrical energy may also be obtained more efficiently (at about 55 to 60% conversion efficiency) directly from hydrogen by means of a fuel cell.

End of Solution

- Q.51 Consider the following statements regarding solar space heating system:
  - 1. Passive systems do not require any mechanical device and make use of natural process of convection, radiation and conduction for transport of heat.
  - 2. Uses of active heating systems put restrictions on the building design to make possible the flow of heat naturally.
  - 3. Active heating systems employ mechanical devices to circulate the working fluid for transportation of heat.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (c)

Use of passive heating/cooling system put restrictions on the building design to make possible the flow of heat naturally. Such a specially designed building is called a solar house.



End of Solution

- Q.52 Consider the following statements regarding solar refrigeration and air-conditioning systems:
  - 1. In absorption cycle cooling systems, two working fluids-a refrigerant and an absorbent-refrigerant solution are used.
  - 2. The absorbent-refrigerant combination is so chosen that the absorbent has low affinity for the refrigerant.
  - 3. The absorbent cooling is based on the principle that the refrigerant can be bound by a liquid or solid solvent, known as absorbent, to release heat during absorption.

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Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.

The absorbent-refrigerant combination is so chosen that the absorbent has high affinity for the refrigerant.

End of Solution

- Q.53 Consider the following statements regarding solar greenhouse
  - 1. The design of a greenhouse depends on local climatic conditions.
  - 2. Greenhouses for arid zone are designed to conserve water resources.
  - 3. In tropical countries, the solar insolation and ambient temperatures are quite high and therefore, winter greenhouses' are used to maintain low temperatures inside and allow just sufficient sunlight for photosynthesis.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

> In tropical countries, the solar insolation and ambient temperatures are quite high and therefore summer Greenhouses are used to maintain low temperature inside and allow just sufficient sunlight for photosynthesis.

> > End of Solution

- Q.54 Consider the following statements regarding solar distillation:
  - 1. Distillation is the process to convert fresh water saline water into
  - 2. About 20 percent of water available on the earth is brackish.
  - 3. Only 30 percent of water available on the earth is fresh.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Fresh water available on the earth is about 1%.

End of Solution

- Q.55 Consider the following statements regarding wind energy
  - 1. A generator coupled to wind turbine is known as aerogenerator.
  - 2. Australians were probably the first to introduce the horizontal axis windmill around 12th century.
  - 3. The electric power generation through wind was first proposed in Denmark in 1890. Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



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#### Ans. (b)

Europeans imported the technology from the east and were probably the first to introduce the horizontal axis windmill around the 12th century, and by 1750.

End of Solution

Q.56 Consider the following statements regarding ocean tidal energy conversion schemes:

- 1. In single-basin, double-effect scheme, power is generated on both flood and ebb.
- 2. Linked basin scheme consists of two basins, one topped up at high tide and the other emptied at low tide.
- 3. In single-effect scheme, power is not generated during either filling or emptying the

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

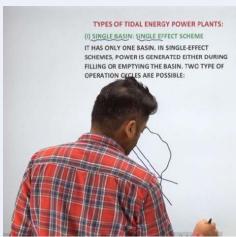
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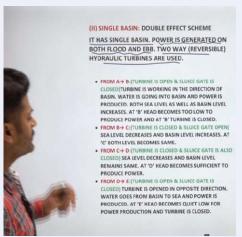
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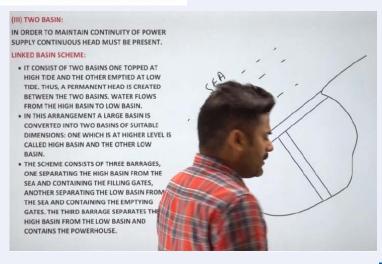
(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans.

In single effect scheme, power is generated during either filling or emptying the basin.







End of Solution



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- Q.57 Consider the following statements regarding biomass energy:
  - 1. Pelletization is a process in which waste wood is pulverized, dried and forced under pressure through an extrusion device.
  - 2. Biomass briquettes are made from woody matter.
  - 3. Concentrated vegetable oils may be obtained from certain agro-products but cannot be used as fuel in diesel engines.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

Concentrated vegetable oils may be obtained from certain agro products and may be used as fuel in diesel engines. However, difficulties arise with direct use of plant oil due to high viscosity and combustion deposits.



SOURCE: CROP RESIDUE SUCH AS STRAW, RICE HUSK AND WASTE WOOD ARE PRESSED TO FORM LUMPS, KNOWN AS FUEL PELLETS OR BRIQUETTES AND USED AS SOLID FUEL

• THE PURPOSE IS TO REDUCE MOISTURE CONTENT AND INCREASE THE ENERGY DENSITY OF BIOMASS MAKING IT MORE FEASIBLE FOR LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORTATION







#### (IV) BIO-DIESEL

• RAW VEGETABLE OIL IS UPGRADED AS BIO-DIESEL (METHYL ESTER AND ETHYL ESTER) THROUGH A CHEMICAL PROCESS CALLED AS TRANS-ESTERIFICATION, LEAVING GLYCERINE AS BY PRODUCT (A VALUABLEBY PRODUCT USUALLY USED IN SOAPS).

SOURCE: BIO-DIESEL CAN BE PRODUCED FROM VEGETABLE OILS, ANIMAL FATS OR RECYCLED RESTAURANT GREASES.

End of Solution

- Consider the following statements regarding fuel cell:
  - 1. A fuel cell continuously converts mechanical energy directly into electrical energy.
  - 2. Fuel cell is a conversion device. static power
  - 3. The only exhaust of a fuel cell, if pure hydrogen is used as fuel and pure oxygen as oxidant, is water vapour.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

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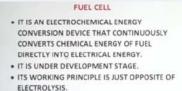
#### Ans. (c)

A fuel cell is an electrochemical energy conversion device that continuously converts chemical energy of a fuel directly into electrical energy.



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FUEL CELL IS MAINLY CONSISTED OF: (I) ELECTRODE (A) FUEL ELECTRODE (ANODE)(B)

OXIDANT ELECTRODE (CATHODE) (II) ELECTROLYTE

(III) FUEL (IV) OXIDANT ROUTE (Thermal power plant)

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#### ADVANTAGES OF FUEL CELL:

(I) IT IS QUIET IN OPERATION AS IT IS STATIC DEVICE AND REQUIRES LESS MAINTENANCE AS NO MOVING PARTS.

(II) IT IS CLEAN FORM OF ENERGY CONVERSION, WATER IS OBTAINED GENERALLY AS RESIDUE

CONVENTIONAL POWER PLANTS SINGLE-STAGE CONVERSION. (IV) FUEL CELL CAN BE INSTALLE OF USE, THUS TRANSMISSION A

(III) ITS CONVERSION EFFICIENCY IS

LOSSES ARE AVOIDED. (V) NO COOLING WATER IS NEED PLANTS AS REQUIRED | THE CONDE CONVENTIONAL STEAM DE MAJOR DRAWBAG

End of Solution

Q.59 Consider the following statements regarding reheating in Rankine cycle:

- 1. Erosion and corrosion problems in the steam turbine are eliminated.
- 2. Final dryness fraction of steam is improved.
- 3. There is decrease in the nozzle and blade efficiencies.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

- Reheating improves the dryness fraction of the steam eliminating erosion and corrosion problems in the steam turbine.
- Reheating generally improves the efficiency of the turbine.

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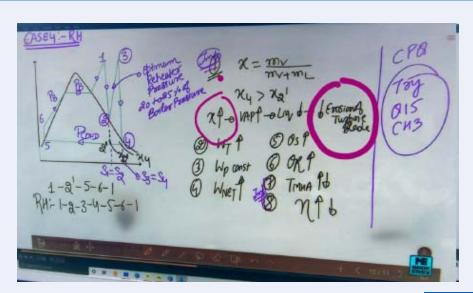
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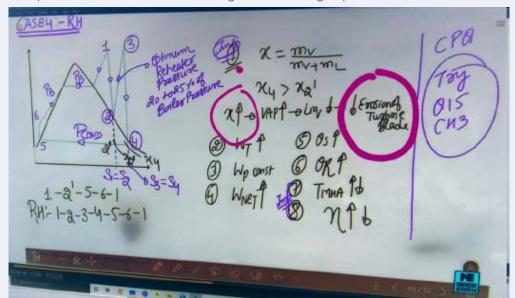


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- Q.60 What is the primary purpose of superheating steam and supplying it to the prime movers?
  - (a) To decrease the power plant efficiency
  - (b) To avoid too much wetness at the end of expansion.
  - (c) To increase the initial condensation losses in steam engines
  - (d) To make the steam visible

#### Ans. (b)

The main purpose of superheating before it enters the turbine or prime mover is to prevent the steam from becoming too wet during expansion.



End of Solution

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- Q.61 Which one of the following statements correctly distinguishes gas turbine plants from steam turbine plants?
  - (a) Gas turbine plants operate at lower inlet gas temperatures and higher pressures.
  - (b) Gas turbine plants and steam turbine plants operate at the same inlet gas temperatures and pressures.
  - (c) Gas turbine plants operate at higher inlet gas temperatures and lower pressures.
  - (d) Gas turbine plants operate at higher inlet gas temperatures and higher pressures.

Ans. (c)

Gas turbine power plants operate at higher inlet gas temperature and lower pressures.

End of Solution

- Q.62 Consider the following statements regarding effects of increasing the initial steam pressure in a steam turbine plant:
  - 1. Increase in the initial steam pressure gives a higher saturation temperature of steam below the critical value.
  - 2. The gains in thermal efficiency obtained by a large increase in the initial steam pressure in the higher ranges are of the order of 5% or more.
  - 3. The wet steam in the larger part of the turbine would give lower turbine stage efficiencies.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

End of Solution

- Q.63 If a Kaplan turbine produces 6.5 MW of power at a head of 15 m under a speed of 150 r.p.m., what is the specific speed?
  - (a) 450

(b) 510

(c) 410

(d) 360

Ans. (c)

Given: SP = 6.5 MW = 6500 kW, H = 15 m, N = 150 rpm,  $N_s$  = ?

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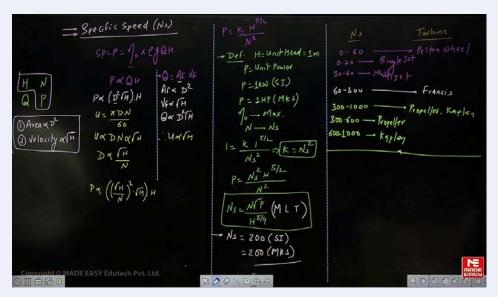
$$N_s = \frac{N\sqrt{P}}{H^{5/4}} = \frac{150\sqrt{6500}}{15^{5/4}} = 409.66$$

$$N_s = 409.66$$



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**End of Solution** 

- **Q.64** Consider the following statements about a ramjet engine:
  - 1. A ramjet engine does not have a compressor and turbine.
  - 2. Ramjet engine is ideal for hypersonic aircraft.
  - 3. Test shows that a subsonic flow system is right choice for a ramjet engine. Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

- Ramjet engine uses the forward motion of the aircraft to compress incoming air. Hence no compressor or turbine is present.
- Ramjets require supersonic speeds to operate efficiently.

End of Solution

- Q.65 Consider the following statements about advantages of a pulsejet engine:
  - 1. A pulsejet engine can be mass produced in a short time due to its simple construction and low cost.
  - 2. It is suitable for one-time military use.
  - It has turbine and compressor, allowing it to employ low temperature.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

- Pulsejets do not have turbines or compressors.
- Air enters the engine due to pulsing pressure waves and momentum, not through compression by rotating machinery.

**End of Solution** 



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Q.66 Consider the following statements about advantages of a turbojet engine:

1. It is suitable for long-distance flight at higher speed and altitudes.

2. Reheat can be employed to increase thrust.

3. Pressure rise through inlet diffuser is significant.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

End of Solution

Consider the following statements regarding compressor:

- 1. A centrifugal compressor like a pump is a head-producing device.
- 2. The centrifugal type of compressor is suitable for low specific speed and higher pressure ratio applications.
- 3. The centrifugal compressor is less efficient than the axial type,

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

(d) Ans.

End of Solution

Q.68 In axial compressor stages, the ratio of 'actual change of enthalpy in the rotor' to 'actual change of enthalpy in the stage' is known as

(a) degree of reaction

(b) degree of enthalpy

(c) enthalpy ratio

(d) rotor efficiency

Ans. (a)

> The ratio of actual change of enthalpy in the rotor to actual change of enthalpy in the stage is known as degree of reaction.

> > End of Solution

Q.69 Consider the following statements regarding molecular weight:

1. The molecular weight of air is 28.97 g/mole.

- 2. The molecular weight of argon is 39.95 g/mole.

3. The molecular weight of carbon monoxide is 20.42 g/mole.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

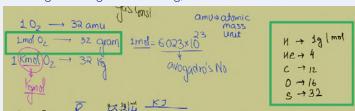
(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Molecular weight of carbon monoxide is 28.01 g/mol.

