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- Q1** (a) Explain the meaning of a four-stroke engine regarding the piston movement and its relationship with the power it produces. (2 marks)
- (b) Differentiate an aero-piston engine and a jet engine in terms of the engine's output and how the thrust is principally generated. (3 marks)
- (c) Define the following terms on a piston engine. (5 marks)
- (i) Stroke
  - (ii) Clearance volume
  - (iii) Swept volume
  - (iv) Top dead centre
  - (v) Capacity
- (d) A propeller-driven aircraft uses a four-stroke, six-cylinder, spark-ignition, V-type engine. The aircraft is flying at 180 m and a 198 km/hour speed. The ambient temperature, pressure and density are 286.98 K, 99.18 kPa and 1.204 kg/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively. The summary of the primary data is as follows:

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Swept volume, $V_S$                       | : 1.0996 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> |
| Clearance volume, $V_C$                   | : 1.2217 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> m <sup>3</sup> |
| Engine speed                              | : 4,000 RPM                                |
| The heat generated during combustion, $q$ | : 2,773,29 kJ/kg                           |
| Mechanical efficiency, $\eta_m$           | : 90 %                                     |
| Propulsive efficiency, $\eta_P$           | : 85 %                                     |

If the diameter of the engine's propeller is 1.7 m, analyse the engine performance to obtain the following:

- (i) Compression ratio
- (ii) Indicated, brake and available powers
- (iii) Thrust
- (iv) Maximum static thrust.

Take for air,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $C_V = 0.718$  kJ/kg and,  $R = 0.287$  kJ/kg.K. Take also for fuel,  $LHV = 44,650$  kJ/kg.

(15 marks)

- Q2** (a) A typical gas turbine performance analysis will adopt two approaches: the component analysis approach and the total property approach. Briefly explain the two approaches. (4 marks)
- (b) Explain the law of conservation of mass and how the law is used in the gas turbine performance analysis. (3 marks)

- (c) A gas turbine engine has the following performance parameters:

|             |   |                              |
|-------------|---|------------------------------|
| TSFC        | : | $2.475 \times 10^{-5}$ kg/Ns |
| $\eta_{th}$ | : | 58 %                         |
| $\eta_P$    | : | 42 %                         |

Synthesise the data to provide the meaning of the performance parameters.

(3 marks)

- (d) An aircraft with a single-spoiled turbojet engine is flying at 5,800 m. The arrangement of the engine is given in **Figure Q2(d)**. The recorded flight and engine data from the flight and engine management system are given as follows:

|                           |   |           |
|---------------------------|---|-----------|
| Ambient Temperature       | : | 271.55 K  |
| Ambient Pressure          | : | 48.49 kPa |
| Mach number               | : | 0.8       |
| Inlet mass flow           | : | 70 kg/s   |
| Compressor pressure ratio | : | 12        |
| Turbine entry temperature | : | 1350 K    |

Using an ideal cycle approach, analyse the engine performance to obtain for the engine the following:

- (i) The thrust
- (ii) The specific thrust
- (iii) The TSFC;
- (iv) The thermal efficiency.

Sketch the  $T$ - $S$  diagram. Take for air,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $C_p = 1.005$  kJ/kg and,  $R = 0.287$  kJ/kg.K. Take for fuel,  $LHV = 42,800$  kJ/kg.

(15 marks)

- Q3** (a) Sketch the engine diagram of a single-spool mixed and unmixed nozzle turbofan. Also, provide the thrust equation.

(6 marks)

- (b) Describe the effect of Ram Pressure on Engine Thrust.

(4 marks)

- (c) A military aircraft is equipped with a single-spoiled, mixed-nozzle turbofan engine. The engine configuration is given in **Figure Q3(c)**. The aircraft is flying at Mach 0.65 at an altitude of 10,000 m. The ambient conditions are 244.25 K and 26.43 kPa, respectively. The recorded engine data from the engine management system are given as follows:

|                 |   |          |
|-----------------|---|----------|
| Inlet mass flow | : | 100 kg/s |
| Bypass ratio    | : | 2.3825   |

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|---------------------------|---|--------|
| Fan pressure ratio        | : | 3.2    |
| Compressor pressure ratio | : | 5.5    |
| Turbine entry temperature | : | 1600 K |

Using an ideal cycle approach, analyse the engine performance to obtain the following:

- (i) Nozzle exit velocity
- (ii) The engine's thrust
- (iii) The engine's specific thrust
- (iv) The TSFC

Sketch the  $T$ - $S$  diagram. Take for air,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $C_p = 1.005$  kJ/kg and,  $R = 0.287$  kJ/kg.K. Take for fuel,  $LHV = 42,800$  kJ/kg.

