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**SECTION A: COMPULSORY****QUESTION 1: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (GENERIC)**

- 1.1 D ✓  
1.2 B ✓  
1.3 A ✓  
1.4 C ✓  
1.5 C ✓  
1.6 B ✓

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**QUESTION 2: SAFETY (GENERIC)****2.1 Personal protective equipment**

- Welding helmet ✓
- Leather apron ✓
- Leather hand gloves ✓
- Overall/work suit ✓
- Safety boot ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**2.2 Arc welding safety precautions**

- Wear correct PPE ✓
- The welding cables and electrode holder must be well insulated ✓
- Your eyes must be protected with a welding helmet before attempting any strike ✓
- Ensure that there is no water in the environment ✓
- Keep away combustible materials from the welding area ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**2.3 Reason why you must not force drill bit into the workpiece**

- It can cause a broken drill bit and possible injuries. ✓

(1)

**2.4 Reason for clamping a small workpiece before drilling**

- To avoid slipping ✓
- Prevent drill bit from getting broken ✓
- To ensure smooth and straight drilling ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)

**2.5 Safety precautions to be observed when handling gas cylinders**

- Store or transport cylinders in an upright position ✓
- Avoid oil or grease from coming in contact with oxygen fittings ✓
- Never stack cylinders on top of one another ✓
- Do not bang or work on cylinders ✓
- Never allow cylinders to fall ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

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**QUESTION 3: MATERIALS (GENERIC)**

- 3.1 3.1.1 **Test required to determine the carbon content of a metal**
- Sound test ✓
  - Spark test ✓
- (Any 1 x 1) (1)
- 3.1.2 **Test required to determine the ductility of metal**
- Bending test ✓
- (1)
- 3.2 **Cutting colour coded metals from unmarked end**
- In order to keep its identity ✓
- (1)
- 3.3 **Types of case-hardening**
- Carburising ✓
  - Nitriding ✓
  - Cyaniding ✓
- (3)
- 3.4 **Effect of medium or high carbon steel on case-hardening**
- The hardness will penetrate the core of the steel ✓
- (1)
- 3.5 **Heat treatment process of metal**
- It has to do with heating metal to the required temperature, ✓ allow to soak in that temperature for a given period of time, ✓ then cool in the appropriate medium. ✓
- (3)
- 3.6 **Factors that determine the hardness of steel during heat treatment**
- Work size ✓
  - Quenching rate ✓
  - Carbon content ✓
- (3)
- 3.7 **Properties achieved from an annealed steel**
- Softness ✓
  - Ductility ✓
- (Any 1 x 1) (1)

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**QUESTION 4: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (SPECIFIC)**

- 4.1 C ✓  
 4.2 A ✓  
 4.3 B ✓  
 4.4 B ✓  
 4.5 D ✓  
 4.6 D ✓  
 4.7 A ✓  
 4.8 C ✓  
 4.9 C ✓  
 4.10 A ✓  
 4.11 B ✓  
 4.12 A ✓  
 4.13 D ✓  
 4.14 C ✓

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**QUESTION 5: TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT (SPECIFIC)**

- 5.1 5.1.1 **Equipment identification**  
 Bubble gauge ✓ (1)
- 5.1.2 **Parts labelling**  
 A – King pin inclination scale ✓  
 B – Caster angle ✓  
 C – Camber angle ✓  
 D – Mounting equipment on wheel ✓ (4)
- 5.1.3 **Purpose of a bubble gauge**  
 It is used to test caster, ✓ camber ✓ and king pin inclination angles of a motor vehicle. ✓ (3)
- 5.2 **Parts labelling of periscopic optical alignment tool**  
 1 – Contact ✓  
 2 – Mirror gauge ✓  
 3 – Periscope ✓  
 4 – Periscope gauge ✓  
 5 – Height slot/Height bar ✓  
 6 – Toe gauge ✓  
 7 – Calculator ✓  
 8 – Stand ✓ (8)
- 5.3 **Function of optical alignment tool**  
 It makes it possible to check toe-in and toe-out of a vehicle. ✓ (1)
- 5.4 **Card type compression testing procedure**
- Remove the spark plug ✓
  - Put a new card in the tester ✓
  - Turn the ignition on, depress the throttle and crank the engine up to four revolutions ✓
  - Activate the tester and move to the next cylinder ✓
  - Repeat the process in the other cylinders ✓
  - Remove the card and compare with specifications ✓ (6)