Molecular weight of air is 28.96 g/mol.

Molecualar weight of Argon is 39.95 g/mol.



End of Solution

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- Q.70 Consider the following statements regarding engine operating characteristics:
  - 1. At very low engine speeds, the throttle will be almost closed, resulting in a high vacuum in the intake manifold.
  - 2. When guick deceleration is desired and the throttle is closed at high engine speed, a very large vacuum is created in the intake system.
  - 3. When a cold engine is started, an over-rich supply of fuel must be supplied to assure enough fuel vapour to create a combustible gas mixture.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

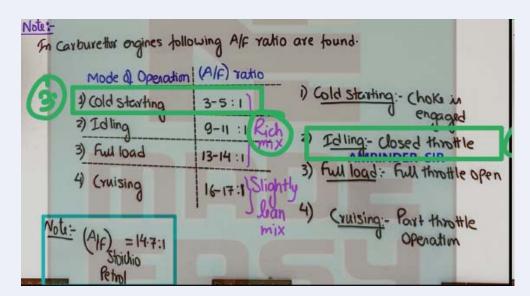
(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

All three are correct.



End of Solution

- Q.71 Consider the following statements regarding compression ignition engines:
  - 1. In atomization process, fuel drops break into very small droplets.
  - 2. In vaporization process, the small droplets of liquid fuel evaporate to vapour.
  - 3. The smaller the fuel drop size emitted by the injector, the less efficient will process. be atomization

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

(c) Ans.

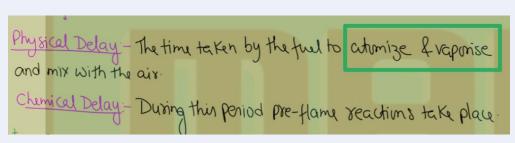
> Smaller fuel droplet size increases the efficiency of atomization and leads to better mixing and faster vaporization thus improving combustion efficiency.

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- Q.72 Consider the following statements regarding combustion in internal combustion engines:
  - 1. At higher engine speeds, ignition delay is decreased in real time.
  - 2. If injection is too early, ignition delay time will decrease.
  - 3. If the cetane number is low, ignition delay will be too long.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

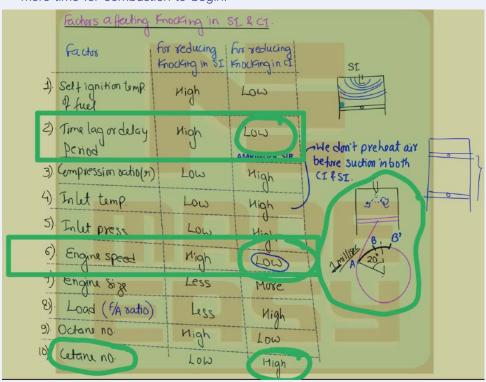
(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (c)

If injection in early then due to combustion chamber not being very hot it may take more time for combustion to begin.



End of Solution



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## Engineering M = Set-B

Mechanical

- Q.73 Consider the following statements regarding emissions and air pollution of two-stroke cycle SI engines:
  - 1. Addition of hydrocarbon emissions to the exhaust during scavenging process takes place.
  - 2. The air-fuel intake mixture is used to push exhaust residual out of the open exhaust port.
  - 3. Lubricating oil is fully combustible as readily as fuel.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

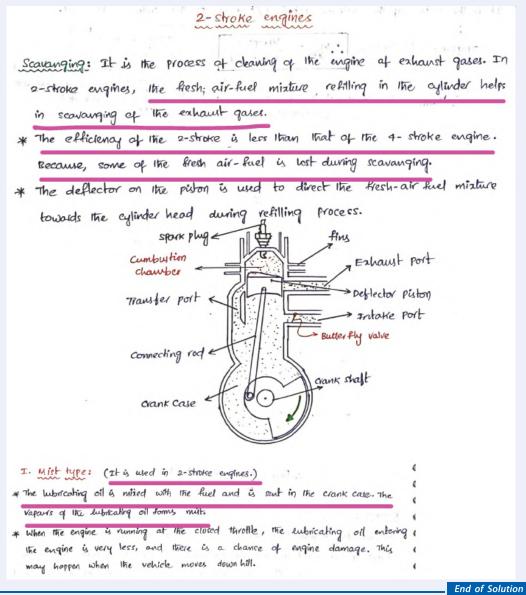
(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Even though lubricating oil is mixed in fuel it does not burn as smoothly as fuel.





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- Q.74 Consider the following statements regarding vapour compression refrigeration cycle:
  - 1. Normally in the practical cycles, the temperature of the liquid refrigerant leaving the condenser is lower than the saturation temperature.
  - 2. Subcooling ensures that no vapour enters the expansion valve and furthermore, it increases the refrigerating effect.
  - 3. The refrigerant is also subcooled before leaving the evaporator to make sure that only the wet vapour will enter the compressor.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

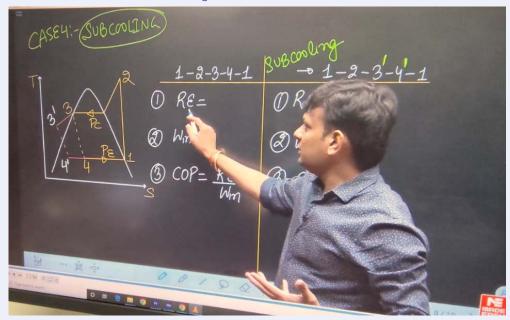
(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

The refrigerant leaving the evaporator should be superheated, ensuring that only vapour (not liquid or wet vapour) enters the compressor. Liquid or wet vapour in the compressor can cause mechanical damage.



End of Solution

- Q.75 Consider the following statements regarding critical temperature of various refrigerants:
  - 1. The critical temperature of CO<sub>2</sub> is 30.98°C.
  - 2. The critical temperature of  $CH_4$  is 94.47°C.
  - 3. The critical temperature of NH<sub>3</sub> is 132.22°C.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (c)

End of Solution

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### **ESE 2025 Preliminary Exam**



76. Match the following lists:

List-I

- Isotropy
- Q. Anisotropy
- R. Ductility

#### List-II

- 1. Physical properties are not dependent upon the direction in the body along which they are measured
- 2. Property of a material which governs its ability to be deformed in processes
- 3. Variation of physical property with the direction in a body along which the property

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- Ρ Q R
  - 2 3 1
- (b) Ρ  $\Omega$ R
- Ρ Q R (c)

1

2 3 1

3

2

- Ρ Q R (d)
  - 2 3

#### Ans. (b)

Isotropy denotes that physical properties are not dependent upon direction, along which they are measured. Anisotropy refers to variation in properties, in a body, along the direction in which they are measured. Ductility is the property of a material, which denotes its ability to deform in manufacturing processes.

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- CRYSTALLINE MATERIALS
- Materials which exhibit 3-D, long range, periodicity of arrangement of atoms/ ions/ molecules in the internal structure.
- · A crystalline material may have different periodic arrangements in different directions, the physical properties vary with direction and hence, they are called anisotropic substances; whereas, amorphous materials, having random arrangement of atoms/ions/molecules in different directions, have isotropic properties, that are direction independent.

a, b, c = lattice parameters  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ = Inter-axial angles

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**DUCTILITY:** Ability to exhibit extensive permanent deformation under applied tensile loads.

It is indicated by % elongation in length=

$$= \{ (I_f - I_0) / I_0 \} \times 100$$

Ductility of Materials in increasing order:

Zn, Sn, Ni, Al, Cu, MS, Pt, Ag, Au

MALLEABILITY: Ability to exhibit extensive permanent deformation under applied compressive loads.

It is indicated by % reduction in area of cross section={  $(A_0 - \underline{A}_f)/A_0$ } x 100

Malleability of metals in decreasing order:

Au, Ag, Al, Cu, Sn, Pb, Zn, Fe

End of Solution

77. What is the relation between K and E?

(a) 
$$K = \frac{E}{3(1-2v)}$$

(b) 
$$K = \frac{E}{2(1-2v)}$$

(c) 
$$K = \frac{E(1+v)}{2}$$

(d) 
$$K = \frac{E(1-v)}{2}$$

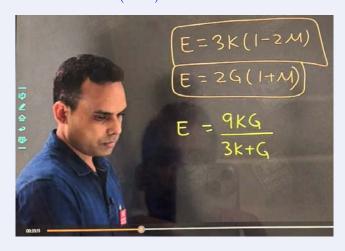
where v = Poisson's ratio, K = bulk modulus and <math>E = Young's modulus of elasticity.

Ans. (a)

As we know,

$$E = 3K(1 - 2v)$$

$$K = \frac{E}{3(1-2v)}$$



**End of Solution** 

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- **78.** Consider the following statements regarding impact strength of a material:
  - 1. Impact strength increases if the dimensions of the specimen are increased.
  - 2. When the sharpness of the notch increases, the impact strength of the material required to cause failure also increases.
  - 3. The angle of notch also improves impact strength after values. certain Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (c)

In impact test, specimen dimensions show effect on impact strength. Initially, by increasing the width and depth of specimen, impact energy, absorbed will increase. However, beyond a certain limit, the internal imperfections will increase by increasing specimen dimensions. Due to this, brittleness will increase and impact strength will decrease similarly, by increasing the notch angle upto about 60°, impact strength will increase. But beyond this value, it will decrease.

- In general, BCC structures have more transition temperature than FCC structures.
- Coarse grain steels have more transition temperature than fine grained steels.
- Plain-C steels have higher transition temperature than similar alloy steels.
- Increasing Carbon content, results in increasing of transition temperature.

#### **EFFECT OF VARIABLES ON IMPACT STRENGTH:**

- 1. SIZE OF SPECIMEN: Increasing the width & thickness of specimen, <u>initaially</u> increases the impact energy absorbed. Beyond a limiting size, defects (voids) in the specimen will also increase. Hence, <u>brittleness increases and</u> impact energy absorbed will decrease.
- 2. ROOT RADIUS OF NOTCH: When root radius is decreased, sharpness of notch will increase, <u>stree</u> concentration effects ill increase, cracks will propagate with less energy absorption.
- 3. INCLUDED ANGLE OF NOTCH: Initially, energy absorbed will increase ith increase in the angle of notch. However, beyond a limiting value, energy absorbed will decrease.
- 4. IMPACT VELOCITY: Increasing impact pendulum velocity, increases strain rate, test material becomes more brittle, hence fails by absorbing less energy before fracture.

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End of Solution

79. What is the magnitude of the third force P, if three forces of magnitudes 40 kN, 15 kN and P kN are acting at a point O. The angles made by 40 kN, 15 kN and P kN forces with X-axis are 60° 120° and 240° respectively, and the magnitude and direction of the resultant force are 30.41 kN and 85.28°? (Take cos85.28° = 0.8229)

(a) 18 kN

(b) 19 kN

(c) 20 kN

(d) 21 kN

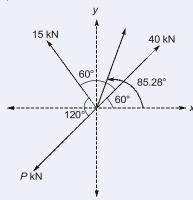


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Ans. (c)

Given:  $F_R = 30.41 \text{ kN}, Q = 85.28^{\circ}$ 



Net force in horizontal direction = Component of resultant force in horizontal direction.  $40 \cos 60^{\circ} + 15 \cos 40^{\circ} = 30.41 \cos 85.28$ 

$$P \cos 240^{\circ} = -10$$

$$P = \frac{-10}{-0.5}$$

$$P = 20 \text{ kN}$$

End of Solution

80. Consider the following statements regarding laws of friction:

- 1. The limiting frictional force bears a constant ratio to the normal reaction between two surfaces.
- 2. The ratio between limiting friction and normal reaction is always greater when the two surfaces are in motion.
- 3. The limiting frictional force does not depend upon the shape and areas of the surfaces in contact.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (c)

Let limiting frictional force =  $(f_s)_{max}$ 

We know, 
$$\frac{(f_s)_{\text{max}}}{N} = \mu_s$$

Therefore the limiting force bears a constant ratio to the normal reaction between two surfaces.

When two surface are in motion.

$$\frac{(f_S)}{N} = \mu_k$$

Therefore the ratio between limiting and normal reaction is always smaller when the two surfaces are in motion.

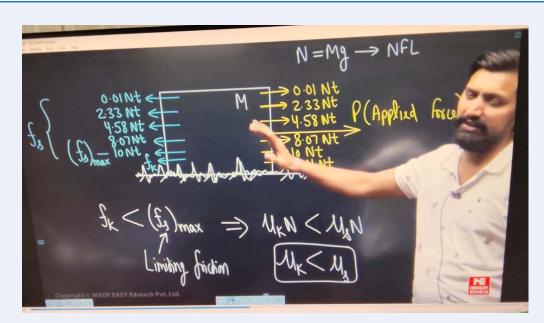
The limiting frictional force does not depend upon the shape and areas of the surfaces in contact.

