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Q.15 A sheet metal with a stock hardness of 250 HRC has to be sheared using a punch and a die having a clearance of 1 mm between them. If the stock hardness of the sheet metal increases to 400 HRC, the clearance between the punch and the die should be _____ mm.

Ans. (1.26)

Tensile strength \propto Hardness number

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Shear strength} &= 0.5 \text{ tensile strength (Tresca theory)} \\ &= 0.577 \text{ tensile strength (Von mises theory)}\end{aligned}$$

Shear strength \propto Hardness number

and clearance, $C = 0.0032t\sqrt{\tau}$

$$C \propto \sqrt{\text{Hardness number}}$$

$$\frac{C_2}{C_1} = \sqrt{\frac{(\text{Hardness number})_2}{(\text{Hardness number})_1}}$$

$$\text{or } C_2 = 1 \times \sqrt{\frac{400}{250}} = 1.265 \text{ mm}$$

GATE Ans. Key (1 to 1)

Clearance in sheet metal operation (punching and blanking) depends on two things,
1. Material property that is ultimate shear strength of the material and
2. The thickness of the sheet.

In this question hardness is changing from 250 to 400. In the lecture of IIT Kharagpur, professor R N Ghosh (Lecture 6 and module 6) clearly mentioned the relationship between hardness and strength. They are proportional. And clearance is proportional to square root of ultimate shear strength of the material so if hardness changes from 200 to 400 then clearance must be changed. It cannot remain same. Reference given below:

Module 6: Experimental Tools and Techniques II

Lecture 6: Experimental Tools and Techniques II

"Both BHN and VHN use the similar concept for the measurement of hardness. Therefore for most materials the hardness values are nearly the same up to 500BHN (approximately). Since indentation hardness measures the resistance to deformation it has a direct correlation with tensile strength of the material. The hardness number is approximately 3 times the UTS in MPa. (BHN = VHN = 3). Measurement of hardness is extremely simple and easy. It does not need elaborate sample preparation or machining. A flat surface is good enough. Only VHN needs a little better surface finish with fine emery paper. Hardness measurements using these three scales are very popular for engineering applications. It (Rockwell and VHN) is nearly a non-destructive method of estimating the strength of a material. Whatever technique you use for hardness measurement there are standard conversion tables to help you convert hardness measured on one scale to another".

End of Solution

Q.36 A steel part with surface area of 125 cm^2 is to be chrome coated through an electroplating process using chromium acid sulphate as an electrolyte. An increasing current is applied to the part according to the following current time relation:

$$I = 12 + 0.2t$$

where, I = current (A) and t = time (minutes). The part is submerged in the plating solution for a duration of 20 minutes for plating purpose. Assuming the cathode efficiency of chromium to be 15% and the plating constant of chromium acid sulphate to be $2.50 \times 10^{-2} \text{ mm}^3/\text{A}\cdot\text{s}$, the resulting coating thickness on the part surface is _____ μm (round off to one decimal place).

Ans. (5.0)

$$I = 12 + 0.2t$$

After time, ' t ', Next infinitely small time ' dt ' let heat deposited ' dQ '.

$$\therefore dQ = 2.50 \times 10^{-2} (\text{mm}^3/\text{A}\cdot\text{s}) \times 12 + 0.2t \times dt$$

As we have to convert this 's' to 'min'

$$\therefore dQ = 2.50 \times 10^{-2} (\text{mm}^3/\text{A} \times \text{min}) \times 12 + 0.2t \times dt$$

Considering cathode efficiency of 15%

$$dQ = 2.50 \times 10^{-2} \times 60 \times (12 + 0.2t)dt \times 0.15 \text{ mm}^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{In 20 min, } Q &= \int_0^{20} dQ = \int_0^{20} 2.50 \times 10^{-2} \times 60 \times (12 + 0.2t) dt \times 0.15 \\ &= 0.225 [12 + 0.1t^2]_0^{20} = 0.225 [12 \times 20 + 0.1 \times 20^2] \text{ mm}^3 \\ &= 63 \text{ mm}^3 \end{aligned}$$

As area is 125 cm^2

$$\text{Plating thickness, } t = \frac{63}{125 \times (100)} = 0.00504 \text{ mm} = 5.04 \mu\text{m}$$

(As $1 \text{ cm}^2 = 100 \text{ mm}^2$)

GATE Ans. Key (0 to 0)

In this question if we pass current then at least some plating will be there, it cannot be zero.