(15 marks)

- Q4** (a) List the four assumptions for an ideal gas turbine cycle analysis. (4 marks)
- (b) **Figure Q4(b)** provides three arrangements of a mixed nozzle turbofan. For each arrangement, relate the work relationship between the turbine and the compressor system. (6 marks)
- (c) A single-spooled, unmixed-nozzle turbofan engine powers a transport aircraft. The engine configuration is given in **Figure Q4(c)**. The aircraft is flying at ISA sea level at Mach 0.6. The recorded engine data from the engine management system are given as follows:

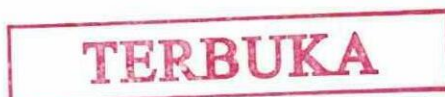
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| Inlet mass flow           | : | 200 kg/s |
| Bypass ratio              | : | 2.3      |
| Fan pressure ratio        | : | 3        |
| Compressor pressure ratio | : | 15       |
| Turbine entry temperature | : | 1500 K   |

Using an ideal cycle approach, analyse the engine performance to obtain the following:

- (i) Overall pressure ratio
- (ii) The engine thrust
- (iii) The TSFC
- (iv) The engine's specific thrust

Sketch the  $T$ - $S$  diagram. Take for air,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $C_p = 1.005$  kJ/kg and,  $R = 0.287$  kJ/kg.K. Take for fuel,  $LHV = 42,800$  kJ/kg

(15 marks)



- Q5** (a) Off-design point performance analysis is crucial in defining the engine's overall performance:
- (i) Define the off-design point and list the three types of compatibility that need to be achieved when performing the off-design point performance analysis. (2 marks)
  - (ii) Sketch the typical compressor map that is used in the performance analysis. (4 marks)
- (b) List the losses or deficiencies in the gas turbine burner. (2 marks)
- (c) An aircraft flying with a two-spoiled jet engine is flying at 30,000 ft. The atmospheric conditions at that altitude are 229.15 K and 30 kPa. The aircraft's speed is Mach 0.8. The engine arrangement is given in **Figure Q5(c)**, and the engine data for the flight are given in **Table Q5(c)**. Using a non-ideal cycle approach, analyse the engine performance to obtain the following:
- (i) the engine thrust;
  - (ii) the engine specific thrust; and
  - (iii) the TSFC.

Sketch the  $Ts$  diagram. Take for air,  $\gamma = 1.4$ ,  $C_p = 1.005$  kJ/kg,  $R = 0.287$  kJ/kg.K while for combusted gas air,  $\gamma = 1.33$ ,  $C_p = 1.148$  kJ/kg,  $R = 0.285$  kJ/kg.K. Take also for fuel,  $LHV = 42,800$  kJ/kg.

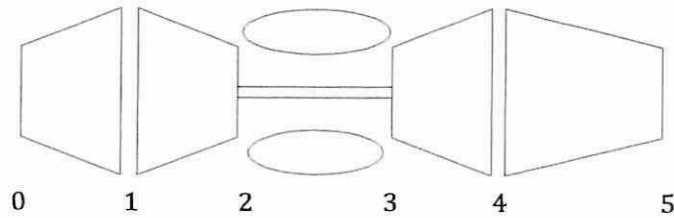
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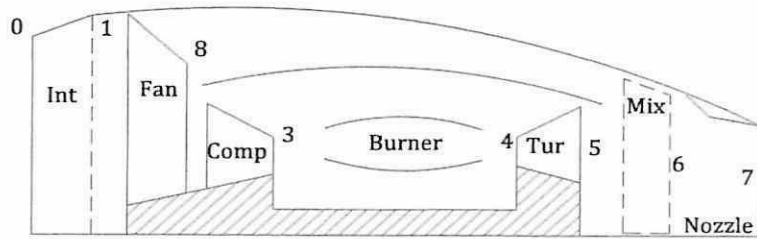
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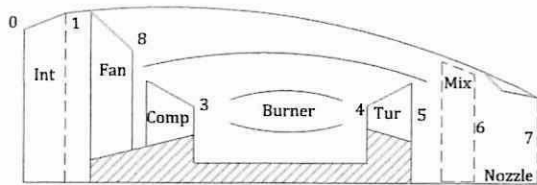
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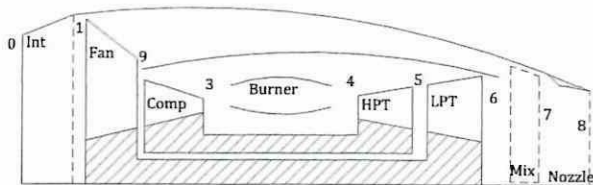
**Figure Q2(d)**