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81. Match the following lists:

#### List-I (Shape)

- P. Semicircular area
- Q. Triangular area
- R. Rectangular area
- S. Parabolic area

#### List-II (Centroid $(\overline{y})$ )

- 1. h/3
- 2. 3b/8
- 3.  $4r/(3\pi)$
- 4. h/2

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- S Ρ Q (a)
  - 2 3
  - 1 4
- Ρ Q R S (c)
  - 3 2 1
- (b) P Q R S
  - 4 3 2 1
- (d) P Q R S
  - 4 2 3 1

Ans. (d)

#### Shape

#### Centroid

4*r* Semicircular area Зπ

Triangular area 3

h Rectangular area 2

3b Parabolic area

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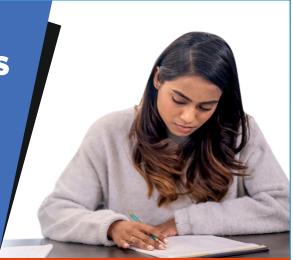
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Mechanical

- 82. What is the time required for a particle to reach a velocity of 72 m/s from its initial condition at t = 0, if the position coordinate of the particle which is confined to move along a straight line is given by  $s = 2t^3 - 24t + 6$ , where s is measured in metres from a convenient origin and t is in seconds?
  - (a) 4 s

(b) 6 s

(c) 8 s

(d) 2 s

Ans. (a)

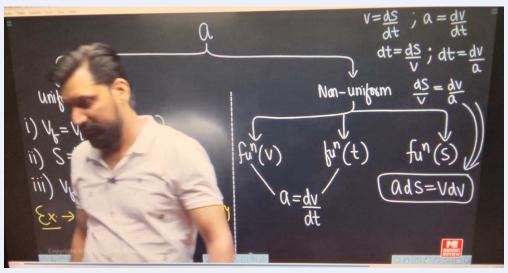
Given: Position coordinate,  $S = 2t^3 - 24t + 6$ ,  $t_o = 0$ , V = 72 m/s.

We know, 
$$\text{Velocity} = \frac{ds}{dt} = 6t^2 - 24$$

$$72 = 6t^2 - 24$$

$$6t^2 = 96$$

$$t = 4s$$



End of Solution

83. Match the following lists:

#### List-I (Name)

List-II (Symbol)

P. Tensile strain

1. τ

Q. Tensile stress

2. φ

R. Shear strain

3. *e* 

S. Shear stress

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) Ρ Q R S
- (b) P QRS
- 2 3 4
- 4 3
- Ρ Q R S (c)
- (d) P Q R S

Ans. (c)

End of Solution

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Mechanical

- 84. A rod 150 cm long and of diameter 2.0 cm is subjected to an axial pull of 20 kN. If the modulus of elasticity of the material of the rod is  $2 \times 10^5$  N/mm<sup>2</sup>, What is the elongation of the rod?
  - (a)  $1.5/\pi$  mm

(b)  $1.6/\pi$  mm

(c)  $1.4/\pi$  mm

(d)  $1.8/\pi$  mm

Ans. (a)

Given : L = 150 cm; d = 2 cm; P = 20 kN =  $20 \times 10^3$  N;  $E = 2 \times 10^5$  N/mm<sup>2</sup>;  $\delta L = ?$ 

Elongation of the road,  $\delta L = \frac{PL}{AE}$ 

$$= \frac{20 \times 10^3 \times 150 \times 10}{\frac{\pi}{4} \times (20)^2 \times 2 \times 10^5} = \frac{1.5}{\pi} \text{mm}$$

End of Solution

- 85. The planes on which the shear stress is zero are known as
  - (a) normal planes

- (b) tangential planes
- (c) orthogonal planes
- (d) principal planes

(d) Ans.

The planes on which the shear stress is zero are known as principal planes.

Principal stress: - It is the maximum or minimum normal stress acting on any plane In 30 stress system, there may be three principal plane which always carry, zero shear stress

End of Solution

- 86. What is the expression for normal stress when two perpendicular stresses are acting accompanied with a state of simple shear?

  - (a)  $p_1 \cos^2 \theta + p_2 \sin^2 \theta + q \sin 2\theta$  (b)  $\left\{ \frac{(p_1 + p_2)}{2} \right\} \sin 2\theta + q \cos \theta$
  - (c)  $p_1 \sin^2 \theta + p_2 \cos^2 \theta + q \sin 2\theta$
- (d)  $\left\{ \frac{(p_1 + p_2)}{2} \right\} \cos 2\theta + q \sin 2\theta$

where symbols have their usual meanings.

Ans. (a)

Given: 
$$\sigma_x = p_1$$
,  $\sigma_v = p_2$ ,  $\tau_{xv} = q$ 

As we know, 
$$\sigma_n = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_x + \sigma_y) + \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_x - \sigma_y) \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

On simplifying, 
$$\sigma_n = \sigma_x \cos^2 \theta + \sigma_y \sin^2 \theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta$$

On putting

$$\sigma_x = \rho_1, \ \sigma_y = \rho_2, \ \tau_{xy} = q$$

We get,

$$\sigma_n = p_1 \cos^2 \theta + p_2 \sin^2 \theta + q \sin 2\theta$$

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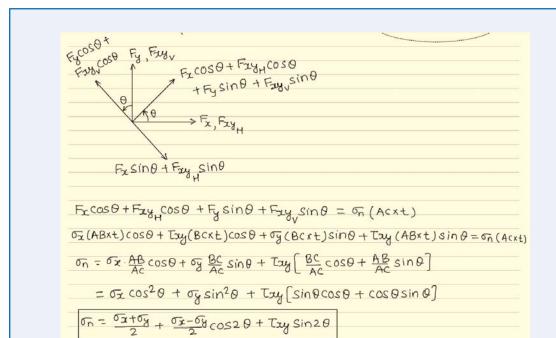
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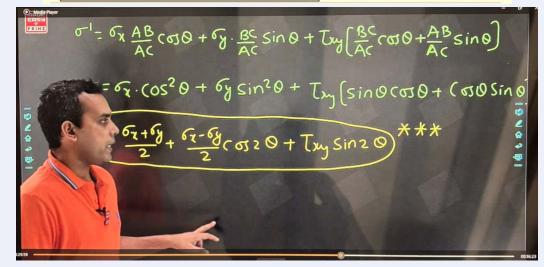


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Mechanical





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- 87. The equation commonly used for finding loss of head due to friction in pipes is
  - (a) Darcy-Weisbach equation
- (b) Reynolds equation.
- (c) Navier-Stokes equation
- (d) Hagen-Poiseuille equation

Ans. (a)

Darcy-Weisbach equation is commonly used for finding loss of head due to friction in pipes.

End of Solution



### **Preliminary Exam**



- 88. Consider the following statements regarding shear force and bending moment diagrams:
  - 1. The shear force between any two vertical loads will be constant and hence the shear force diagram between two vertical loads will be horizontal.
  - 2. The bending moment at the two supports of a simply supported beam and at the free end of a cantilever will be zero. But at the fixed end of the cantilever, there will be bending moment for fixing moment).
  - 3. The positive values of shear force and bending moment are plotted above the baseline, and negative values below the baseline.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only.

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1,2 and 3

Ans. (d)

Note :-

1 For point load (Concentrated force) SFD will be rectangular (uniform) and BMD will be triangular (linear).

@ For UDL, SFD will be linear and BMD will be parabolic (2nd order)

3 For UVL, SFD will be parabolic and BMD will be cubic (3rd order)

order of load	order of SFD	order of BMD	
O'(UDL)	1°	2°	
1° (UVL)	20	3° (Qyiv	nalendu_som)
2° (Parabolic)	3°	4°	
n°	(n+1)°	(n+2)°	

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- 89. A steel wire of 10 mm diameter is bent into a circular arc of 20 metres radius. What is the maximum stress induced in it? (Take  $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ )
  - (a) 40 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

(b) 45 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

(c) 50 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

(d) 55 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

Ans. (c)

Given : d = 10 mm; R = 20 m;  $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ 

As we know,

$$(\sigma_b)_{\text{max}} = \frac{Ey_{\text{max}}}{R} = \frac{E \times \frac{d}{2}}{\frac{D}{2}} = \frac{Ed}{D}$$

$$(\sigma_b)_{\text{max}} = \frac{2 \times 10^5 \times 10}{2 \times 20 \times 1000}$$

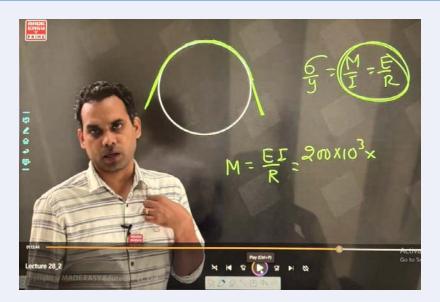
$$(\sigma_b)_{\text{max}} = 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

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The sum of pressure head and potential head is termed as 90.

(a) datum head

(b) velocity head

(c) piezometric head

(d) static head

Ans. (c)

Piezometric head = 
$$\frac{P}{\rho g} + Z$$

Stagnation head = 
$$\frac{P}{\rho g} + \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

where,  $\frac{P}{\rho a}$  is pressure head

Z is potential head and  $\frac{V^2}{2a}$  is kinetic head.

End of Solution

- 91. Consider the following statements regarding instantaneous centres:
  - 1. The angle of approach is defined as the angle through which a gear rotates from the instant a pair of teeth comes into contact until the teeth are in contact at the pitch point.
  - 2. The angle of recess is the angle through which a gear rotates from the instant the teeth are in contact at the pitch point until the contact is broken.
  - 3. In general, the angle of approach is equal to the angle of recess.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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Ans. (a)

Approach and recess angles are not necessarily always equal, it depends on design

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of gear,
  Distance travelled by & in one engagement period
   (K to L) => Path of contact
   PM = RSin $
   am = K cos $
Rn^{2} = R^{2} \cos^{2} \phi + (RP + R \sin \phi)^{2}
KP = \int Rn^{2} - R^{2} \cos^{2} \phi - R \sin \phi
Similarly pain of appearance.
<math display="block">PL = \int Rn^{2} - 9^{2} \cos^{2} \phi - 9 \sin \phi
PR = \int Rn^{2} - 9^{2} \cos^{2} \phi - 9 \sin \phi
PR = \int Rn^{2} - 9^{2} \cos^{2} \phi - 9 \sin \phi
   DOKM:
  Arc of Contact:
  Travel of pinion/gear along their pitch circles in one engagement period.
    Arc of approach - path of approach cost
   arc of necess = path of necess
   Arc of contact = Path of contact
(Angle turned) gear - are of contact
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- 92. What is the name of the gear, half of whose width is cut with a tooth helix in one direction and the other half in the opposite direction?
  - (a) Bevel gear

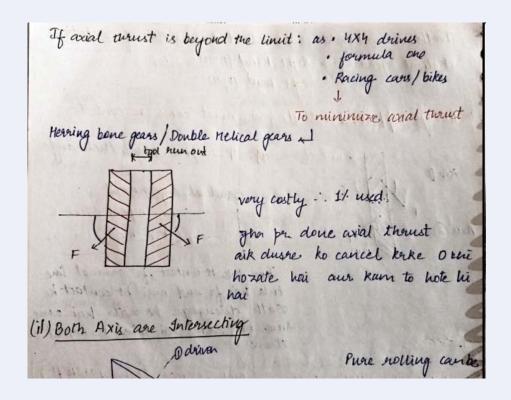
(b) Spiral gear

(c) Herringbone gear

(d) Roger gear

Ans. (c)

> A Herringbone gear consists of two helical gears with opposite helix angles placed side by side. This design helps to cancel out axial thrust, making them suitable for highpower transmission.



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Which gears do not in anyway affect the velocity ratio in simple gear train? 93.

(a) First gears

(b) Intermediate gears

(c) Last gears

(d) One-tenth gears

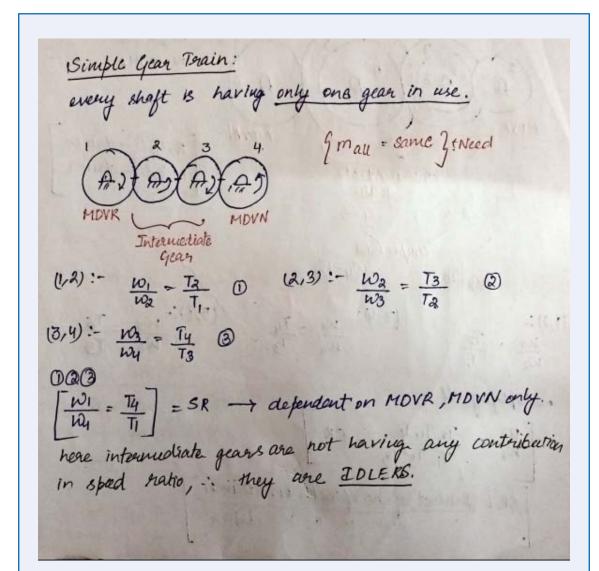
Ans. (b)

> In simple gear train, intermediate gears only change the direction of rotation, and do not affect the overall velocity ratio.

