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TIME: 3 HOURS  
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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer all the questions.
  2. Read all the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Only use a black or a blue pen.
  - 5.. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

Various options are given as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A–C) next to the question number (1.1–1.10) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.1 Information found in an aircraft logbook:
- A History of maintenance and operation of aircraft
  - B Complete step-by-step instructions to operate and fly aircraft
  - C Pilot's portfolio of training on that specific aircraft
- 1.2 Handling ball and roller bearings:
- A Inspect bearings for corrosion and spin with dry air.
  - B Use bearing gloves when handling bearings.
  - C Pack bearings with any type of grease.
- 1.3 A hydraulic system is normally serviced with a synthetic-base fluid but the apprentice serviced it with a mineral-base fluid:
- A Keep quiet in case of getting into trouble.
  - B Drain system and recondition all contaminated units.
  - C Drain and flush system with synthetic-base fluid.
- 1.4 Fretting corrosion is a particularly damaging attack of corrosion caused by ...
- A two mating surfaces, normally at rest with respect to one another, experiencing slight relative motion.
  - B the combined effect of sustained tensile stresses and a corrosive environment.
  - C strong acids and alkalis on the surface.
- 1.5 Viscosity means ...
- A the degree of resistance of a fluid to flow.
  - B weight per unit volume.
  - C the force acting upon a unit area.
- 1.6 Hardening is the process applied to ...
- A all aluminium alloys.
  - B all steels.
  - C magnesium alloys.

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- 1.7 A true monocoque fuselage construction derives its principal strength from ...
- A vertical webs.
  - B skin.
  - C longerons.
- 1.8 When a force is applied to a spinning gyro of a helicopter the reaction occurs ... later.
- A 90°
  - B 50°
  - C 60°
- 1.9 During the inlet stroke on a reciprocating engine the piston moves ...
- A down.
  - B up.
  - C at TDC.
- 1.10 The primary function of the accessories section of a gas turbine engine is to provide space for the mounting of accessories components like the ...
- A fuel pump.
  - B reduction gears.
  - C oil sump.

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**QUESTION 2**

Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE by writing only 'True' or 'False' next to the question number (2.1–2.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.


- 2.1 Integral fuel tanks must be removed to be repaired.
- 2.2 Before-flight inspection is done at least 8 hours before a flight.
- 2.3 Elevators are movable control surfaces fitted to the leading edge of the horizontal stabilisers.
- 2.4 The treatment for dissimilar metal corrosion is to replace the part.
- 2.5 Torsion is the stress where the forces applied cause a twisting action on the material.

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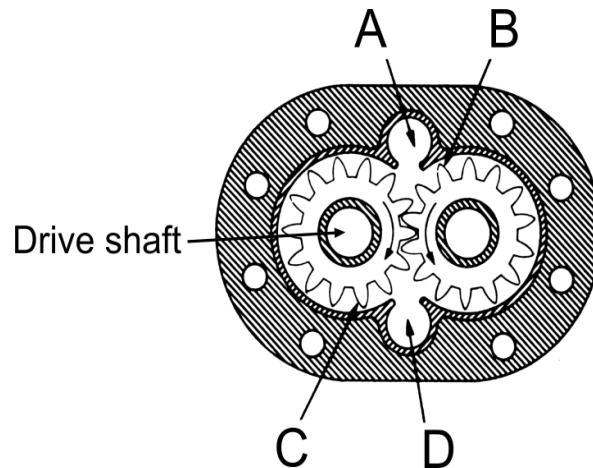
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**QUESTION 3**



- 3.1 Identify the indicated parts in FIGURE 1 by choosing a term from the list below. Write only the term next to the letter (A–D) in the ANSWER BOOK. 

drive gear; inlet port; driven gear; outlet port; driven shaft

**FIGURE 1**

- (4)
- 3.2 Name the component in FIGURE 1 used in a hydraulic system. (1)
- 3.3 Make a neat, labelled sketch to illustrate the centre of pressure of an aerofoil at the normal  $4^\circ$  angle of attack during flight. Also indicate the centre of pressure distribution over the aerofoil at that angle.  (5)

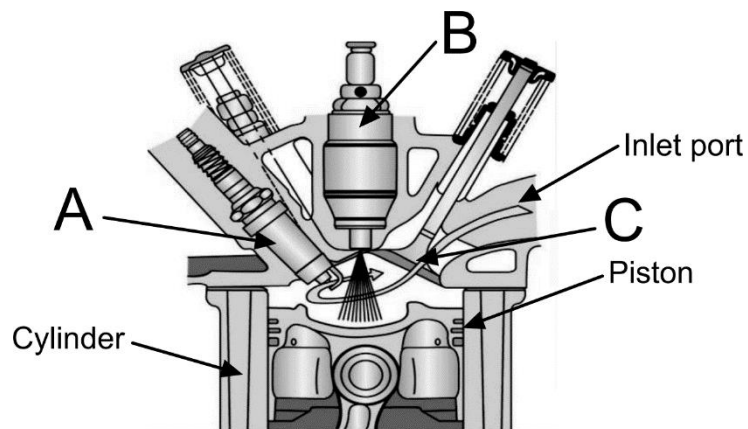
**[10]****QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 State THREE requirements for the general use of aluminium during aircraft fuselage and engine manufacturing. (3)
- 4.2 Deterioration due to corrosion is always a possibility in aircraft structures that are mostly made of metal. 
- Explain how a technician can identify surface corrosion on steel, aluminium and copper. (3)
- 4.3 How can intergranular corrosion be detected? (2)
- 4.4 What treatment can be applied to intergranular corrosion?  (1)
- 4.5 Name the strokes of a reciprocating piston engine consisting of a four-stroke cycle. (4)


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4.6 Answer the questions on the direct fuel-injection system in FIGURE 2.



**FIGURE 2**


- 4.6.1 Label the indicated parts by writing the answer next to the letter (A–C) in the ANSWER BOOK. (3)
- 4.6.2 What is the purpose of part B?  (2)
- 4.7 Explain the purpose of an engine-driven supercharger. (2)
- [20]**

### QUESTION 5

- 5.1 Make a neat, labelled drawing of a turbofan gas-turbine engine.  (12)
- 5.2 Discuss the FOUR steps in the Brayton cycle on which the gas-turbine engine functions. (8)
- [20]**

### QUESTION 6

Discuss the differences between a gyroplane and a helicopter regarding each of the following: 


- 6.1 Appearance
- 6.2 Take-off and landing
- 6.3 Construction
- 6.4 Performance
- 6.5 Rotor attitude 

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**QUESTION 7**

- 7.1 Name SIX essential subsystems of a float-type carburettor for engine operation under various loads and at different engine speeds. (6)
- 7.2 Identify FOUR types of propellers.  (4)

**[10]****QUESTION 8**

- 8.1 Give FOUR reasons why inspections should be done on aircraft. (4)
- 8.2 Give FOUR reasons why duplicate inspections are done on aircraft. (4)
- 8.3 Name FOUR forces acting on an aircraft during a flight.  (4)
- 8.4 Name THREE types of drag acting on an aircraft. (3)

**[15]****TOTAL: 100**