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**MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY: AUTOMOTIVE**

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**These marking guidelines consist of 19 pages.**

**QUESTION 1: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (GENERIC)**

1.1	A ✓	(1)
1.2	B ✓	(1)
1.3	A ✓	(1)
1.4	D ✓	(1)
1.5	C ✓	(1)
1.6	C ✓	(1)
		<b>[6]</b>

**QUESTION 2: SAFETY (GENERIC)****2.1 First aid:**

- When illness occurs. ✓
- When an injury is sustained. ✓
- When an accident occurs. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**2.2 Bench grinder:**

- A. A fire extinguisher should be readily available. ✓
- B. Safety glasses must be worn. ✓
- C. Maximum grinding wheel speed. ✓
- D. Maximum distance between tool rest and grinding wheel. ✓

(4)

**2.3 Drill press:**

- Never try to stop/hold the work piece by hand when the drill bit get stuck during drilling. ✓
- Don't force a drill bit into the work piece. ✓
- Keep loose clothing and hair away from revolving parts. ✓
- Never leave the machine running if it is unattended. ✓
- Use a brush or wooden rod to remove chips from the drill. ✓
- Do not put hands near moving parts. ✓
- Never clean or adjust the machine while it is in motion. ✓
- Never try to stop the drill/chuck by hand. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**2.4 Surface grinder:**

- Never clean or adjust the machine while it is in motion. ✓
- Know how to stop the machine in an emergency. ✓
- Do not use excessive force when grinding the work piece. ✓
- Immediately report any dangerous defects of the machine. ✓
- Stop using defective machinery until it has been repaired by a qualified person. ✓
- Ensure that the grinding wheel is not submerged in coolant. ✓
- Never leave the machine running if it is unattended. ✓
- Do not put hands near moving parts. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

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**QUESTION 3: MATERIALS (GENERIC)****3.1 Critical temperature:**

3.1.1 **Hardening:**  
Above ✓ (1)

3.1.2 **Tempering:**  
Below ✓ (1)

3.1.3 **Normalising:**  
Above ✓ (1)

**3.2 Machining test:**

- The chips heating colour ✓
- The chips curl ✓ (2)

**3.3 Material tests:**

- Sound test ✓
- Bending test ✓
- Filing test ✓
- Hardness test ✓
- Density test ✓
- Weight measurement ✓
- Magnetic test ✓
- Visual inspection/observation ✓
- Scratch test ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**3.4 Quenching methods:**

- Carburising ✓
- Nitriding ✓
- Cyaniding ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**3.5 Heat treatment temperature:**

- Pyrometer ✓
- Crayons ✓
- Visually ✓
- Magnet ✓

(Any 1 x 1) (1)

**3.6 Heat-treatment steps:**

- Heat the metal. ✓
- Soak the metal. ✓
- Cool the metal. ✓

(3)  
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**QUESTION 4: MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS (SPECIFIC)**

4.1	A ✓	(1)
4.2	C ✓	(1)
4.3	B ✓	(1)
4.4	D ✓	(1)
4.5	C ✓	(1)
4.6	A ✓	(1)
4.7	B ✓	(1)
4.8	A ✓	(1)
4.9	C ✓	(1)
4.10	B ✓	(1)
4.11	B ✓	(1)
4.12	A ✓	(1)
4.13	B ✓	(1)
4.14	D ✓	(1)
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**QUESTION 5: TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT (SPECIFIC)****5.1 Compression tester:****5.1.1 Functions:**

- A. To indicate the compression pressure. ✓
- B. To reset the pressure gauge./Release the pressure from the tester. ✓
- C. To fit the tester into the spark plug hole. ✓ (3)

**5.1.2 Test battery voltage:**

- To ensure that the engine is able to swing ✓ at the correct speed. ✓
- To ensure maximum compression pressure ✓ is developed. ✓
- It is to ensure that the correct reading ✓ is obtained. ✓  
(Any 1 x 2) (2)