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94. Consider the following statements regarding use of turning moment diagram:

- 1. The area under the turning moment diagram represents work done per cycle.
- 2. Dividing the area of the turning moment diagram with the length of the base gives the mean turning moment.
- 3. The maximum ordinate of the turning moment diagram gives the maximum torque to which the crankshaft is subjected to.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

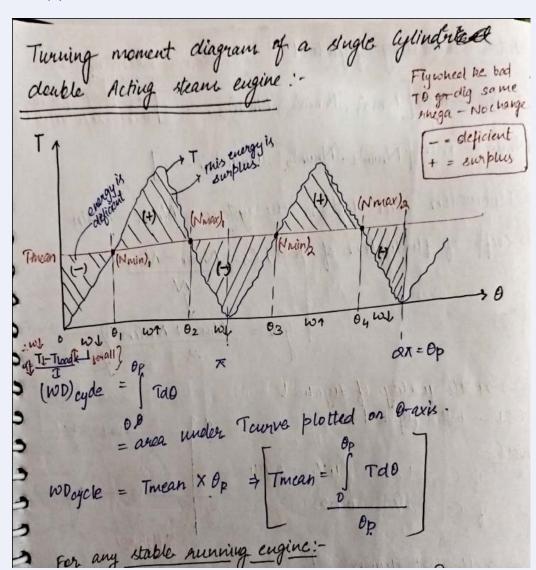
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95. At how many degrees, the cranks of the two cylinders are set to each other so that the engine can be started easily after stopping in any position?

(a)  $45^{\circ}$ 

(b)  $75^{\circ}$ 

(c) 90°

(d) 120°

Ans. (c)

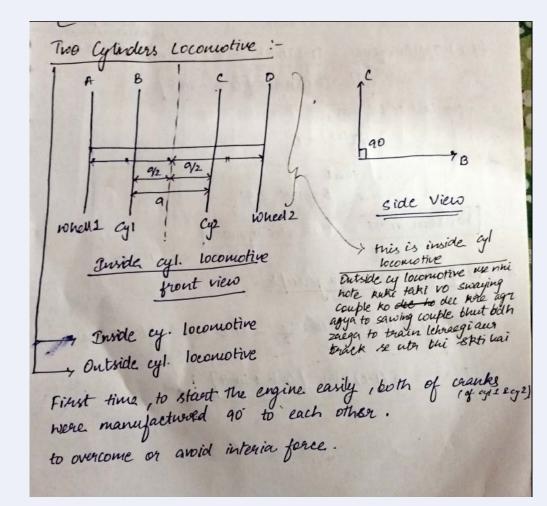
> In two-cylinder engines, the crankshafts are often set 90° apart, so that when one piston is at top dead centre (TDC), the other is about to reach TDC, this ensures that there's always one piston in favourable position for power stroke. This makes it easier to start the engine from any position.

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**96.** For the FCC crystal structure, total how many whole atoms may be assigned to a given unit cell, if there are eight corner atoms  $(N_c = 8)$ , six face atoms  $(N_f = 6)$ , and no interior atoms  $(N_i = 0)$ ?

Ans. (b)

Number of whole atoms in a unit cell, refers to average number of atoms or effective number of atoms  $(N_{av})$ 

$$N_{av} = \frac{N_C}{8} + \frac{N_f}{2} + \frac{Ni}{1}$$

$$\sim$$
 N<sub>C</sub> = Number of corner atoms = 8 (given)

$$N_f$$
 = Number of face center atoms = 6 (given)

 $N_i$  = Number of interior atoms = 0 (given)

$$N_{av} = \frac{8}{8} + \frac{6}{2} + \frac{0}{1} = 4$$



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#### AVERAGE NUMBER OF ATOMS( Nav)

Average number of atoms or effective number of atoms (<u>Nav</u>) is the number of atoms, which originally belong to a unit cell.

Nc Nf Ni Nay =---- + --- (for cubic unit cells), Nay = --- + --- + --- (for HCP structure)

8 2 1
where, Nc= no.of corner atoms= 8 for BCC, 8 for FCC, 12 for HCP
Nf= no.of face center atoms = 0 for BCC, 6 for FCC, 2 for HCP
Ni= no.of interior atoms = 1 for BCC, 0 for FCC, 3 for HCP

On substituting this data, in the above formulae, we get

Nav = 2 for BCC, 4 for FCC, 6 for HCP structure.

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#### 97. Match the following lists:

#### List-I (Crystal systems)

P. Hexagonal

Q. Cubic

R. Monoclinic

#### List-II (Interaxial angles)

1.  $\alpha = \gamma = 90^{\circ} \neq \beta$ 

2.  $\alpha = \beta = 90^{\circ}, \gamma = 120^{\circ}$ 

3.  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$ 

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

(a) P Q R

2 3 1

(c) P Q R

3 1 2

(b) P Q R

1 3 2

3 2 1

(d) P Q R

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#### Ans. (a)

The crystal geometrices are:

Cubic: a = b = c,  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90^{\circ}$ 

Hexagonal:  $a = b \neq c$ ,  $\alpha = \beta = 90^{\circ}$ ,  $\gamma = 120^{\circ}$ 

Monoclinic:  $a \neq b \neq c, \alpha = \gamma = 90^{\circ} \neq \beta$ 

#### CRYSTALLINE MATERIALS- CRYSTAL SYSTEMS & BRAVAIS LATTICES GEOMETRY BRAVAIS LATTICES CRYSTAL SYSTEM a = b = c; α=β=γ=90sc FCC TETRAGONAL a =b $\ddagger$ c; $\alpha$ = $\beta$ = $\gamma$ =90ORTHORHOMBIC a + b + c; $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$ SO SR RHOMBOHEDRAL a = b = c; $\alpha = \beta = v \neq 90$ HEXAGONAL a = b $\neq$ c; $\alpha$ =8=90, $\gamma$ =120 SH MONOCLIINIC $a \neq b \neq c$ ; $\alpha=\gamma=90 \neq B$ TRICLINIC a + b + c; $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + 90$

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- 98. Which one of the following is an indication of negatively charged ionized gas molecules that travel from discharge electrodes to grounded collection electrodes?
  - (a) Corona

(b) Condenser

(c) Ejector

(d) Precipitator

#### Ans. (a)

In an electrostatic precipitator (ESP), a high voltage is applied to create a corona discharge. This discharge ionizes the gas molecules-negatively charged ions are produced near the discharge electrode, these negatively charged ions then migrate towards the grounded electrodes, carrying dust particle with them.

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- 99. The eutectic copper-silver and lead-tin phase diagrams have only two solid phases  $\alpha$ and  $\beta$  these are sometimes, termed as
  - (a) intermediate solid solutions
- (b) terminal solid solutions
- (c) intermetallic compound solutions (d) co-terminal solid solutions

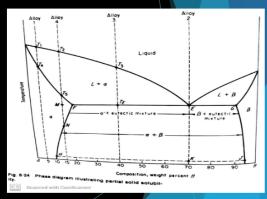
#### Ans. (b)

The Ag-Cu, Pb-Sn alloys belong to partial Eutectic phase diagram. In this phase diagram,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are called 'Terminal solid solutions', because their compositions are very close to pure metals.

#### TYPE-III: PARTIAL EUTECTIC SYSTEM

- In this system, the two elements added will exhibit complete solubility in liquid state and partial solubility in solid state.
- Ex: Ag-Cu, Pb-Sn, Sn-Bi, Pb-Sb, Cd-Zn and Al-Si alloys.
- At Eutectic point, three phases are in equilibrium, namely, Liquid,  $\alpha$ , and B. Hence, application of Gibb's phase rule results in 3+ F = 2 + 1, this implies F=0. In this diagram,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  are known as terminal solid solutions, because

their compositions are close to pure metals A and B.



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- 100. What properties of martensite may be enhanced and the internal stresses relieved by a heat treatment known as tempering?
  - (a) Ductility and toughness
- (b) Brittleness and strength
- (c) Ductility and malleability
- (d) Ductility and hardness

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#### Ans. (a)

When hardened steels containing martensite are subjected to tempering, internal stresses are relieved, ductility is increased, retained austenite is transformed into Bainite (having BCC structure and hardness less than martensite) and toughness is increased.

- ▶ <u>Plastic deformation:</u> This is known as deformation induced martensitic transformation. If austenite is plastically deformed at a temperature above Ms, martensitic transformation starts.
- ► This method is applicable to steels containing large amount of retained austenite like low and medium-C high alloy steels, in which the Martensite formed is not so hard and brittle.
- ► <u>Tempering</u>: consists of heating the hardened steels to some temperature below A1 and then holding at this temperature for 1-2 hr, followed by cooling to room temperature, usually in air. Tempering of hardened steel results in relieving internal stresses, increasing ductility and toughness. This eliminates retained austenite by transforming it into BAINITE( BCC, Rc 55).
- ► This method is applicable to all steels, with small as well as large amount of retained austenite.

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**101.** Consider the following statements regarding ferrous alloys:

- 1. Ferrous alloys are those in which iron is the prime constituent.
- 2. Stainless steel is a low-alloy ferrous alloy.
- 3. Ferrous alloys are extremely versatile, in that they may be tailored to have a wide range of mechanical and physical properties.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (c)

Ferrous alloys are those in which primary constituent is Iron, stainless steels are of two types- namely, low aloy stainless steels and high alloy stainless steels. Ferrous alloys are extremely versatile, in the sense that they can be tailored to have a wide range of mechanical and physical properties, for different applications.

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#### 102. Match the following lists:

#### List-I

- P. Gray iron
- Q. Ductile (nodular) iron
- R. Malleable iron
- S. Compacted graphite iron

#### List-II

- 1. General engineering service at normal and elevated temperature
- 2. Miscellaneous soft iron castings in which strength is not a primary consideration
- 3. Diesel engine blocks, exhaust manifolds, brake discs for high-speed train
- 4. Pressure-containing parts such as valve and pump bodies

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) P Q R S
  - 1 2 3 4
- (c) P Q R S
  - 3 4 2
- (b) P Q R S
  - 2 1 4 3
- (d) P Q R S
  - 3 1 4 2

#### Ans. (a)

**Grey cast-iron** is used for Miscellaneous soft Iron castings in which strength is not a primary consideration presence of graphite flakes, makes them weak.

**Ductile Iron-(Nodular cast irons)** are used for pressure containing parts such as valve and pump bodies, due to good strength than grey cast irons.

**Malleable Iro**n is used for general engineering service at normal and elevated temperatures, due to high ductility, toughness and machinability.

**Compacted graphite Iron** is used for diesel engine blocks, exhaust manifolds, brakes discs for high speed trains, due to superior strength and wear resistance.

► GREY CAST	IRONS	
COMPOSITION	CHARACTERISTICS	APPLICATIONS
C=2.5-3.8%, Si= 1.1-2.8%, Mn= 0.4-1%, P=0.15%, S=0.1%	1.Has presence of long graphite flakes in ferrite/pearlite matrix makes them weak. Hence, graphite flakes are refined by adding inoculant, to improve strength.  2. Fracture surface appears as grey in colour.  3.shows lowest melting point of ferrous alloys.  4. high fluidity, vibration damping capacity, good resistance to sliding wear	Used for miscellaneous applications, such as frames and structures, manhole covers, piston rings etc., where strength is not a primary consideration. After inoculation, they are used for Machine tool beds, cylinder blocks and heads of I.C. engines.
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► NODULAR/SPHEROIDAL	_ GRAPHITE(SG)/ DUCTILE CAST IRC	ONS
COMPOSITION	CHARACTERISTICS	APPLICATIONS
C=3.2-4.2%, Si= 1.1-3.5%, Mn= 0.3-0.8%, P=0.08%, S=0.2%	1.Graphite appears as nodules 2.Possesses good strength than grey cast irons, ductility and machinability	Farm implements and tractors, earth moving machinery, pressure containing parts such as valves & fittings, Steel mill rolls, pipes, pump bodies, & compressors.
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P=0.15%, S=0.1%  different shapes. 2.has high young's modulus, good ductility than white cast iron, low coefficient of thermal expansion, good strength & corrosion  different shapes. 2.has high young's temperatures, such as Rail road car wheels, Agricultural implements, conveyor chain links, Gear housings, Automotive crankshafts etc.,	► MALLEABLE CAST IRONS	S	
Mn= 0.2-0.6%, P=0.15%, S=0.1%  rolled to obtain different shapes. 2.has high young's modulus, good ductility than white cast iron, low coefficient of thermal expansion, good strength & corrosion  or rolled to obtain applications, at normal and elevated and elevated temperatures, such as Rail road car wheels, Agricultural implements, conveyor chain links, Gear housings, Automotive crankshafts etc.,	COMPOSITION	CHARACTERISTICS	APPLICATIONS
Ni added.	Mn= 0.2-0.6%,	rolled to obtain different shapes. 2.has high young's modulus, good ductility than white cast iron, low coefficient of thermal expansion, good strength & corrosion resistance due to Cr &	applications, at normal and elevated temperatures, such as Rail road car wheels, Agricultural implements, conveyor chain links, Gear housings, Automotive

End of Solution

- **103.** Consider the following statements regarding non-ferrous alloys:
  - 1. Molybdenum alloys are used for extrusion dies and structural parts in space vehicles.
  - 2. Tantalum is immune to chemical attack by virtually all environments at temperatures below 150°C and is frequently used in applications requiring such resistant material. a corrosion.
  - 3. Super alloys are used in aircraft turbine components, which must withstand exposure to severely oxidizing environments and high temperatures for reasonable time periods.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



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#### Ans. (d)

Molybdenum is used for high strength, high temperature resistance applications, such as extrusion dies. Tantalum is immune to corrosion in all environments, due to naturally occurring surface oxide film. Superalloys are used in air craft turbine components to resist high stresses, high temperatures and oxidation tendencies.

