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COURSE NAME : INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE  
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EXAMINATION DATE : DECEMBER 2019/ JANUARY 2020  
DURATION : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTION : ANSWER FIVE (5) QUESTIONS  
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**Q1** (a) Explain the reasons for the difficulty in achieving 100% engine volumetric efficiency.

(2 marks)

(b) A  $1500 \text{ cm}^3$ , four-stroke cycle, four-cylinder compression ignition (C.I.) engine, operating at 3200 RPM, produces 48 kW of brake power. The engine volumetric efficiency is 0.92 and with operating air-fuel ratio of 21:1. Calculate:

- i. the required mass air flow rate (kg/sec) into the engine;
- ii. brake specific fuel consumption (g/kW·hr);
- iii. the mass flow rate (kg/hr) of the exhaust gas; and
- iv. brake output per displacement (kW/litre).

(18 marks)

**Q2** (a) Explain why an electric dynamometer is considered to be better than a hydraulic dynamometer?

(4 marks)

(b) Spark ignition (S.I.) engines produce high amount of carbon monoxide (CO) and unburned hydrocarbon (HC) emissions during operation. Explain the causes for those emissions.

(6 marks)

(c) Compression ignition (C.I.) engine operation can be approximated by the ideal Air-Standard Diesel Cycle.

- i. Justify the assumptions of isentropic compression stroke and the constant-pressure heat addition process used for this idealised cycle;
- ii. Sketch this ideal Air-Standard Diesel Cycle on a  $P$ - $V$  diagram; and
- iii. Derive the expression for Diesel Cycle thermal efficiency, based on its temperature values of  $T_1$ ,  $T_2$ ,  $T_3$  and  $T_4$ .

(10 marks)

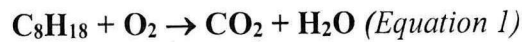
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**Q3** (a) Referring to the exhaust gas aftertreatment process for an S.I. engine, describe the roles of a three-way catalyst (TWC) system that is normally installed inside the exhaust pipeline of the S.I. engine.

(6 marks)

(b) Gasoline used for spark ignition engine has a typical chemical formula of  $C_8H_{18}$ . During combustion this fuel will react exothermically with oxygen using this reaction route:



- i. Rewrite Equation 1 in its chemically balanced form; and
- ii. Calculate the mass of water that will be produced, assuming complete combustion process is taken place.

(14 marks)

**Q4** A V6 research engine with capacity of 3000cc operates on a 4-stroke cycle at 3600 RPM. The compression ratio is 9.49 and the length of the connecting rods is 17.1 cm. Its bore is equivalent with the stroke. At the given engine speed, the combustion terminates at 20 °C after-top-dead-centre (aTDC). Calculate:

- i. the cylinder bore and stroke length;
- ii. average piston speed;
- iii. the clearance volume of each cylinder; and
- iv. piston speed at the end of combustion.

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- Q5** A five-cylinder, four-stroke cycle S.I. engine has a compression ratio  $r_c = 11:1$ , bore = 5.52 cm, stroke = 5.72 cm, and connecting rod length = 11.00 cm. Cylinder inlet conditions are 63°C and 92 kPa. The intake valve closes at 41° after-bottom-dead-centre (aBDC) and the spark plug is fired at 1.5° before-bottom-dead-centre (bTDC). Calculate:
- temperature (K) and pressure (kPa) in the cylinder at ignition, assuming Otto cycle analysis (i.e., assume the intake valve closes at BDC and ignition is at TDC);
  - effective compression ratio (i.e. actual compression of the air-fuel mixture before ignition); and
  - actual temperature (K) and pressure (kPa) in the cylinder at ignition.

(20 marks)

- Q6** During a combustion process inside a spark ignition (S.I.) engine, the flame front stops before it reached the walls of the combustion chamber. Consider the unburned boundary layer as a volume of 0.1 mm thick along the entire combustion chamber surface, with the piston having a 3.0 cm hemisphere bowl in its face. Calculate the percentage of fuel that does not get burned due to being trapped in the surface boundary layer. Provide your assumptions and justifications.