**5.1.3 Perform the wet test:**

- To check if the compression rings are worn. ✓
- To check for excessive wear between the piston/piston rings and cylinder wall. ✓ (2)

**5.2 Cylinder leakage test:****5.2.1 Calibrate (zero):**

To obtain accurate readings. ✓ (1)

**5.2.2 Piston at TDC:**

The cylinder should have minimal leaks on the compression stroke. ✓ (1)

**5.2.3 Crankshaft is locked:**

Prevent the engine from turning during the test. ✓ (1)

**5.3 Exhaust gasses:**

- Carbon monoxide (CO) ✓
- Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) ✓
- Oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) ✓
- Hydrocarbon (HC) ✓
- Sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) ✓

(Any 4 x 1) (4)

**5.4 OBD-II scanner:****5.4.1 Specifications:**

- VIN ✓
- Make of the vehicle ✓
- Model of the vehicle ✓
- Engine type ✓
- System to be scanned ✓

**(Any 2 x 1) (2)****5.4.2 Functions of OBD-II scanner:**

- Scan diagnostic trouble codes ✓
- Clear the trouble codes ✓
- Programme ✓
- Retrieve information ✓

**(Any 2 x 1) (2)****5.5 Correcting dynamic wheel balancing:**

Place the weights indicated on the balancer ✓ at the place indicated on the wheel. ✓

**(2)****5.6 Wheel alignment equipment:****5.6.1 Identify the equipment:**

- Periscope optical alignment gauge ✓
- Optical alignment gauge ✓

**(Any 1 x 1) (1)****5.6.2 Function:**

- To check toe. ✓
- To check toe-out. ✓
- To check toe-in. ✓

**(Any 1 x 1) (1)****5.6.3 Unit of measurement:**

- Degrees ✓
- Millimetres ✓

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

**QUESTION 6: ENGINES (SPECIFIC)****6.1 Crankshaft:**

6.1.1 Vibration damper ✓ (1)

- 6.1.2
- Mass pieces are added to the crankshaft counterweights/webs. ✓
  - Holes are drilled in the crankshaft counterweights/webs. ✓
- (2)

6.1.3 Connecting rod ✓ (1)

6.1.4 **Causes of the crankshaft twist:**

- The torque or turning movement of the crankshaft. ✓
- The torque produced alternates between high and low value. ✓
- The shaft alternately winds up and releases as it rotates. ✓
- Natural frequency of crankshaft vibrations. ✓
- Resonance on crankshaft. ✓
- Imbalanced crankshaft. ✓
- Faulty vibration damper. ✓
- Imbalanced flywheel. ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**6.2 Rotating mass:**

- Crank pin ✓
  - Big-end bearing ✓
  - The lower two-thirds of the connecting rod ✓
- (3)

**6.3 Engine cylinder layouts:**

- 6.3.1
- A. V-engine ✓
  - B. Inline ✓
  - C. W-engine/double V engine ✓
- (3)

6.3.2 **Advantages of V- engine over inline-engine:**

- Shorter in length ✓
- Can be mounted in smaller engine compartments ✓
- Lighter in weight ✓
- Better power to weight ratio ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

**6.4 Degrees of crankshaft rotation:**

6.4.1 180° ✓ (1)

6.4.2 120° ✓ (1)

6.4.3 90° ✓ (1)



**6.5 Turbocharger on an internal combustion engine:**

- 6.5.1      A. Air/Air intake ✓  
              B. Exhaust gas/Exhaust gas inlet ✓  
              C. Turbine housing ✓  
              D. Turbine wheel ✓ (4)

- 6.5.2      Vanes ✓ (1)

**6.6 Types of superchargers:**

- Roots ✓
- Twin-screw ✓
- Centrifugal ✓
- Sliding-vane/Eccentric ✓

(Any 3 x 1) (3)