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104. Consider the following statements regarding nanostructured materials:

- 1. Nanostructured materials may be defined as those materials whose structural crystallites elements-clusters, molecules have or dimensions in the 1 nm to 100 nm range.
- 2. Clusters of atoms consisting of typically hundreds to thousands on nanometre (nm) scale are commonly called as nanoclusters.
- 3. Fullerenes and carbon nanotubes cannot be seen as curved pieces of graphite. Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (d)

Nanostructured materials are materials consisting of particles in the size range of 1-100 nm. "Clusters of atoms" consist of hundreds to thousands of nanoparticles. They are called nano-clusters, curved graphite only denotes simply deformed graphite sheet. Fullerenes and carbon nanotubes are formed from a network of atoms in graphene.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF NANO-MATERIALS

- Nano-materials generally fall into two categories- Fullerenes, inorganic particles.
- ► FULLERENS:
  - ▶ They are allotropes of carbon, which are Graphene sheets rolled into tubes or hollow spheres. Graphene sheets have pentagonal ring like structure. They are different from Graphite, in the sense that Graphite has hexagonal ring like structure. This structural basis distinguishes them from curved Graphite, which denotes a deformed graphite. Spherical fullerenes are also called Bucky balls and cylindrical ones are called as nanotubes or Bucky tubes.
  - CARBON NANOTUBES: They are allotropes of Carbon with cylindrical nanostructure. They are classified as single walled and multi walled nanotub They are efficient conductors of heat. They possess unique electrical propert They possess good strength and flexibility. They are used in electronics, optiapplications.
  - ➤ INORGANIC PARTICLES: Nanoparticles sized between 1 and 100nm are available in different forms such as clusters containing hundreds and thousand of nanoparticles, metal nanoparticles, colloids( nanoparticles in suspended form in liquid phase), nanocrystals( nm sized single crystals), quantum dots( tiny particles of semi conductor materials) etc.,

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- 105. Which one of the following tests is used to determine the continuing changes in the deformation of materials at elevated temperatures when stresses are below the yield point?
  - (a) Tensile test

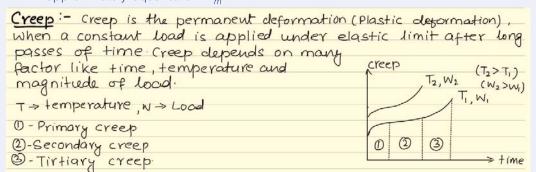
(b) Hardness test

(c) Impact test

(d) Creep test

Ans. (d)

Creep test is used to determine the progressive deformation of materials at temperature approximately equal to 0.4  $T_m$ .



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- **106.** What is the property developed by the cutting tools due to addition of tungsten and molybdenum to high-carbon steel?
  - (a) Hardness

(b) White hardness

(c) Red hardness

(d) None of the above

Ans. (c)

In high-Carbon steel tool materials tungsten and molybdenum promote hot hardness/red hardness.

Manganese	<ul> <li>Increases tensile strength and hardness</li> <li>HADFIELD- Mn STEELS</li> </ul>
Nickel	<ul> <li>Promotes quench cracking tendency</li> <li>Increases tensile strength and toughness without decreasing ductility</li> <li>Increases corrosion resistance but decreases coefficient of thermal expansion</li> </ul>
W, Cr, V, Mo	<ul> <li>W- predominantly increases hot hardness</li> <li>Cr- predominantly increases corrosion resistance</li> <li>V- predominantly increases endurance strength/ fatigue strength</li> <li>Mo- predominantly increases creep resistance i.e., strength and hardness at high temperatures.</li> </ul>
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107. Match the following lists:

List-I

Clearance fit

Q. Interference fit

List-II

- 1. The largest permissible diameter of the shaft is smaller than the diameter of the smallest hole
- 2. The diameter of the largest permissible hole is greater than the diameter of the smallest shaft, and the diameter of the smallest hole is smaller than the diameter of the largest shaft

R. Transition fit 3. The minimum permissible diameter of the shaft exceeds the maximum allowable diameter of the hole

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- Ρ Q R
- 2 3 1 Q Ρ R (c)
  - 3 1

- 3 (d) P Q R
- 2 3

Ans. (b)

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108. The formula for sine of angle  $(\theta)$  formed between the upper surface of a sine bar and the surface plate (datum) is

(a) L/h

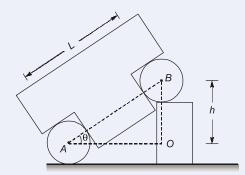
(b) h/L

(c) 2h / L

(d) 2L / h

where L = the distance between the centres of the rollers and h = the height difference between the two rollers.

Ans. (b)



For sine bar. In ∆AOB

$$\sin\theta = \frac{OB}{AB}$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{h}{I}$$

or

$$\theta = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{h}{l}\right)$$

**End of Solution** 



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109. Match the following lists:

#### List-I (Layout configuration)

- P. In-line layout
- Q. Loop layout
- R. Robot-centred layout
- List-II (Typical material handling system)
- 1. In-floor towline carts
- 2. Rail-guided vehicle system
- 3. Industrial robot

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) P Q R
  - 2 1 3
- (c) P Q R
- 1 2

- (b) P Q R
  - 1 3
- (d) P Q R 1 2

Ans. (a)

#### Layout configuration

Inline layout Loop layout

Robot-centered layout

#### Typical Material

Rail guided vehicle system In-floor towline carts

Industrial robot

b) Product or line layout :- If the machines and processing equipments are arranged according to the sequence of operation of a foreduct, the layout is called product layout. This type of layout is done to manufacture one type of broduct in large quantity. Special purpose machines are used which

perferm the required function guickly and reliably separate layouts are necessary for different types of products. Product 'A' Department Row Dill Bore Grind M. II. Ream Joseph Parts moterial Product 1B' Department Store Drill Bere grind Slot Inspect Product layout

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Mechanical

- 110. Consider the following statements regarding material requirements planning (MRP):
  - 1. MRP is a computational technique that converts the master schedule for end products into a detailed schedule for the raw materials and components used in the end products.
  - 2. MRP is often thought of as a method of inventory control.
  - 3. The distinction between independent demand and dependent demand is important in MRP.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

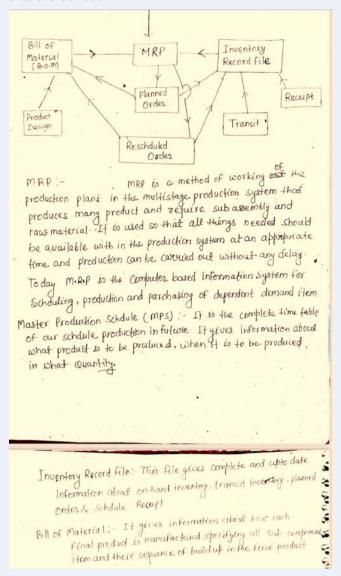
(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (d)

All statements are correct.



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- Which activity simply shows the logical relationship and does not consume any resource? 111.
  - (a) Dummy

(b) Tail

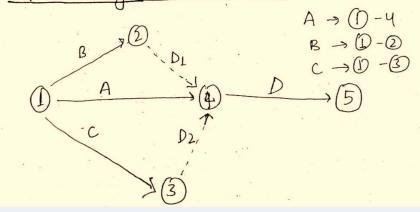
(c) Head

(d) Cross

Ans. (a)

> Dummy activity does not consume any resources, it is only used to show the dependency relation of one activity over the other.

Dummy Activity: - An activity which is used to shaw the logic, dependancy or relationship of one activity over the other, but does not consume any time or Resources For its completion is termed as Dummy Activity. It is represented by dotted line arrow.



**End of Solution** 

112. Match the following lists:

**List-I** (Selective control technique)

List-II (Basis of classification)

- ABC
- Q. VED
- R. XYZ

- 1. Criticality of item
- 2. Value of items in storage 3. Annual consumption value

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

- (a) Ρ Q R

(b) P Q

2 1 3

3 2 1

Ρ Q R (c)

(d) P Q R

3 1 3 2

Ans. (c)

ABC → Annual consumption value

VED → Criticality of item

XYZ → Value of items in storage

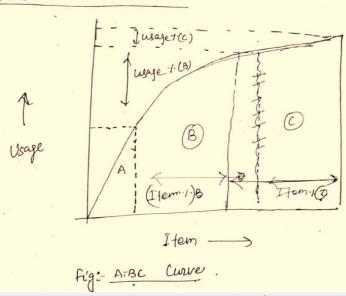


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In ABC Control, Inventory items are classified into A.B and C Categories depending upon their usage value for A categorie items inventory is kept almost nill and frequent review is done on the other hands for C-categories items large amount of inventories is kept and it is seviewed after a long period.

Pare to law or 80-20 Law: -



mu Essential and Desirable

Inventory are classified on the basis of importance of inventory item for the production system:

**End of Solution** 

- **113.** Consider the following statements regarding reliability theory:
  - 1. Reliability analysis can be divided into two broad categories-(i) qualitative and (ii) quantitative.
  - 2. Reliability engineering deals with the design and construction of systems and products, taking into account the reliability of their parts and components.
  - 3. Reliability management deals with the various management issues in the context of managing the design, manufacture, and/or operation of reliable products and systems.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



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Reliability: obility of product to
ferform its main function for a
specified period of time under
the given operating conditions.
by reliability, we simply means
that the component will hunder
in a manner as expected of
it. Reliability include San income
factors. :-
1. Probability
2. Time
3. function / performance
40 operating conditions & surrement.
failure :- A variation in the
properties of a product from the
prescribed conditions in termed as
failure foi lune of a product
represent un-reliability. A product
is considered to be failed when
(i) it becomes completely inoperable
(i) 9+ is still operable but not able
to perform desired function.
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(increasing failure rate), failure is due to the aging effect?

(a) FMEA

(c) Bathtub

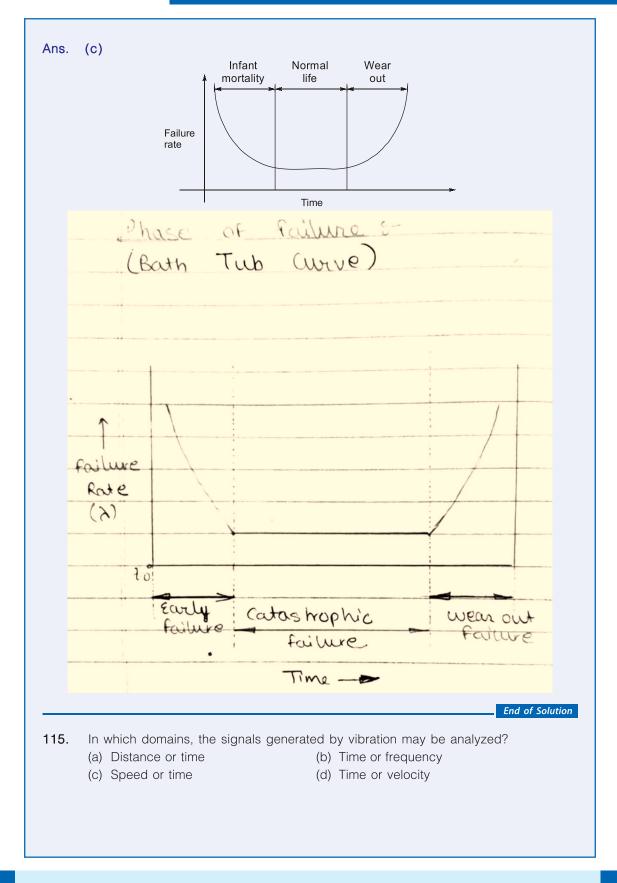
failure is purely due to chance (and is not affected by age), and in the final region C

(b) FTA(d) RBD



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Ans. (b)

Vibration analysis is typically performed in the time domain and frequency domain.

- Time domain gives information like amplitude, duration, etc.
- Frequency domain, using fourier transform to understand how much of signal lies in each frequency band.

End of Solution

Consider the following statements regarding functions of machine elements: 116.