(20 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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The distance between the crank axis and wrist pin axis or piston position is given by, s:

$$s = a \cos \theta + \sqrt{r^2 - a^2 \sin^2 \theta}$$

Where a = crankshaft offset, r = connecting rod length and  $\theta$  = crank angle, measured from the centerline and it is zero when the piston is at TDC

For an engine with  $N_c$  cylinders, displacement volume,  $V_d$ :

$$V_d = V_{BDC} - V_{TDC} \qquad V_d = N_c \left( \frac{\pi}{4} \right) B^2 S$$

Where B = cylinder bore, S = stroke,  $S = 2a$

Compression ratio,  $r_c$  is defined as:  $r_c = \frac{V_{BDC}}{V_{TDC}}$

The cylinder volume at any crank angle is given by:  $V = V_c + \left( \frac{\pi B^2}{4} \right) (r + a - s)$

Where  $V_c$  = clearance volume

Brake work of one revolution,  $W_b$ :  $W_b = 2\pi T$ ;  $W_b = \frac{V_d (bmep)}{n}$

Where T = engine torque, bmep = brake mean effective pressure, n = number of revolutions per cycle

Mean effective pressure:  $mep = \frac{\dot{W}n}{V_d N}$

Engine torque, T, for 2-stroke and 4-stroke cycles:

$$T_{2-stroke} = \frac{V_d (bmep)}{2\pi} \qquad T_{4-stroke} = \frac{V_d (bmep)}{4\pi}$$

Engine power,

$$\dot{W} = \frac{WN}{n} \qquad \dot{W} = 2\pi NT \qquad N = \text{engine speed}$$

Specific fuel consumption

$$sfc = \frac{\dot{m}_f}{\dot{W}}$$

Instantaneous volume, V at any crank angle,  $\theta$ :

$$\frac{V}{V_c} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} (r_c - 1) \left[ R + 1 - \cos \theta - \sqrt{R^2 - \sin^2 \theta} \right]$$

$V_c$  = clearance volume,  $R = r/a$ ,

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Volumetric efficiency,

$$\eta_v = \frac{m_a}{\rho_a V_d}$$

$$\eta_v = \frac{n\dot{m}_a}{\rho_a V_d N}$$

where

$m_a$  = mass of air into the engine for one cycle

$\dot{m}_a$  = steady - state flow of air into the engine

$\rho_a$  = air density evaluated at atmospheric conditions

$V_d$  = displacement volume

$N$  = engine speed

$n$  = number of revolutions per cycle

$$\rho_{air} = 1.181 \frac{kg}{m^3}$$

For a generator, power output is the product of voltage and current.

Average piston speed is  $U_p = 2SN$

The ratio of instantaneous piston speed divided by the average piston speed is:

$$\frac{U_p}{\bar{U}_p} = \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \sin \theta \left[ 1 + \left( \frac{\cos \theta}{\sqrt{R^2 - \sin^2 \theta}} \right) \right]$$

where

$$R = r/a$$

Compound/Element	Molecular weight	Compound/Element	Molecular weight
Air	28.966	Nitric Oxide, NO	30.006
Carbon Dioxide, CO <sub>2</sub>	44.01	Nitrogen, N <sub>2</sub>	28.0134
Carbon Monoxide, CO	28.011	Nitrous Oxide, N <sub>2</sub> O	44.0133
Isooctane, C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	114.23	Nitrogen dioxide, NO <sub>2</sub>	46.0065
Methane, CH <sub>4</sub>	16.04	Oxygen, O <sub>2</sub>	31.9998
Hydrogen, H <sub>2</sub>	2.016	Water Vapor - Steam, H <sub>2</sub> O	18.02
Gasoline, C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>15</sub>	111.00	Light diesel, C <sub>12.3</sub> H <sub>22.2</sub>	170.00
		Heavy diesel, C <sub>14.6</sub> H <sub>24.8</sub>	200.00

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