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**QUESTION 6: ENGINES (SPECIFIC)****6.1 Function of a crankshaft**

To convert the reciprocating motion of the piston ✓ into a rotary motion to the transmission system. ✓ (2)

**6.2 Causes of vibrations in crankshaft**

- Action of unbalance forces upon the crankshaft ✓
- Torsional effect of the power stroke on the crankshaft ✓ (2)

**6.3 Types of balancing done on crankshaft**

- Static balancing ✓
- Dynamic balancing ✓ (2)

**6.4 Functions of balance mass pieces**

- It is used to balance the mass of piston, connecting rod, web and crank journal ✓
- It is used to provide an opposing centrifugal force to that of the piston, connecting rod, web and crank journal ✓
- It used to counteract the initial loads of the moving parts during acceleration and retardation processes ✓ (3)

**6.5 6.5.1 Connecting rod and piston**

They are kept as light as possible ✓ to reduce reciprocating mass and force ✓ (2)

**6.5.2 Flywheel**

They are carefully balanced and fitted to the crankshaft flange ✓ in one position only ✓ (2)

**6.5.3 Vibration damper**

They are fitted to the front end of the crankshaft ✓ to smoothen out engine vibrations ✓ (2)

**6.6 Vibration damper parts labeling**

- A – Crankshaft ✓
- B – Crankshaft flange ✓
- C – Secondary flywheel ✓
- D – Friction disc ✓
- E – Friction spring ✓
- F – Spring plate ✓ (6)

**6.7 Factors that determine firing order**

- The position of the crank on the crankshaft ✓
- The arrangement of cams on the camshaft ✓ (2)

**6.8 Procedure to determine firing order if no specifications available**

- Remove the tapper cover and determine the intake and exhaust valves. ✓
- Rotate the engine in the direction in which it turns ✓
- Watch the direction in which the valves operate ✓
- This will give the order in which the inlet and exhaust stroke occurs ✓
- The power stroke occurs in the same order ✓ (5)

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

It is the volume displaced by the piston ✓ as it moves from bottom dead centre (BDC) to the top dead centre (TDC). ✓ (2)

**7.2 Methods of increasing compression ratio**

- Remove shims from between crankcase and cylinder block ✓
- Fit thinner gasket between cylinder block and cylinder head ✓
- Machine metal from cylinder head ✓
- Skim metal from cylinder block ✓
- Fit piston with suitable higher crowns ✓
- Fit crankshaft with longer stroke ✓
- Increase cylinder bore ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)

**7.3 7.3.1 Swept volume**

Bore = 86 mm = 8,6 cm  
Stroke = 98 mm = 9,8 cm

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

$$= \frac{\pi \times 8,6^2}{4} \times 9,8 \checkmark$$

$$SV = 569,26 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark (3)$$

**7.3.2 Clearance volume**

$$\text{Compression ratio} = \frac{SV + CV}{CV} \checkmark$$

$$10 = \frac{569,26 + CV}{CV} \checkmark$$

$$CV = 63,25 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark (3)$$

**7.3.3 New bore diameter**

$$\text{Compression ratio} = \frac{SV + CV}{CV} \checkmark$$

$$10,8 = \frac{SV + 63,25}{63,25} \checkmark$$

$$SV = 619,85 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark$$

But

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

$$619,85 = \frac{D^2}{4} \times 9,8 \checkmark$$

$$D = 8,94 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 89,4 \text{ mm} \checkmark (6)$$

**7.4 Torque**

It is the twisting effort transmitted ✓ by a rotating shaft or wheel ✓

**OR**

A turning force applied ✓ over the centre of a circular object. ✓

(2)