- 1. Bearing is used to support the rotating shaft and confine its motion.
- 2. Key is used to transmit the torque between the shafts.
- 3. Power screw is used to store and release the energy.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Power screw is not a storing device it is used to transmit the power.

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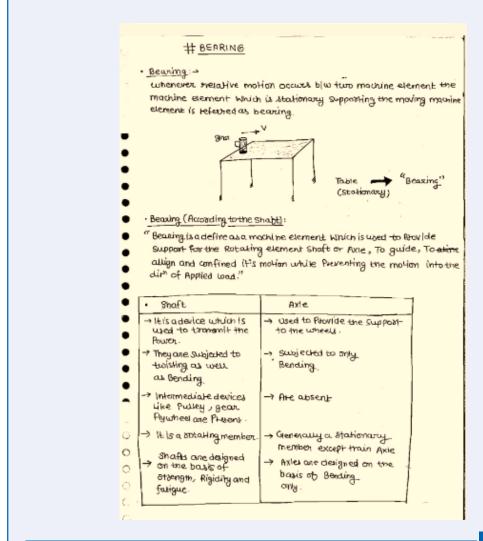


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- 117. Consider the following statements regarding ergonomics:
  - 1. Ergonomics is defined as the relationship between man and machine.
  - 2. Ergonomics means the natural laws of work.
  - 3. Ergonomists have not carried out experiments to determine the best dimensions of a driver's seat.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

- Ergonomics studies the interaction between humans and machines.
- Ergon means work and nomos means law, so it means "Natural laws of work".
- Ergonomists have extensively studied drives seat dimensions, posture, reach and comfort to optimize vehicle design.

End of Solution



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- 118. Two plates, subjected to a tensile force of 50 kN, are fixed together by means of three rivets. The plates and rivets are made of plain carbon steel 10C4. The permissible shear stress for rivets is 50 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. Neglecting stress concentration, determine the diameter of the rivets.
  - (a) 14.75 mm

(b) 20.60 mm

(c) 24.38 mm

(d) 29.52 mm

Ans. (b)

Given : P = 50 kN; n = 3;  $\tau_{per} = 50 \text{ N/mm}^2$ 

Load per rivet = 
$$\frac{P}{n} = \frac{50 \times 1000}{3}$$
N

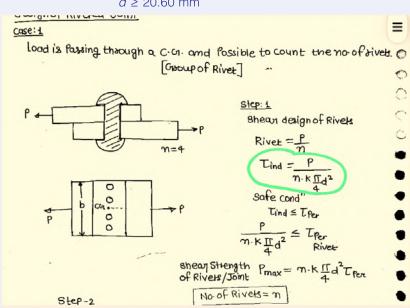
Also.

$$\frac{P}{n \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times d^2} \le \tau_{\text{per}}$$

[Assuming lap joint as diagram is not given]

$$\frac{50 \times 1000 \times 4}{3 \times \pi \times d^2} \le 50$$

 $d \ge 20.60 \text{ mm}$ 



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- 119. Consider the following statements regarding mechanical properties of engineering materials:
  - 1. Strength is defined as the ability of the material to resist, without rupture.
  - 2. Elasticity is defined as the ability of the material to regain its original shape and size after the deformation.
  - 3. Plasticity is defined as the ability of the material to retain the deformation produced under the load on a permanent basis.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



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Ans. (d)

Elasticity: It is that property of the materials by which specimen can regain its original dimension after the removal of load. It loading is done beyound elastic limit, unloading curve will be parallel to initial stress-strain curve to case of cyclic loading beyound elastic limit, in every cycle some fraction of strain energy stored in the specimen which is utilized for plastic strain and in the next cycle its yield limit increases. Such increase in yield limit is known as strain hardening

End of Solution

- 120. Which theory states that the failure of the mechanical component subjected to biaxial or triaxial stresses occurs when the maximum principal stress reaches the ultimate strength of the material?
  - (a) Rankine's theory
  - (b) Coulomb, Tresca and Guest's theory
  - (c) Huber, von Mises and Hencky's theory
  - (d) Haigh's theory

Ans. (a)

Rankine's theory state that the failure of the mechanical component. Projected to biaxial or triaxial stresses occurs when the maximum principal stress reaches the ultimate strength of the material.

### Maximum Principal Stress theory (Rankine theory):

According to this theory, maximum principal stress should be less than or equal to yield stress in unioxial booding

End of Solution

- 121. Consider the following statements regarding mechatronics and robots:
  - 1. Mechatronics is the synergistic combination of precision mechanical engineering, electronic control and systems thinking in the design of products and manufacturing processes.
  - 2. All robots are not mechatronic systems, but all mechatronic systems are robots.
  - 3. All machines that do not have any kind of autonomy in their behaviour, because they simply automatically act according to the inputs they receive from humans, are strictly pure mechatronic systems.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

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Ans. (c)

> A robot is commonly considered as a typical mechatronic system, which integrates software, control, electronics, and mechanical designs in a synergistic manner. Robotics can be considered as a part of mechatronics, i.e., all robots are mechatronics systems, but not all the mechatronic systems are robots.

> > End of Solution

122. How much voltage can be produced by a typical cell at full rated load?

(a) 0.2 V to 0.3 V

(b) 0.4 V to 0.5 V

(c) 0.6 V to 0.7 V

(d) 0.9 V to 1 V

Ans. (c)

> The average cell voltage is typically about 0.7V (on rated load) and several cells may by connected in series to increase the voltage.

> > End of Solution

123. Consider the following statements regarding graph theory and consensus:

- 1. Graphs are often exploited for modelling the communication between robots in multirobot systems.
- 2. Consensus problem is a well-known and widely studied problem in the field of decentralized control of multi-robot systems.
- 3. Rendezvous is the problem of controlling the robots in such a way that based on locally available quantities, their positions converge to a common value.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.

**Graph Theory of consensus:** Graphs are often exploited for modeling the communication between robots in multi-robot systems, and for this reason, they are also called communication graphs. A vertex i represents a robot, and the presence of an edge between vertices i and j means that robots i and j can exchange information.

The consensus problem is a well-known and widely studied problem in the field of decentralized control of multi-robot systems. Rendezvous is the problem of controlling the robots in such a way that based on locally available quantities, their positions converge to a common value.

End of Solution

124. Consider the following statements regarding Microsoft Robotics Developer Studio (MRDS):

- 1. MRDS was a freely available .NET-based programming environment for building robotic applications.
- 2. MRDS can be used by professional developers.
- 3. MRDS can be used by non-professional developers.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



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Ans. (d)

> Microsoft Robotics Developer Studio (MRDS) was a freely available .NET-based programming environment for building robotic applications, for professional as well as non-professional developers and even for hobbyists. It included a light-weight RESTstyle service-oriented run-time, a set of visual programming and simulation tools, as well as lots of tutorials. However, due to the vendor lock-in, it never gained widespread acceptance within the robotics research community.

> > End of Solution

125. For software component model, the link between component internal ports (dashed interface) and component external ports (solid interface) is realized via

(a) communication patterns

(b) SmartSoft model software component

(d) hidden dotted model

(c) agnostic model

Ans. (a)

> For software component model, the link between the component internal ports (dashed interface) and the component external ports (solid interface) is realized via communication patterns. In general, a publish/subscribe and a request/response communication pattern would be sufficient to cover all needs.

> > **End of Solution**

126. Consider the following statements regarding actuators:

- 1. The use of multiple extra actuators requires the development of new control strategies to cope with the diverse interactions that may arise compared with standard systems with a single actuator.
- 2. Two-degree-of-freedom actuators can also be designed to combine two motions, like the roto-translational direct drive motor.
- 3. Their response time is tens to hundreds of milliseconds, but they can be profitably used in many mechatronic applications.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)

> Actuators: The use of multiple extra actuators, however, requires the development of new control strategies to cope with the diverse interaction that may arise compared with standard systems with a single actuator. Two-degrees of freedom (d.o.f) actuators can also be designed in order to combine two motions, like the roto-translational direct drive motor presented in Tanaka et al. Actuators can also be tailored to the specific application, and they can be designed either to move along a specific path in space or to provide a variable compliance in order to increase the safety of all mechatronic devices that directly interact with the user. Finally, among all possible actuator technologies available for a mechatronic application, the designer must account for the cost/performance tradeoff. For some inexpensive, ultra-low-cost applications, such as those for consumer devices, a new type of actuator makes use of shape memory alloy (SMA) wires, which contract and relax according to their operating temperature. Their response time is in the order of tens to hundreds of milliseconds, but they can be profitably used in many mechatronic applications.

> > End of Solution



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- 127. Consider the following statements regarding intrinsic tactile sensing:
  - 1. It consists of one strain gauge detecting vertical force and derives both vertical force and position of centre of pressure.
  - 2. Intrinsic sensing is based on a force/torque sensor placed within the mechanical structure of the sensing system.
  - 3. Extrinsic sensing is based on sensors, which are often arranged in arrays that are mounted at or near the contact interface.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (c)

Intrinsic Tectile Sensing: It consists of four strain gauges detecting the vertical force and derives both the vertical force and the position of center of pressure. Intrinsic sensing is based on a force/torque sensor placed within the mechanical structure of the sensing system. The system with intrinsic sensing derives the contact information, like magnitude of force or contact location, using the force/torque sensor. Extrinsic sensing is based on sensors, which are often arranged in arrays that are mounted at or near the contact interface.

End of Solution

- 128. Consider the following statements regarding simple electroencephalo-graphy (EEG):
  - 1. A subjective index is obtained by a questionnaire, whereas an objective index is determined by a biosignal.
  - 2. EEG is one of the biosignals used as indexes for determining preference.
  - 3. Visualization of the mind status cannot be done by using EEG.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

Electroencephalography (EEG): A subjective index is obtained by a questionnaire, whereas an objective index is determined by a bio-signal. In addition, an objective index can be quantified, which enables an objective and engineered approach. Incidentally, there have been many propositions regarding the relationship between an EEG signal and the preference determined by KANSEI in the analysis of a bio-signal. The propositions are based on the idea that "the state of the brain should change if the state of the person changes because "the brain governs the mind, consciousness, recognition, and senses" as well as other ideas. EEG is one of the bio-signals used as indexes for determining preference in the present study. Based on our study, we propose various preference measurement systems for the olfactory sense, acoustic sense, haptic sense, taste sense, and visual sense (generally referred to as the five senses) as well as for a combination of the acoustic and visual senses. A sample application of the developed preference measurement systems, namely "Visualization of the mid status using EEG".

End of Solution





129. Consider the following statements regarding next-generation motion control:

- 1. Next-generation motion systems are inherently multi-variable since the flexible dynamical behaviour is generally not aligned with the motion DOFs.
- 2. Next-generation motion systems are envisaged to be designed with many actuators and sensors to actively control flexible dynamical behaviour, whereas traditionally, the number of inputs and outputs equals the number of motions DOFs.
- 3. A model-based design provides a systematic control design procedure for multivariable systems.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### (d) Ans.

Next-Generation motion control: The presence of flexible dynamical behavior within the control bandwidth has significant implications for motion control design in comparison to the traditional situation:

- (i) Next-generation motion systems are inherently multivariable, since the flexible dynamical behavior is generally not aligned with the motion DOFs.
- (ii) Next-generation motion systems are envisaged to be designed with many actuators and sensors to actively control flexible dynamical behavior, whereas traditionally, the number of inputs and outputs equals the number of motion DOFs.
- (iii) A dynamical relation exists between measured and performance variables, since the sensors generally measure at the edge of the wafer stage system, while the performance is required on the spot of exposure on the wafer itself. In contrast, the flexible dynamical behavior is often neglected in traditional motion systems, leading to an assumed static geometric relation between measured and performance variables.

These implications of lightweight motion systems on the control design motivate a model-based control design, since:

- (i) A model-based design provides a systematic control design procedure for multivariable systems.
- (ii) A model is essential to investigate and achieve the limits of performance. Specifically, fundamental performance limitations are well-established for nominal models, and robust control provides a transparent trade-off between performance and robustness.
- (iii) A model-based design procedure enables the estimation of unmeasured performance variables from the measured variables through the use of a model.

End of Solution

130. Consider the following statements regarding next-generation impedance control:

- 1. A mechanical impedance at an interaction port can be defined as a dynamic operator that determines an output force in response to an input velocity at the same port.
- 2. A mechanical admittance is a dynamic operator that determines an output velocity in response to an input force.
- 3. For linear systems, admittance is proportional to impedance, and both can be represented as transfer functions in Laplace domain.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3





Ans. (a)

**Next Generation Impedence Control**: In this perspective, a mechanical impedance at an interaction port can be defined as a dynamic operator that determines an output force in response to an input velocity at the same port. Vice versa, a mechanical admittance is a dynamic operator that determines an output velocity in response to an input force.

For linear systems, admittance is the inverse of impedance, and both can be represented as transfer functions in Laplace domain. Moreover, impedance (admittance) is analogous to electrical impedance (admittance) if we replace force with voltage and velocity with current.

