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QUESTIONS.**

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Answer four (4) out of five (5) questions.

- Q1** An airplane weighing 100,000 N is powered by a jet engine producing 20,000 N of thrust under sea level standard conditions. The wing area  $S$  is  $25\text{m}^2$ . The maximum lift coefficient  $C_{L\max} = 1.5$  and the polar drag coefficient  $C_D$  is given by  $C_D = 0.016 + 0.064 C_L^2$ .

Air properties at sea level and at an altitude 10 km are given respectively as below:

At sea level (SL) are :

$$\text{Pressure } p_{\text{SL}} = 1.01325 \cdot 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2 ,$$

$$\text{Temperature } T_{\text{SL}} = 288.15^\circ \text{ K} ,$$

$$\text{Air density } \rho_{\text{SL}} = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\text{Air viscosity } \mu_{\text{SL}} = 1.7894 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s} \cdot \text{m}}$$

At the altitude 10 km

$$\text{Pressure ratio } \frac{P}{P_{\text{SL}}} = 0.26153$$

$$\text{Temperature } T = 223.252^\circ \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Air density ratio } \frac{\rho}{\rho_{\text{SL}}} = 0.33756$$

$$\text{Viscosity ratio } \frac{\mu}{\mu_{\text{SL}}} = 0.81461$$

Calculate :

- (i) Stalling speed at sea level and at 10 km altitude,
- (ii)  $\left(\frac{C_D}{C_L}\right)_{\min}$  and  $\left(\frac{C_D}{C_L^{3/2}}\right)_{\min}$
- (iii) The aircraft speed at the minimum drag  $V_{\text{md}}$  and the aircraft speed at the minimum power required  $V_{\text{mp}}$  at sea level flight.
- (iv) The minimum thrust required  $T_{\min}$  and the minimum power  $P_{\min}$  at sea level

(25 marks)

- Q2** A piston-engine airplane has the following characteristics:

$$\text{Aircraft weight } W = 11000 \text{ N},$$

$$\text{Wing area reference } S = 11.9 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Lift coefficient } C_L \text{ as function angle of attack } \alpha : C_L(\alpha) = 0.098 (\alpha - \alpha_0)$$

$$\text{With the angle of attack at zero lift : } \alpha_0 = -3.8^\circ$$

$$\text{Drag coefficient } C_D \text{ as function of lift coefficient is given as:}$$

$$C_D = 0.022 + 0.055 C_L^2$$

The maximum lift coefficient  $C_{Lmax} = 1.4$ .

The aircraft engine BHP is 103 kW and propeller efficiency is 83 percent.

The atmospheric data at an altitude 3 km is given as :

$$\text{Pressure ratio } \frac{P}{P_{SL}} = 0.69204$$

$$\text{Temperature } T = 268.659^\circ \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Air density } \frac{\rho}{\rho_{SL}} = 0.74225$$

$$\text{Viscosity } \frac{\mu}{\mu_{SL}} = 0.94656$$

The atmospheric conditions at sea level (SL) are :

$$p_{SL} = 1.01325 \cdot 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2, T_{SL} = 288.15^\circ \text{ K}, \rho_{SL} = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu_{SL} = 1.7894 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s m}}$$

The aircraft flies in level flight and at an altitude of 3 km. Determine the following flight performance: of that aircraft in terms :

- (i) Aircraft Stall speed  $V_{stall}$
- (ii) The maximum speed in level flight  $V_{max}$
- (iii) The minimum speed in level flight  $V_{min}$
- (iv) The aircraft speed at the minimum power required
- (v) The angle of attack at that minimum power required.

(25 marks)

**Q3** An airplane weighing 180000N has a wing area of  $45 \text{ m}^2$  and drag polar given by  $C_D = 0.017 + 0.05 C_L^2$ . The air properties at sea level and at altitude 10 km respectively are given as below:

- At sea level (SL) are :

$$p_{SL} = 1.01325 \cdot 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2, T_{SL} = 288.15^\circ \text{ K}, \rho_{SL} = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu_{SL} = 1.7894 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s m}}$$

- At an altitude 3 km is given as :

$$\text{Pressure ratio } \frac{P}{P_{SL}} = 0.69204$$

$$\text{Temperature } T = 268.659^\circ \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Air density } \frac{\rho}{\rho_{SL}} = 0.74225$$

$$\text{Viscosity } \frac{\mu}{\mu_{SL}} = 0.94656$$

Determine :

- (i). The thrust required and power required for a rate of climb of 2,000 m/min at a speed of 540 km/hour at 3 km altitude.
- (ii) The rate of climb at 400 km/hour at sea level if the thrust available is 45000 N.

(25 marks)

- Q4** An propeller driven airplane having aircraft weight  $W = 88\,290$  N. The wing area  $S$  is  $45$  m<sup>2</sup>. The drag polar is given by :  $C_D = 0.022 + 0.05C_L^2$ . Weight of fuel and oil =  $15450$  N, BSFC =  $2.67$  N/kW-hr. and propeller efficiency  $\eta_p = 85\%$ . The air properties at sea level is given as follows:

$$p_{SL} = 1.01325 \cdot 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2, \quad T_{SL} = 288.15^\circ \text{ K}, \quad \rho_{SL} = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\mu_{SL} = 1.7894 \cdot 10^{-5} \frac{\text{kg}}{\text{s m}}$$

Determine :

- (i) The maximum range and endurance at sea level in a steady level flight at a constant angle of attack.
- (ii) The velocity at the beginning and the end of flight
- (iii) The power required at the beginning and the end of flight

(25 marks)

- Q5** A jet airplane having a weight of  $441\,450$  N and wing area of  $110$  m<sup>2</sup> has a tricycle type landing gear. The maximum lift coefficients  $C_{Lmax}$  with flaps is  $2.7$  and other data as given as follows :

The take-off speed  $V_1 = 1.16 V_s$

The transition speed  $V_2 = 1.086 V_1$

The lift coefficient  $C_L$  during ground run is  $1.15$

The drag polar with landing gear and flaps is  $C_D = 0.044 + 0.05C_L^2$

Thrust variation during take-off can be approximated as :

$T = 128,500 - 0.0929 V^2$ , where  $V$  is the km/hour

The gravitational acceleration  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

Aircraft Take-off takes place from a level and dry concrete runway ( $\mu=0.02$ ) and at the sea level.

Determine :

- (i) The ground run distance  $S_1$  and the required time for ground run  $t_1$

- (ii) The transition distance  $S_2$  and the required time for the transition phase  $t_2$
- (iii) The climb distance to reach 15 m screen height and the required time taken for that purpose.

(25 marks)