**6.7 Disadvantages of superchargers:**

- Superchargers are less effective at increasing engine power at high revolutions. ✓
- Superchargers use engine power to drive it (parasitic). ✓
- Higher fuel consumption if generated power is not fully used. ✓
- More space required to mount the Roots supercharger. ✓
- Roots and twin-screw superchargers deliver air in bursts. ✓
- It is more expensive than a turbocharger. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)

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**QUESTION 7: FORCES (SPECIFIC)****7.1 Definition:****7.1.1 Torque:**

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

(2)

**7.1.2 Brake power:**

- The useable power ✓ developed at the flywheel or the wheels. ✓
- The actual output power ✓ of an engine measured at the flywheel or the wheels. ✓

(Any 1 x 2)

(2)

**7.2 Increase swept volume:**

- Fit crankshaft with longer stroke (with suitable connecting rods). ✓
- Increase bore of cylinders. ✓

(Any 1 x 1)

(1)

**7.3 Calculations:****7.3.1 Swept volume:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Swept volume} &= \frac{\pi \times d^2}{4} \times L \\ &= \frac{\pi \times 7,4^2}{4} \times 7,7 \checkmark \\ &= 331,16 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

(3)

**7.3.2 Compression ratio:**

$$42 \text{ ml} = 42 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Compression ratio} &= \frac{SV}{CV} + 1 \\ &= \frac{331,16}{42} + 1 \checkmark \\ &= 8,88:1 \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

**OR**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Compression ratio} &= \frac{SV + CV}{CV} \\ &= \frac{331,16 + 42}{42} \checkmark \\ &= 8,88:1 \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

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7.3.3 **Stroke length:**

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

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

$$SV = 42 (10 - 1) \checkmark$$

$$= 378 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark$$

$$SV = \frac{\pi \times d^2}{4} \times \text{length}$$

$$\text{length} = \frac{SV \times 4}{\pi \times d^2} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{378 \times 4}{\pi \times 7,4^2} \checkmark$$

$$= 8,789 \text{ cm}$$

$$= 87,89 \text{ mm} \checkmark$$

(6)

7.4 **Calculations:**7.4.1 **Indicated power:**

$$IP = PLAN_n$$

$$P = 950 \times 10^3$$

$$L = \frac{70}{1000} = 0,07 \text{ m} \checkmark$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\pi \times 0,065^2}{4} \checkmark = 3,318307 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2 \checkmark$$

$$N = \frac{2500}{60 \times 2} \checkmark = 20,833 \checkmark \text{ power strokes/ sec}$$

$$n = 4$$

$$IP = (950 \times 10^3) \times (0,07) \times (3,318307 \times 10^{-3}) \times (20,833) \times (4) \checkmark$$

$$= 18388,95 \text{ W}$$

$$= 18,39 \text{ kW} \checkmark$$

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**7.4.2 Torque:**

$$\text{Torque} = \text{Force} \times \text{radius}$$

$$= 142,5 \times 0,4 \checkmark$$

$$= 57 \text{ Nm} \checkmark$$

(2)

**7.4.3 Brake power :**

$$\text{Brake power} = 2\pi NT$$

$$= 2 \times \pi \times \left( \frac{2500}{60} \right) \times 57 \checkmark$$

$$= 14922,565 \text{ W}$$

$$= 14,92 \text{ kW} \checkmark$$

(3)

**7.4.4 Mechanical efficiency:**

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

$$= \frac{14,92}{18,39} \times 100 \checkmark$$

$$= 81,13 \% \checkmark$$

(2)

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**QUESTION 8: MAINTENANCE (SPECIFIC)****8.1 Exhaust gas analysis:****8.1.1 Gas analysis results:**

- High oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) ✓
- High nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) ✓

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**8.1.2 High nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>):**

- Improper spark advance ✓
- Malfunctioning exhaust gas regulator (EGR) ✓
- Malfunctioning catalytic converter ✓
- Lean fuel mixture ✓
- Lower octane fuel ✓
- Vacuum leaks ✓