End of Solution

- **131.** Consider the following statements regarding component-based software engineering (CBSE):
  - 1. It shifts the emphasis in system building from traditional requirements analysis, system design, and implementation to composing software systems from a mixture of reusable off-the-shelf and custom-built components.
  - 2. CBSE is based on the explication of all relevant information about a component to make it usable by other software elements without the need to get in contact with the component provider.
  - 3. Software components explicitly cannot consider reusable pieces of software.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (a)

Component-based software engineering (CBSE): It is an approach that has arisen in the software engineering community in the last decade. It shifts the emphasis in system-building from traditional requirements analysis, system design, and implementation to composing software systems from a mixture of reusable off-the-shelf and custom-built components. Software components explicitly consider reusable pieces of software, including notions of independence and late composition. Composition can take place during different stages of the life-cycle of components; that is, during the design phase (design and implementation), the deployment phase (system integration), and even the run-time phase (dynamic wiring of data flow according to situation and context). CBSE is based on the explication of all relevant information of a component to make it usable by other software elements without the need to get in contact with the component provider. The key properties of encapsulation and composability result in the following seven criteria that make a good component: (i) may be used by other





software elements (clients), (ii) may be used by clients without the intervention of the component's developers, (iii) includes a specification of all dependencies (hardware and software platform, versions, other components), (iv) includes a precise specification of the functionalities it offers, (v) is usable on the sole basis of that specification, (vi) is composable with other components, and (vii) can be integrated into a system quickly and smoothly.

End of Solution

- 132. Consider the following statements regarding service-oriented architectures (SOAS):
  - SOAs are the policies, practices, and frameworks that enable application functionality
    to be provided and consumed as sets of services published at a granularity relevant
    to the service consumers.
  - 2. Services are the key entities performing communication between providers and consumers.
  - 3. SOA is not related to policy, practice and frameworks.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 only

(c) 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (a)

Service-oriented architectures (SOA) are the policies, practices, and frameworks that enable application functionality to be provided and consumed as sets of services published at a granularity relevant to the service consumers. Services can be invoked, published, discovered, and abstracted away from the implementation using a single, standards-based form of interface. In component models, services are represented as ports. This view puts the focus on the question of a proper level of abstraction of offered functionalities. Services combine information and behavior, hide the internal workings from outside intrusion, and present a relatively simple interface to the rest of the program. Services are the key entities performing communication between providers and consumers. SOA is all about style (policy, practice, and frameworks), which makes process matters an essential consideration. A SOA has to ensure that services are not get reduced to the status of interfaces; rather, they have an identity of their own.

End of Solution

- **133.** Consider the following statements regarding simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM):
  - 1. SLAM forms the backbone of mobile robotics, as it is a prerequisite for higher-level tasks such as path planning and navigation.
  - 2. SLAM has received a lot of attention in the robotics community, and many algorithms that address different aspects of the problem have been proposed over the years.



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3. The architecture of a SLAM algorithm can be divided into two main parts-the frontend and the back-end.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 1 and 3 only

(c) 2 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### (d) Ans.

SLAM forms the back-bone of mobile robotics, as it is a prerequisite for higher-level tasks such as path planning and navigation. It takes the raw measurements from on-board sensors and creates a coherent representation of the environment that can then be used not only to localize the robot but to plan and navigate. SLAM has received a lot of attention in the robotics community, and many algorithms that address different aspects of the problem have been proposed over the years.

The architecture of a SLAM algorithm can be divided into two main parts: the frontend, which handles on-board sensors and is responsible for sensor-dependent tasks such as data association and loop closure detection, and the back-end, which takes the information generated by the front-end and provides an updated map estimate using an estimation algorithm.

**End of Solution** 

134. Match the following lists:

List-I

P. Refractoriness

Q. Permeability

R. Cohesiveness

S. Adhesiveness

List-II

- 1. Ability of sand to stick to other bodies
- 2. Ability of sand grains to stick together
- 3. Ability to allow gases, water vapour and air to pass through it
- 4. It should be able to withstand high temperatures

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

Ρ S Q (a)

> 4 3

2 1

Ρ Q R S

3 1 4 2 (b) P Q R S

> 1 2 3 4

(d) P Q R S

2 3 4 1

#### Ans. (a)

(c)

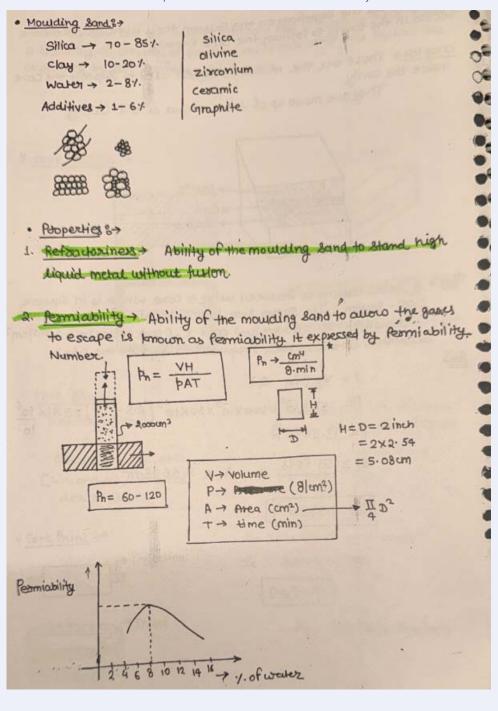
- Refractoriness is the ability of the moulding sand to withstand high temperature of the liquid metal without fusion.
- Permeability is the ability of moulding sand to allow the gases and water vapour to escape.



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- Cohesiveness is the ability of the moulding material to get bonded between similar material like between two clay particles.
- Adhesiveness is the ability of the sand to get bond with different materials, like between sand and pattern and between sand and clay.



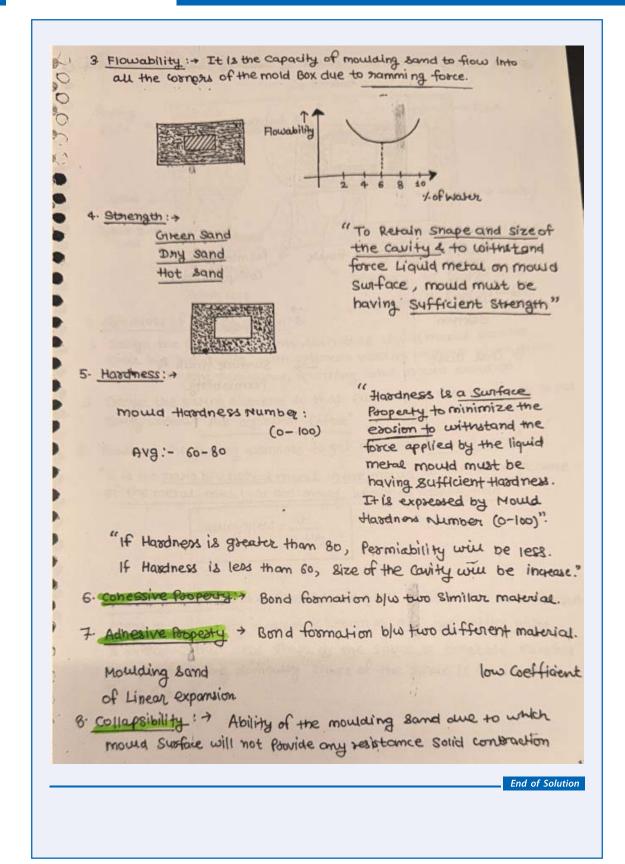
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- **135.** Consider the following statements regarding hot and cold working:
  - 1. Cold working may be defined as plastic deformation of metals and alloys at a temperature above the recrystallization temperature for that metal or alloy.
  - 2. Hot working may be explained as plastic deformation of metals and alloys at such a temperature at which recovery and recrystallization take place simultaneously with the strain hardening.
  - 3. Recrystallization temperature is not a fixed temperature but is actually a temperature range.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (b)

- 1. Working of the material above the recrystallization temperature is known as hot working and below to recrystallization temperature is known as cold working.
- 2. In hot working plastic deformation of metals and alloys at a temperature at which recovery and recrystallization takes places to refine the grain structure under the action of heat and pressure.
- 3. Recrystallization temperature is the minimum temperature at which complete recrystallization of cold worked metal occur within a specified time.

### · Recrystallization Temp. >

It is a minimum temperature at which complete Recogstatiz--ation of cold worked metal occurs within a specified time

It is a minimum temp. at which New crystals begin to form Such that dissocation density at grain Boundaries will die out.

under the action of Heat and external force the oldgowing will disintegrate into Small size stown free Grains. is known as recrystallization.



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### Recovery : →

At 0.3 times of meeting temp. highly distorted grains will disintegrate into small size grains.

During Recoystallization complete grains will be disintegrate into small grains.

Grain Growth follows complete crystallization if the material is left at elevated temperature.

#### HOT WORKING: >

- · Wooking of the material Above the recrystallization temperature Due to Refinement of the grain structure Mechanical Proporties such as toughness, Percentage of alongation and 1.0 f teduction area will be increased.
- · force required to get the deformation is Less and the amount of deformation is high.

since there is a recovery and recoystallization at every stage, there is No strain Harderning and No-crack formation.

Due to exide formation rough surfaces can be fooduced. Due to shrinkage of the material during cooling dimensional accuracy will be Less.

Tooling cost is mone.

#### COLD WORKING : ->

Mosking of the maturial below the recogstallization. strength and Hardness will be increased due to strain Handerning. By Controlling the force applied grains will be deformed in a single direction and directional Atoperaties Combe Produced.

dimensional accuracy and surface finish is High.

There is a fossibility of coack formation due to strain

Hardening.

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136. Higher calorific value of the fuel can be determined by using

(a) Dunkerley's formula

(b) Euler's formula

(c) Rankine's formula

(d) Dulong's formula

Ans. (d)

Dulong's formula is an empirical equation used to estimate the higher calorific value (HCV) of a fuel based on its elemental composition.

End of Solution

**137.** Consider the following statements regarding fatigue failure:

- 1. Fatigue failure is defined as time-delayed fracture under cyclic loading.
- 2. Fatigue failure begins with a crack at some point in the material.
- 3. Fatigue cracks are not visible till they reach the surface of the component and by that time, the failure has already taken place.

Which of the above statements are correct?

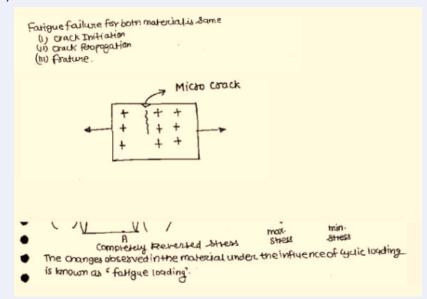
(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans. (d)



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- 138. Consider the following statements regarding endurance limit and fatigue life:
  - Since the fatigue test cannot be conducted for unlimited or infinite number of cycles, 10<sup>6</sup> cycles are considered as sufficient number of cycles to define the endurance limit.
  - 2. The fatigue life is defined as the number of stress cycles that the standard specimen can complete during the test before the appearance of the first fatigue crack.
  - 3. The S-N curve is the graphical representation of stress amplitude versus number of stress cycles before the fatigue failure on a log-log graph paper.



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(a) 1 and 2 only

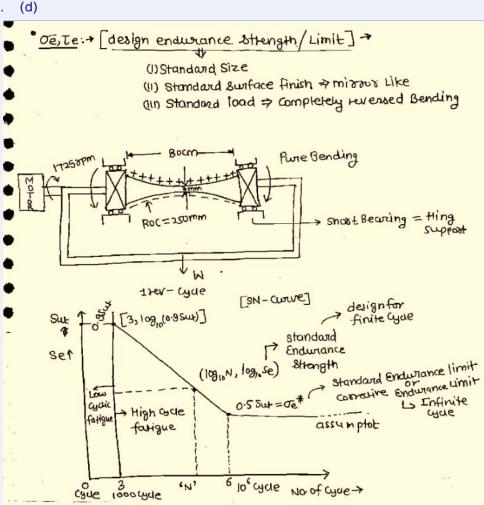
Which of the above statements are correct?

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

Ans.



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- Consider the following statements regarding surface finish factor: 139.
  - 1. The surface scratches serve as stress raisers and result in stress concentration.
  - The endurance limit is reduced due to introduction of stress concentration at surface scratches.
  - 3. As the ultimate tensile strength increases, the surface finish factor also increases. Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

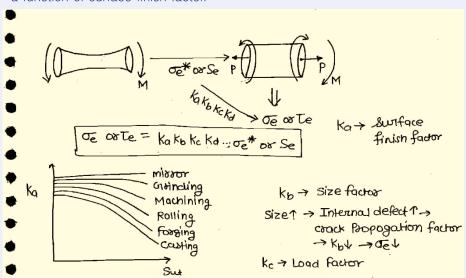
(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3



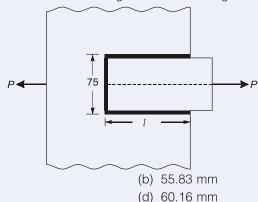
Ans. (a)

> Endurance limit increases as the surface finish factor increases. Tensile strength is not a function of surface finish factor.



