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**FINAL EXAMINATION  
(TAKE HOME)  
SEMESTER I  
SESSION 2020/2021**

COURSE NAME : RAPID PROTOTYPING AND  
MANUFACTURING  
COURSE CODE : BNM 20204  
PROGRAMME CODE : BNM  
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INSTRUCTION : ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS

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- Q1**
- (a) Some of the rapid prototyping techniques require support structure in their part fabrication process. Illustrates the meaning of support structure and its purpose. (4 marks)
  - (b) Value engineering (VE) is a systematic method to improve the "value" of goods or products and services by using an examination of function. Value, as defined, is the ratio of function to cost. Predict and explain **FIVE (5)** impacts by extending reverse engineering to value engineering (VE) in organizations (10 marks)
  - (c) CAD model preparation is one of the most important process in reverse engineering and rapid prototyping process. However, both processes have different method of CAD model preparation. Summarize the difference of CAD model preparation between the both processes (6 marks)
  - (d) Reverse engineering is the reproduction of another manufacturer's product following detailed examination of its construction or composition. Explain **TWO (2)** reasons for manufacturer to use reverse engineering. (5 marks)
- Q2**
- (a) A manufacturing company need to complete an order to produce 50 pieces of part as shown in **Figure Q2 (a)** within one week. This part also will be used as a master pattern to create a mould. As a manufacturing engineer;
    - (i) Suggest the appropriate rapid tooling method to create the mould for the part shown in **Figure Q2 (a)**. (2 marks)
    - (ii) By using appropriate diagram, demonstrate suitable mould fabrication for the part shown in **Figure Q2 (a)**. (15 marks)
  - (b) Rapid Tooling (RT) techniques have an important role in many industrial branches. Differentiate between these two rapid tooling terminologies in relation to its definition.
    - (i) Indirect Rapid Tooling Making Method (4marks)
    - (ii) Direct Rapid Tooling Making Method (4 marks)



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- Q3** (a) Failure analysis is the process of collecting and analyzing data to determine the cause of a failure, often with the goal of determining corrective actions or liability. Failure analysis can save money, lives, and resources if done correctly and acted upon. It is an important discipline in many branches of manufacturing industry. As a testing engineer, conclude **THREE (3)** significances of the failure analysis. (6 marks)
- (b) Verification is intended to check a product, service, or system (or portion thereof, or set thereof) meets a set of design specifications. With the aid of sketch, justify the flow on how to conduct a preparation of verification activities. (13 marks)
- (c) Prototype testing allows the product design to come alive. Discuss **THREE (3)** benefits of prototype testing. (6 marks)
- Q4** (a) The Stereolithography Apparatus (SLA) process is the first commercialized rapid prototyping process. It was patented in 1986 and started the rapid prototyping revolution;
- (i) Demonstrate with a diagram, the details of SLA fabrication process. (12 marks)
- (ii) Summarize the advantages and disadvantages of SLA fabrication process. (8 marks)
- (b) Roller or recoater is one of the main component in Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) system. Discuss the purposes of this component. (5 marks)

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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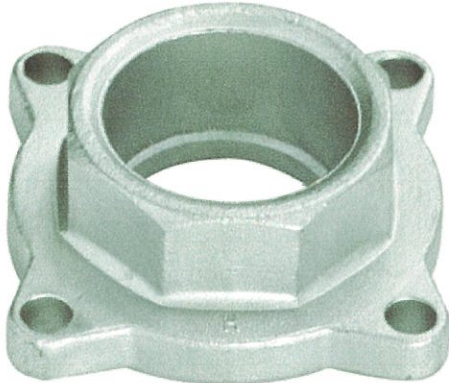


Figure Q2 (a)

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