**(Any 3 x 1)****(3)****8.2 Compression test:****8.2.1 Possible causes:**

- Piston rings are worn. ✓
- Piston is damaged. ✓
- Valves leaking. ✓
- Cracked cylinder head. ✓
- Blown head gasket. ✓
- Cylinder walls are worn. ✓

**(Any 1 x 1)****(1)****8.2.2 Corrective measures:**

- Fit new rings. ✓
- Fit new pistons. ✓
- Replace/Re-seat valves. ✓
- Stitch weld/Replace the cylinder head. ✓
- Replace the cylinder head gaskets. ✓
- Re-bore cylinders. ✓

**(Any 1 x 1)****(1)****8.2.3 Fault:**

Low to no compression pressure readings. ✓

**(1)****8.2.4 Corrective measures:**

- Replace the bent valves. ✓
- Correct the cambelt tension. ✓
- Fit a new cambelt. ✓
- Reset valve timing. ✓

**(Any 1 x 1)****(1)**

**8.3 Place of hissing sounds:**

- 8.3.1
- Dipstick ✓
  - Oil filler cap hole ✓
  - Breather pipe ✓

**(Any 1 x 1)** (1)

8.3.2 Intake manifold ✓

(1)

8.3.3 Exhaust pipe ✓

(1)

**8.4 Oil pressure test:**

- Oil pressure when 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 Low fuel pressure:****NOTE:** The cause and the corrective measure must match each other.

CAUSES	CORRECTIVE MEASURES
Faulty fuel pump. ✓	• Replace fuel pump. ✓
Blocked or restricted fuel filter. ✓	• Replace fuel filter. ✓
Cracked or restricted fuel line. ✓	• Renew or repair fuel line. ✓ • Blow out fuel lines. ✓ <b>(Any 1 x 1)</b>
Clogged pump inlet strainer. ✓	• Clean the strainer. ✓
Low voltage to the fuel pump. ✓	• Repair faulty wiring and connections. ✓ • Recharge or replace battery. ✓ <b>(Any 1 x 1)</b>
Faulty or failed fuel pressure regulator. ✓	• Replace fuel pressure regulator. ✓
Defective fuel pump relay. ✓	• Replace relay. ✓
Empty fuel tank. ✓	• Refuel. ✓

**(Any 2 causes x Any 2 matching corrective measures)** (4)**8.6 Test the cooling system:**

- Fit radiator pressure tester to the radiator. ✓
- Pressurize the cooling system according to manufacturer's specification. ✓
- Watch the pressure for a while, ✓ if it drops there is a leak.
- Conduct a visual check for leaks. ✓

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**QUESTION 9: SYSTEMS AND CONTROL (AUTOMATIC GEARBOX) (SPECIFIC)****9.1 Advantages of an automatic gearbox:**

- It reduces driver fatigue. ✓
- It ensures great reduction of wheel spin under bad road conditions. ✓
- The vehicle can be stopped suddenly without the engine stalling. ✓
- The system dampens all engine torsional vibrations. ✓
- Easier to drive (e.g. disabled person with one leg/no clutch pedal pressing). ✓

**(Any 3 x 1) (3)****9.2 Torque converter:****9.2.1 Labelling:**

- A. Turbine ✓
- B. Impeller/Pump ✓
- C. Stator ✓
- D. Output shaft/Turbine shaft ✓

**(4)****9.2.2 Stall speed:**

- When the impeller rotates at maximum speed ✓ and the turbine is almost stationary. ✓
- When the pump has reached the highest velocity ✓ and the turbine is at stall (standing still). ✓
- When the vehicle is stationary ✓ and just before it starts moving. ✓

**(Any 1 x 2) (2)****9.2.3 Converter stops multiplying torque:**

- When the turbine turns at almost the same speed ✓ as the pump. ✓
- When the speed of the oil leaving the pump ✓ is almost the same as the pump speed. ✓