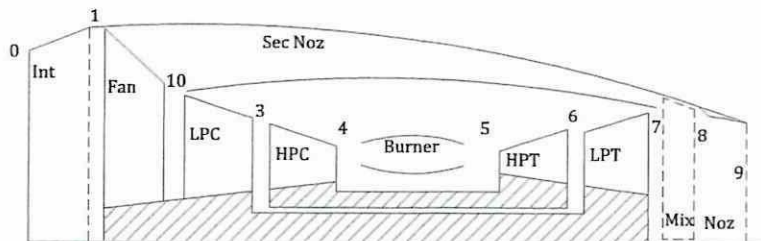
**Figure Q3(c)**



**Arrangement 1**



**Arrangement 2**



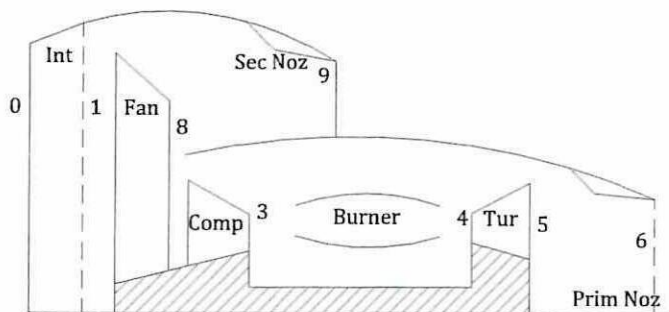
**Arrangement 3**  
**Figure Q4(b)**

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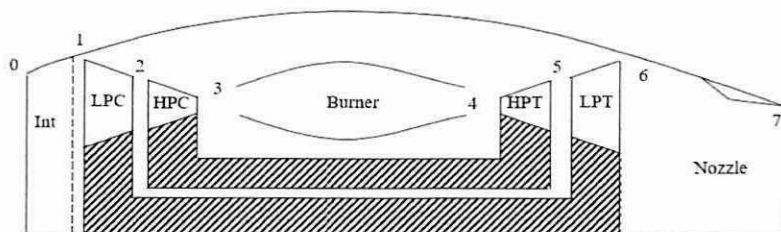
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**Figure Q4(c)**



LPC : Low-Pressure Compressor | HPC : High-Pressure Compressor | LPT : Low-Pressure Turbine  
 | HPT : High Pressure Turbine

**Figure Q5(c)**

**Table Q5(c)**

| No | Component   | Value                   | No | Component   | Value                   |
|----|---|-------------------------|----|---|-------------------------|
| 1  | <b>Intake</b><br>Mass flow<br>Pressure recovery<br>Isentropic efficiency                                    | 230 kg/s<br>85%<br>100% | 2  | <b>Low-Pressure Compressor</b><br>Pressure ratio<br>Isentropic efficiency     | 3.5<br>95%              |
| 3  | <b>High-Pressure Compressor</b><br>Pressure ratio<br>Isentropic efficiency                                  | 5<br>95%                | 4  | <b>Burner</b><br>Burning efficiency<br>Pressure loss                          | 98%<br>No pressure loss |
| 5  | <b>High-Pressure Turbine</b><br>Turbine entry temperature<br>Isentropic efficiency<br>Mechanical efficiency | 1530K<br>100%<br>100%   | 6  | <b>Low-Pressure Turbine</b><br>Isentropic efficiency<br>Mechanical efficiency | 100%<br>100%            |
| 7  | <b>Nozzle</b><br>Isentropic efficiency  | 100%                    |    |   |                         |

