

**B.Tech. MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
(COMPUTER INTEGRATED
MANUFACTURING)**

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Term-End Examination

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BME-031 : ENERGY CONVERSION

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : Answer any **seven** questions. All questions carry equal marks. Use of steam tables and scientific calculator is allowed.

1. (a) Show the Rankine cycle on a PV diagram. Determine the work done. How is this cycle modified ? Explain.
- (b) Show the pressure variation in a petrol engine cylinder, as the crank rotates. 5+5
2. (a) How does a 2-stroke engine work ? Explain with sketches how suction, compression, power and exhaust processes take place. Why is fuel-air mixture first compressed in crank case ?

- (b) What is the function of a condenser in a steam thermal power plant ? Explain with the help of Rankine cycle. Sketch a surface condenser. 5+5
3. (a) What are the different types of coal ? Which of these coals contains maximum moisture and which contains maximum carbon ?
- (b) Describe the proximate and ultimate analysis of coal. How do you find water content of coal ? Mention the liquid fuels that are used in a boiler. 5+5
4. (a) Differentiate between Reheat and Regenerative cycles for power plants.
- (b) Derive the expression for the efficiency of Otto cycle. 5+5
5. (a) What is the function of spark plug in a petrol engine ? How does combustion occur in a diesel engine ? Give a simple sketch of a spark plug.
- (b) Differentiate between boiler mountings and boiler accessories. Give two examples and sketch one boiler mounting. 5+5
6. (a) In how many different forms is energy available on the Earth ? Classify them into two groups. Which form of energy is most widely used ?

(b) Explain the following laws of thermochemistry :

(i) Law of Lavoisier and Laplace

(ii) Hess's law of constant heat summation

5+5

7. (a) How do you classify the internal combustion engines ? Mention the cycles on which these engines work. Why is it necessary to cool an I.C. engine ?

(b) With a neat sketch, explain the functioning of a 4-stroke petrol engine. What is the other type of engine and what advantages does it offer over a 4-stroke engine ?

5+5

8. (a) With the help of neat sketches, explain the working principle of a nuclear power plant. State the functions of the following parts of a nuclear power plant :

* Nuclear reactor

* Moderator

* Control rod

- (b) The equivalent of evaporation of a boiler is 10.4 kg/kg of fuel. The boiler produces 15 T/hr of steam at 2.00 MN/m^2 . Feed water temperature is 40°C . Fuel consumption is 1650 kg/hr . Find the boiler efficiency and the condition of steam produced. Take calorific value of fuel = 29800 kJ/kg .

5+5

9. (a) State the advantages and disadvantages of nuclear power plants over coal based power plants.

- (b) A trial was conducted on a two-stroke cycle 4-cylinder gasoline engine having 10 cm bore and 12 cm stroke. The net dynamometer load was 310 N at a radius of 40 cm when the engine speed was 2050 rpm . At the same speed and throttle opening, the engine required 6 kW to motor it with the ignition switch off.

During the 3-minute run at this speed and power the engine consumed 0.52 kg of fuel with calorific value of 42100 kJ/kg and 24 kg of cooling water was circulated through the jacket. The temperature rise of cooling water was by 60° .

Determine :

- (i) Mechanical efficiency
- (ii) Indicated M.E.P.
- (iii) Brake thermal efficiency

5+5

10. (a) In a gas turbine plant, air compressor takes in air at a temperature of 15°C and compresses it to 4 times the initial pressure with an isentropic efficiency of 82%. The air is then passed through a regenerator before reaching the combustion chamber. The effectiveness of the regenerator is 78%. The maximum temperature of the cycle is 600°C and the isentropic efficiency of the turbine is 70%. Find the thermal efficiency of the plant. Take $R = 0.287 \text{ kJ/kg K}$.

(b) A diesel fuel contains 70% C, 10% H_2 , 5% O_2 , 1% S and rest incombustible by weight. If air contains 23% oxygen by weight, find the amount of air required for complete combustion of 1 kg fuel.

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