**(Any 1 x 2) (2)****9.3 Advantages of transmission control unit:**

- Better fuel economy ✓
- Reduced engine emissions ✓
- Greater shift system reliability ✓
- Improved shift feel ✓
- Improved shift speed ✓
- Improved vehicle handling ✓

**(Any 2 x 1) (2)**

**9.4 Cooling oil in the automatic transmission:**

- Use a separate oil cooler. ✓
- Circulating fluid through the bottom radiator tank. ✓
- Air flowing over the transmission housing and oil sump. ✓

**(Any 2 x 1)****(2)****9.5 Forward overdrive:**

1. Input shaft drives the sun gear. ✓
2. Annulus 2/Ring gear 2 is held stationery. ✓
3. Planet carrier rotates faster than the input shaft. ✓

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**QUESTION 10: SYSTEMS AND CONTROL (AXLES, STEERING GEOMETRY AND ELECTRONICS) (SPECIFIC)****10.1 Features wheel alignment**

- Desirable steering ✓
- Good wheel tracking ✓
- Better road-holding ✓
- Improved fuel economy ✓
- Even tyre wear ✓
- Reduced wear on the suspension ✓

**(Any 2 x 1) (2)****10.2 Positive camber:****10.2.1 Labels:**

- A. Centre line of wheel ✓
- B. Positive camber angle/Camber angle ✓
- C. Strut ✓
- D. Lower control arm ✓

**(4)****10.2.2 Camber adjustment:**

- Cam on the suspension ✓
- Wedge plates on the suspension ✓
- Offset screw ✓
- Upper strut mounting ✓

**(Any 1 x 1) (1)****10.2.3 Excessive positive camber:**

- Hard steering ✓
- Rapid tyre wear ✓
- Increased chance of vehicle rolling when cornering ✓

**(Any 2 x 1) (2)****10.3 Wheel pre-checks:**

- Tyre pressure ✓
- Tyre wear ✓
- Tyre for bruises, cracks ✓
- Damaged side walls of tyre ✓
- Wheel rim for damaged beads ✓
- Foreign matter on the rim and tyre ✓
- Tyre expiry date ✓

**(Any 3 x 1) (3)**

**10.4 Fuel-delivery system:****10.4.1 Pressure regulator:**

The fuel pressure is kept constant ✓ in relation to the manifold pressure. ✓

(2)

**10.4.2 Fuel pump:**

The fuel pump transfers the fuel ✓ from fuel tank to the engine through fuel lines. ✓

(2)

**10.5 Ignition timing:**

- Engine speed ✓
- Engine load ✓
- Engine temperature ✓
- Throttle position ✓
- Engine knocking ✓
- Altitude ✓

(Any 2 x 1)

(2)

**10.6 Common rail direct injection (CRDI) system:**

- A. Common rail ✓
- B. Fuel injector ✓
- C. Fuel line ✓
- D. Fuel filter ✓

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**10.7 Requirements for the catalytic converter to function:**

- A temperature of at least 250°C. ✓
- Unleaded petrol must be used. ✓
- Accurate ignition timing. ✓
- No misfiring. ✓
- No burnt engine oil in the exhaust gases. ✓
- Functioning oxygen/lambda sensor. ✓

(Any 2 x 1)

(2)

**10.8 Alternator:****10.8.1 Labels:**

- A. Rotor ✓
- B. Stator ✓
- C. Battery ✓

(3)

**10.8.2 Diodes:**

Six ✓

(1)

**10.8.3 Function of the diodes:**

- Allows the current to flow in one direction ✓ only. ✓
- It blocks the current ✓ from flowing in the opposite direction. ✓

(Any 1 x 2)

(2)

**10.9 Deactivate speed control:**

- Switch it off. ✓
- Apply brakes. ✓
- Press the clutch pedal/change gears. ✓
- ECU mapping. ✓

(Any 2 x 1) (2)  
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