**7.5 7.5.1 Indicated power**

$$P = PLANn \checkmark$$

$$P = 1\,400 \text{ kPa} = 1\,400\,000 \text{ Pa} \checkmark$$

$$L = 92 \text{ mm} = 0,092 \text{ m}$$

$$D = 84 \text{ mm} = 0,084 \text{ m}$$

$$A = \frac{\pi \times 0,084^2}{4} \checkmark$$

$$= 5,54 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \checkmark$$

$$N = \frac{3\,600}{60 \times 2}$$

$$= 30 \text{ r/s} \checkmark$$

$$N = 4 \text{ cylinders}$$

$$\text{Indicated power} = 1\,400\,000 \times 0,092 \times 5,54 \times 10^{-3} \times 30 \times 4 \checkmark$$

$$= 83\,462,40 \text{ W}$$

$$= 83,5 \text{ kW} \checkmark$$

(6)

**7.5.2 Torque**

$$T = f \times r$$

$$\text{But } f = mg = 30 \times 10$$

$$= 300 \text{ N} \checkmark$$

$$T = 300 \times 0,65 \checkmark$$

$$= 195 \text{ Nm} \checkmark$$

(3)

**7.5.3 Brake power**

$$BP = 2\pi NT \checkmark$$

$$= 2 \times \pi \times 60 \times 195 \checkmark$$

$$= 7\,351,27 \text{ W}$$

$$= 7,35 \text{ kW} \checkmark$$

(3)

**7.5.4 Mechanical efficiency**

$$\text{Mechanical efficiency} = \frac{BP}{IP} \times 100\%$$

$$= \frac{7,35}{83,5} \times 100\% \checkmark$$

$$= 88,02\% \checkmark$$

(2)

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**QUESTION 8: MAINTENANCE (SPECIFIC)****8.1 Exhaust gases**

- Hydrocarbon ✓
- Carbon monoxide ✓
- Carbon dioxide ✓
- Nitrogen oxide ✓
- Sulphur dioxide ✓
- Oxygen ✓

(Any 4 x 1) (4)

**8.2 8.2.1 Hissing sound from inlet manifold**

- Leaking inlet valves. ✓
- Replace the inlet valves ✓

(2)

**8.2.2 Hissing sound from exhaust manifold**

- Leaking exhaust valves ✓
- Replace the exhaust valves ✓

(2)

**8.2.3 Bubbles in radiator water**

- Blown cylinder head gasket or cracked cylinder block. ✓
- Skim the cylinder head and replace the gasket or replace the block ✓ (2)

**8.3 Low oil pressure reading (possible causes)**

- Worn oil pump ✓
- Blocked pick-up screen in the oil sump ✓
- Worn main big-end and camshaft bearings ✓
- Blocked oil filter ✓
- Dirty or contaminated oil ✓
- Oil leaks ✓
- Too little oil in the engine ✓
- Incorrect oil viscosity ✓
- Defective oil pressure relief valve ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**8.4 Oil pressure test manufacturing specifications**

- Oil pressure when engine is idling ✓
- Oil pressure when engine is cold ✓
- Oil pressure when engine is hot ✓
- Oil pressure on high revolutions ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**8.5 Reason for conducting pressure test in cooling system**

- To check for possible leakage in the cooling system ✓

(1)

**8.6 Possible engine cooling system components to find leakage**

- Hosepipe ✓
- Water pump ✓
- Radiator ✓
- Core plugs ✓
- Interior heater radiator ✓
- Heater caps ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)



**8.7 Functions of a radiator cap**

- Regulates the pressure in the cooling system ✓
- Allows coolant to return to the radiator ✓
- It seals the cooling system to ensure a closed system ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)

**8.8 Possible causes of engine overheat**

- Leakage along the line resulting to air trapped in the cooling system ✓
- Cooling fan failure ✓
- Thermostat ✓
- Insulated radiator (poor cooling efficiency) ✓
- Water pump failure ✓
- Bad top gasket ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)

**[23]****QUESTION 9: SYSTEM AND CONTROL (AUTOMATIC GEARBOX) (SPECIFIC)****9.1 Advantages of using an automatic gearbox**

- It reduces driving fatigue ✓
- A vehicle can stop suddenly without the engine stalling ✓
- The system dampens all engine vibrations ✓
- It ensure great reduction of wheel spin ✓ (Any 3 x 1) (3)