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## LIST OF EQUATIONS

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| Eq. 1  | $P_a V_a^\gamma = P_b V_b^\gamma$   |
| Eq. 2  | $\frac{T_a}{T_b} = \left(\frac{P_a}{P_b}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$      |
| Eq. 3  | $\frac{T_a}{T_b} = \left(\frac{V_b}{V_a}\right)^{\gamma-1}$                     |
| Eq. 4  | $\frac{P_a V_a}{T_a} = \frac{P_b V_b}{T_b}$                                     |
| Eq. 5  | $\Gamma_V = \frac{V_{max}}{V_{min}}$  |
| Eq. 6  | $q = C_v(T_b - T_a)$ - close system   |
| Eq. 7  | $W_{ab} = \frac{P_b V_b - P_a V_a}{1 - \gamma}$                                 |
| Eq. 8  | $\dot{W}_i = \frac{n_{shaft}}{2 \times 60} N (W_{expansion} - W_{compression})$ |
| Eq. 9  | $\dot{W}_B = \eta_m \dot{W}_i$  |
| Eq. 10 | $\dot{W}_A = \eta_P \dot{W}_B$  |
| Eq. 11 | $F_N = \frac{\dot{W}_A}{\bar{V}_o}$   |
| Eq. 12 | $A_p = \frac{\pi d^2}{4}$   |



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| Eq. 13 | $F_o = \left( \dot{W}_B \sqrt{2\rho A_p} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$  |
| Eq. 14 | $\eta_{th} = \frac{\dot{W}_{net}}{\dot{Q}_{23}}$   |
| Eq. 15 | $M = \frac{\bar{V}}{\sqrt{\gamma R t}}$  |
| Eq. 16 | $T_{0A} = T_A \left[ 1 + \frac{\gamma - 1}{2} M_i^2 \right]$   |
| Eq. 17 | $PR = \frac{P_{max}}{P_{min}}$   |
| Eq. 18 | $\sum E_{in} = \sum E_{out}$   |
| Eq. 19 | $FAR = \frac{\dot{m}_f}{\dot{m}_i}$  |
| Eq. 20 | $\dot{Q}_{AB} = \dot{m} C_p (T_B - T_A)$   |
| Eq. 21 | $T_{0A} = T_A + \frac{\bar{V}_A^2}{2C_p}$  |
| Eq. 22 | $F_S = \frac{F_N}{\dot{m}_i}$  |
| Eq. 23 | $\eta_P = \frac{2}{1 + \frac{V_e}{V_i}}$   |
| Eq. 24 | $TSFC = \frac{\dot{m}_f}{F_N}$   |
| Eq. 25 | $\eta_{th} = \frac{F_n \bar{V}_i + \frac{1}{2} \dot{m}_e (\bar{V}_e - \bar{V}_i)^2}{\dot{m}_f \times LHV}$ |
| Eq. 26 | $\dot{m}_{core} = \frac{\dot{m}_i}{1 + \beta}$   |

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|--------|---|
| Eq. 27 | $\dot{m}_{BP} = \frac{\beta \dot{m}_i}{1 + \beta}$  |
| Eq. 28 | $\sum \dot{H}_{in} = \sum \dot{H}_{in}$ for mixer   |
| Eq. 29 | $P_{Rec} = \frac{P_{0A}'}{P_{0A}}$  |
| Eq. 30 | $\eta_m = \frac{\dot{W}_{comp}}{\dot{W}_{turbine}}$   |
| Eq. 31 | $t_c = \left( \frac{2}{\gamma + 1} \right) T_{04}'$   |
| Eq. 32 | $P_c = P_{04} \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{\eta_N} \left( 1 - \frac{T_c}{T_{04}'} \right) \right]^{\frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1}}$ |
| Eq. 33 | $\bar{V}_A = \sqrt{\gamma R T_A}$   |
| Eq. 34 | $\gamma = \frac{C_p}{C_v} = \frac{C_p}{C_p - R}$  |