End of Solution

Q.43 Consider two cases as below.

Case 1: A company buys 1000 pieces per year of a certain part from vendor 'X'. The changeover time is 2 hours and the price is Rs. 10 per piece. The holding cost rate per part is 10% per year.

Case 2: For the same part, another vendor 'Y' offers a design where the changeover time is 6 minutes, with a price of Rs. 5 per piece, and a holding cost rate per part of 100% per year. The order size is 800 pieces per year from 'X' and 200 pieces per year from 'Y'.

Assume the cost of downtime as Rs. 200 per hour. The percentage reduction in the annual cost for Case 2, as compared to Case 1 is _____ (round off to 2 decimal places).

Ans. (5.32)

Given Data : 1000 pieces/year from 'X'.

Changeover time = 2 hrs.

Cost of downtime = Rs. 200/hour

So, Total cost of downtime

$$2 \times 200 = \text{Rs. } 400/\text{downtime}$$

$$C = \text{Rs. } 10/\text{piece}$$

Holding cost, $C_h = 10\%$ of Rs. 10

$$C_h = \text{Rs. } 1/\text{unit}/\text{year}$$

So, total cost for Case I :

= Material Cost + Downtime Cost + Inventory Holding Cost

$$= 1000 \times 10 + (1 \times 400) + \frac{1000}{2} \times 1$$

Total cost for case I = Rs. 10,900/-

Case II : Order quantity 800 units from X and 200 units from Y.

For Y : Change overtime = 6 min. = 0.1 hour

Downtime cost = 0.1 × 200 = Rs. 20/-

Unit cost, $C = \text{Rs. } 5/\text{piece}$

Holding cost, $C_h = 100\%$ of unit cost = Rs. 5/-

So, total cost for case II :

= Cost for 'X' + Cost for 'Y'

$$= \left(800 \times 10 + 400 + \frac{800}{2} \times 1 \right) + \left(200 \times 5 + 20 + \frac{200}{2} \times 5 \right)$$

$$= 8000 + 800 + 1000 + 520$$

Total cost for case II = Rs. 10,320/-

So, percentage reduction in total cost of case II :

$$= \frac{10900 - 10320}{10900} \times 100 = \frac{580}{10900} \times 100 = 5.32\%$$

GATE Ans. Key (8.19 to 8.23)

End of Solution

Q.49 A slot of 25 mm x 25 mm is to be milled in a workpiece of 300 mm length using a side and face milling cutter of diameter 100 mm, width 25 mm and having 20 teeth. For a depth of cut 5 mm, feed per tooth 0.1 mm, cutting speed 35 m/min and approach and over travel distance of 5 mm each, the time required for milling the slot is _____ minutes (round off to one decimal place).

Ans. (8.1)

$$V = \pi DN$$

$$35 = \pi \times 0.100 \times N$$

$$N = \pi \times 111.408 \text{ rpm}$$

$$t = \frac{L + \frac{D}{2} + A + O}{fzN} = \frac{300 + \frac{100}{2} + 5 + 5}{0.1 \times 20 \times 111.408}$$

$$= 1.6157 \text{ min per pass}$$

For 25 mm cuts min 5 mm depth of cut 5 pass needed.