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A plate, 75 mm wide and 10 mm thick, is joined with another steel plate by means of 140. single transverse and double parallel fillet welds as shown in the figure. The joint is subjected to a maximum tensile force of 55 kN. The permissible tensile and shear stresses in the weld material are 70 N/mm<sup>2</sup> and 50 N/mm<sup>2</sup> respectively. What is the required length of each parallel fillet weld after adding 15 mm for starting and stopping of the weld run?



Ans. (a)

(a) 40.29 mm

(c) 50.74 mm

Given : 
$$P = 55$$
 kN =  $55 \times 10^3$  N;  $\sigma_{per} = 70$  N/mm²;  $\tau_{per} = 50$  N/mm²  
As we know, 
$$P = 0.707 \times 75 \times 10 \times 70 + 2 \times 0.707 \times l \times 10 \times 50$$
$$55 \times 10^3 = 33117.5 + 707l$$
$$l = 25.293$$
 mm

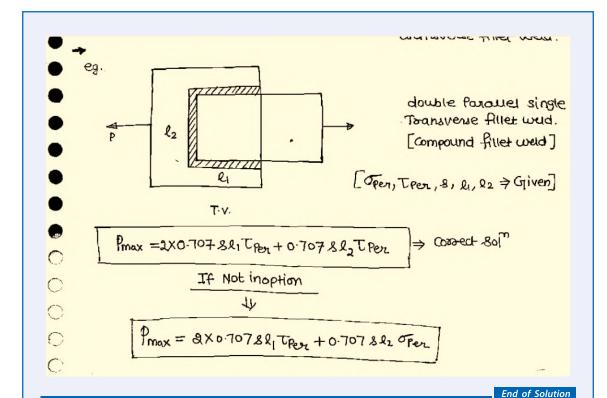
Required length of each parallel fillet weld = l + 15 mm

$$= 25.29 + 15 = 40.29 \text{ mm}$$



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- 141. A cylindrical pressure vessel with 1 m inner diameter is subjected to internal steam pressure of 1.5 MPa. The thickness of the plate is 14 mm and the diameter of rivets is 23 mm. The permissible stress for the cylinder plate and the rivets in shear is 60 N/mm<sup>2</sup>. Find the total number of rivets.
  - (a) 23

(b) 37

(c) 48

(d) 51

Ans.

Given : D = 1 m; P = 1.5 MPa; t = 14 mm; d = 23 mm;  $\tau_{\text{per}} = 60 \text{ N/mm}^2$ 



[Assuming longitudinal joint]

According to question,

$$P \times A = n \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times d^2 \times \tau_{per}$$

$$1.5 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times (1000)^2 = n \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times (23)^2 \times 60$$

$$n = 47.26$$

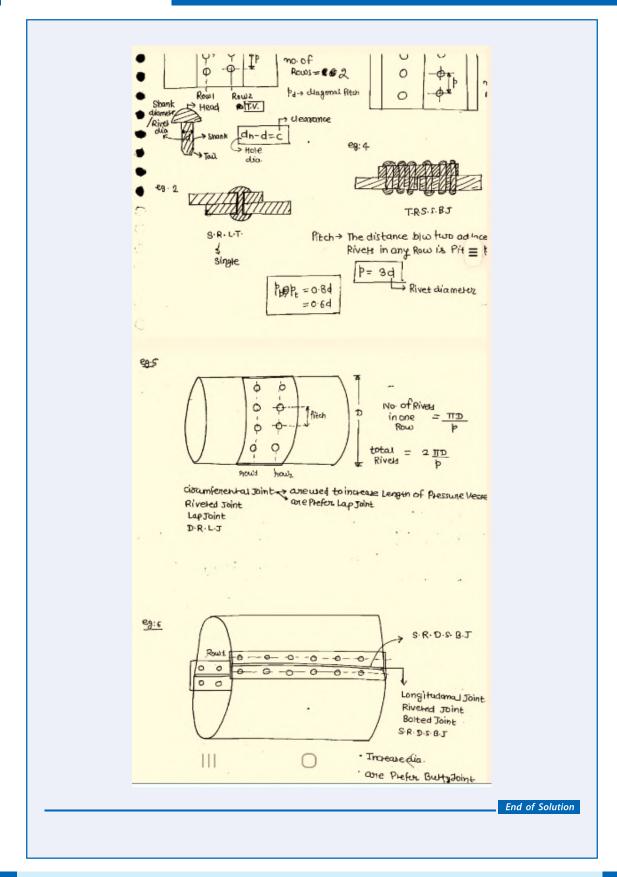
$$n \simeq 48$$



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- 142. Consider the following statements regarding bolt of uniform strength:
  - 1. Resilience is defined as the ability of the material to absorb energy when deformed elastically and to release this energy when unloaded.
  - 2. The shock-absorbing capacity of bolt can be decreased if the shank of bolt is turned down to a diameter equal to the root diameter of threads.
  - 3. The resilience of the bolt can also be increased by increasing its length.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

(d) 1, 2 and 3

#### Ans. (c)

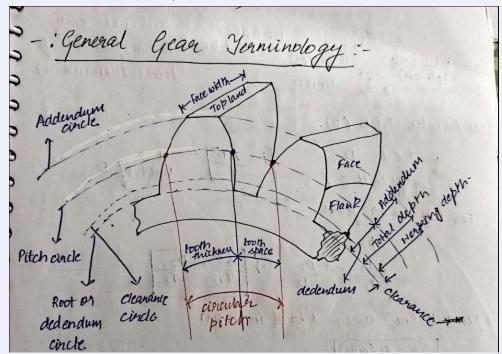
The shock absorbing capacity of bolt can be increases if the shank of bolt is turned down to a diameter equal to the root diameter of threads.

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- 143. What is 'addendum' of a gear tooth?
  - (a) The radial distance between pitch and dedendum circle
  - (b) The height of the tooth above the pitch circle
  - (c) The width of the tooth space at the pitch circle
  - (d) The size of the gear tooth's fillet radius

#### Ans. (b)

Addendum is the radial distance between the pitch circle and the top of the tooth (addendum circle) of a gear.



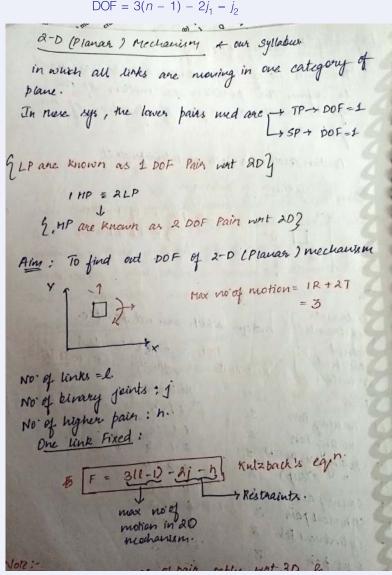
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- 144. What is the resulting mobility m of a planar n-link mechanism, when we use  $j_1$  to denote the number of single-degree-of-freedom pairs and  $j_2$  for the number of two-degree-offreedom pairs?
  - (a)  $3(n-1)-2j_1-j_2$
- (b)  $3(n-1) j_1 2j_2$
- (c)  $3(n-2)-2j_1-j_2$
- (d)  $3(n-2)-j_1-2j_2$

Ans. (a)

DOF = 
$$3(n-1) - 2j_1 - j_2$$



End of Solution

- 145. Which one of the following is a low-level type condenser that operates without extraction pump?
  - (a) Barometric condenser
- (b) Low-level jet condenser
- (c) Ejector condenser
- (d) Mixing type condenser

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Ans. (c)

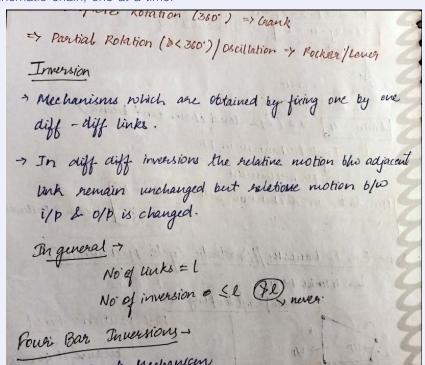
> An ejector condensor uses steam ejectors (or steam jets) to create a vacuum and remove condensate and air without the need for an extraction pump.

> > **End of Solution**

- 146. What is the method of obtaining different mechanisms by fixing different links of a kinematic chain?
  - (a) Crank-rocker (or lever) mechanism (b) Crank-crank (or double crank) mechanism
  - (c) Inversion of the mechanism
- (d) Grashof's law

Ans. (c)

> Inversion is a process of obtaining different mechanisms by fixing different links of a kinematic chain, one at a time.



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- 147. Consider the following statements regarding instantaneous centres:
  - 1. For a pivoted or pin joint, the instantaneous centre for the two links lies on the centre of the pin.
  - 2. In a pure rolling contact of the two links, the instantaneous centre lies at their point of contact.
  - 3. In a sliding motion, the instantaneous centre lies at infinity in a direction perpendicular to the path of motion of the slider.

Which of the above statements are correct?

(a) 1 and 2 only

(b) 2 and 3 only

(c) 1 and 3 only

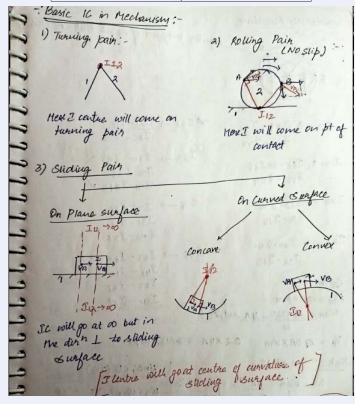
(d) 1, 2 and 3



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Ans. (d)

Motion type	Instantaneous centre location
1. Pin joint	At the centre of the pin
2. Pure rolling	At point of contact
3. Sliding motion	At infinitely (perpendicular to
[Rectilinear motion]	motion direction)
Curvilinear motion	Centre of curvature
[Convex/concave surface]	



End of Solution

148. Match the following lists:

List-I

- Base circle
- Q. Prime circle
- R. Pitch circle.

List-II

- 1. It is the smallest circle drawn to the pitch curve from the centre of rotation of the cam
- 2. It is the circle drawn through the centre and pitch point
- 3. It is the smallest circle that can be drawn to the cam profile from the centre of rotation

Select the correct answer using the code given below.

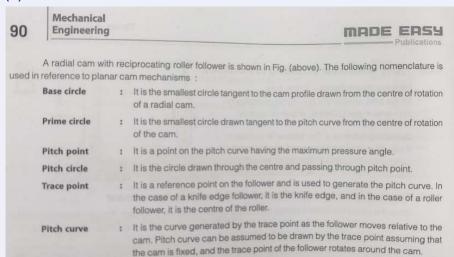
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- (b) P
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- (d) P Q R
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149. What is the damping ratio ( $\zeta$ ) of critically damped system?

(a)  $\zeta = 1$ 

(b)  $\zeta < 1$ 

(c)  $\zeta > 2$ 

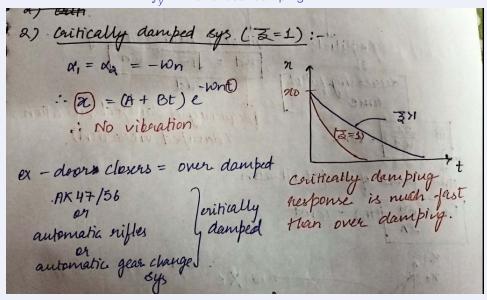
(d)  $1 < \zeta < 2$ 

Ans. (a)

Damping ratio is the ratio of actual damping in a system to critical damping.

$$\zeta = \frac{C}{C_C}$$

 $\zeta_{V} = 1$  for critical damping



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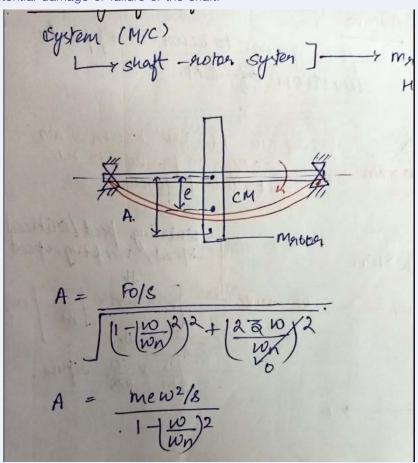
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- **150.** The critical speed of a rotating shaft is the speed at which the shaft starts to vibrate violently in
  - (a) the linear direction
- (b) the transverse direction
- (c) the rotational direction or ti
- (d) the non-linear direction

#### Ans. (b)

The critical speed of a rotating shaft is the speed at which the natural frequency of transverse vibration matches the rotational speed of the shaft. At this speed, resonance occurs, leading to large amplitude transverse vibrations. This can cause violent vibrations. Potential damage or failure of the shaft.



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