**9.2 Function of a torque converter**

To gradually engage the engine torque with the transmission system ✓ and to multiply the torque automatically according to road and engine speed ✓ (2)

**9.3 Principle of operations of lockup torque converters when lockup clutch is applied**

- The activation and deactivation of the lockup clutch is done by oil pressure ✓
- When the turbine and impeller are up to speed, the fluid is channeled to the clutch piston ✓
- The pressure is guided to the backside of the friction plate where it will press against the impeller, thereby connecting the turbine ✓
- The impeller and the turbine begin to run as one body ✓
- The system improves efficiency and prevents slippage ✓ (5)

**9.4 Advantages of using torque converters**

- Torque increases automatically ✓
- Shocks to gearbox, chassis and wheels are reduced ✓
- Minimum servicing is required ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)

**9.5 Transmission control unit (TCU)**

It is a device that controls modern electronic automatic transmissions. It uses vehicle sensors and data from electronic control unit ✓ to calculate how and when to change gears in the vehicle ✓ for optimum performance and fuel economy ✓ (3)

- 9.6 **Cause of transmission fluid heating up**  
• Fluid friction in the torque converter ✓ (1)

- 9.7 **Methods of cooling oil in automatic transmission**  
• By placing special oil cooler alongside the engine cooling radiator ✓  
• By using the bottom of engine cooling radiator tank ✓ (2)

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**QUESTION 10: SYSTEM AND CONTROL (AXLES, STEERING GEOMETRY AND ELECTRONICS) (SPECIFIC)**

- 10.1 **Camber**  
It is the tilting inward or outward of a vehicle wheel from its vertical position ✓  
in order to meetup with the design specifications of the vehicle model ✓ (2)

- 10.2 **Disadvantages of camber**  
• Reduces lifespan of tyres ✓  
• Uneven contact with road ✓  
• You will not know when your tyre is due for replacement (negative camber). ✓ (3)

- 10.3 **Identification of diagrams**  
A – Positive Camber ✓  
B – Negative Camber ✓ (2)

- 10.4 **Advantages of positive camber**  
• Effective grip on a cambered road surface ✓  
• Easier steering ✓
- Advantages of negative camber**  
• It prevents a car from rolling outward from a traffic circle ✓  
• It reduces road contact (less wear seen from outside) ✓ (4)

- 10.5 **Purpose of kingpin inclination in a car front wheels**  
• To bring the car front wheels back to the straight-ahead position ✓ after rounding a corner without any driver effort ✓ (2)

- 10.6 **Kingpin inclination labelling**  
A – Offset ✓  
B – 90° ✓  
C – Wheel centre line ✓  
D – Kingpin inclination angle ✓  
E – Steering axis centre line/kingpin centre line ✓ (5)

- 10.7 **Factors to be considered before attempting wheel alignment adjustment**
- Kerb mass ✓
  - Uneven wear on tyres ✓
  - Tyre pressure ✓
  - Run-out on the wheels ✓
  - Correct pre-load on the wheel bearing ✓
  - Kingpins and bushes ✓
  - Suspension ball joints for wears ✓
  - Suspension bushes for excessive free movement ✓
  - Steering box play ✓
  - Tie-rod ends ✓
  - Sagged springs ✓
  - Shock absorber ✓
  - Spring U-bolts ✓
  - Chassis for possible cracks and loose cross members ✓ (Any 5 x 1) (5)
- 10.8 **Car wheel alignment identification**
- Toe-out ✓ (1)
- 10.9 **Purpose of toe-out in a car suspension system**
- To give a true rolling motion ✓ on the front wheels in a corner without scuffing. ✓ (2)
- 10.10 10.10.1 **Static balance**
- It is the equal distribution of all weight ✓ around the axis of rotation in a single plane of rotation. ✓ (2)
- 10.10.2 **Dynamic balancing**
- It is the equal distribution of all weight ✓ around the axis of rotation in all rotational planes. ✓ (2)
- 10.11 **Pre-checks on a wheel before balancing**
- Check the tyres for bruises, cracks and damaged side walls ✓
  - Check the rim for any damages ✓
  - Check for any foreign matter on the rim and tyre ✓ (Any 2 x 1) (2)
- TOTAL: 200**
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