$$\text{Total machining time} = 8.078 \text{ min} \simeq 8.1 \text{ min}$$

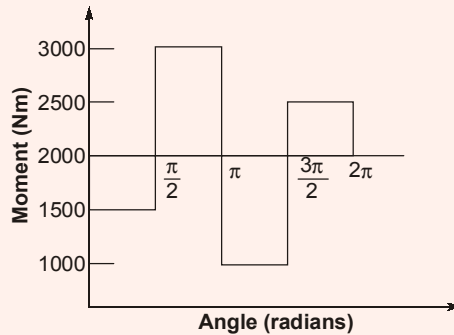
GATE Ans. Key (1.5 to 1.7)

In this milling time estimation question total time of making the slot is asking and only for one pass time is given. 25 mm width can be cut but depth of cut is 5 mm therefore for 25 depth, 5 passes are required. In this question examiner has given time for one pass but asking for cutting time of the slot, so it will be time of 5 passes.

End of Solution

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Q.29 The turning moment diagram of a flywheel fitted to a fictitious engine is shown in the figure.



The mean turning moment is 2000 Nm. The average engine speed is 1000 rpm. For fluctuation in the speed to be within $\pm 2\%$ of the average speed, the mass moment of inertia of the flywheel is _____ kgm^2 .

Ans. (3.58)

$N = 1000 \text{ rpm}$

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi \times 1000}{60} = 104.7195 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\Delta E_{\max} = \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \cdot (3000 - 2000) = \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \times 1000 \right) \text{ J}$$

$$C_s = \pm 2\% = 4\% = 0.04$$

$$\Delta E_{\max} = I \cdot \omega^2 \cdot C_s$$

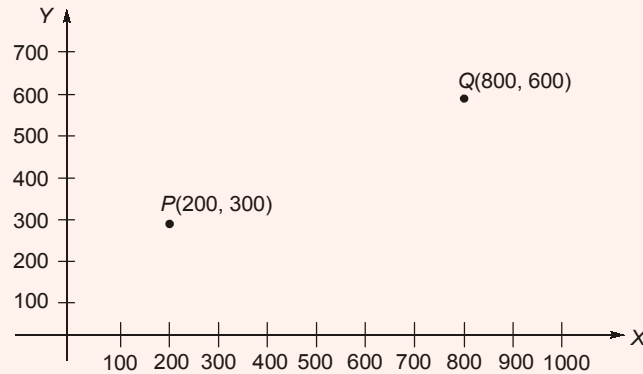
$$\frac{\pi}{2} \times 1000 = I \times (104.7195)^2 \times 0.04$$

$$I = \frac{1570.795}{(104.7195)^2 \times 0.04} = 3.58 \text{ kg-m}^2$$

GATE Ans. Key (745 to 755)

End of Solution

Q.34 A point P on a CNC controlled XY -stage is moved to another point ' Q ' using the coordinate system shown in the figure below and rapid positioning command (G00).



A pair of stepping motors with maximum speed of 800 rpm, controlling both the X and Y motion of the stage, are directly coupled to a pair of lead screw, each with a uniform pitch of 0.5 mm. The time needed to position the point ' P ' to the point ' Q ' is _____ minutes. (round off to 2 decimal places).

Ans. (1.5)

$$N = 800 \text{ rpm}, P = 0.5 \text{ mm/rev}$$

$$V = N \times P = \text{rev/min} \times \text{mm/rev} = 400 \text{ mm/min}$$

$$\Delta t_x = \frac{600}{400} = 1.5 \text{ min}$$

$$\Delta t_y = \frac{300}{400} = 0.75 \text{ min}$$

There are two stepper motor so both will work till 0.75 min then y axis motor will stop then only x axis motor will run for 0.75 more, so total time will be 1.5 min.

GATE Ans. Key (1.4 to 1.6)

In this Question we have assumed the unit will be mm but it can be cm or m. Then examiner has to give the unit clearly and specifically. Examiner should give correct unit. If we assume different unit then different answer will come.

End of Solution