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MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**Q. No. 1 - 25 Carry One Mark Each**

1. The partial differential equation $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}$ is a

- (A) Linear equation of order 2
- (B) Non-linear equation of order 1
- (C) Linear equation of order 1
- (D) Non-linear equation of order 2

Answer: (D)

2. The eigen values of symmetric matrix are all

- (A) Complex with non-zero positive imaginary part
- (B) Complex with non-zero negative imaginary part
- (C) Real
- (D) Pure imaginary

Answer: (C)

3. Match the CORRECT pairs:

Numerical Integration Scheme**Order of Fitting Polynomial**

P. Simpson's 3/8 Rule

1. First

Q. Trapezoidal Rule

2. Second

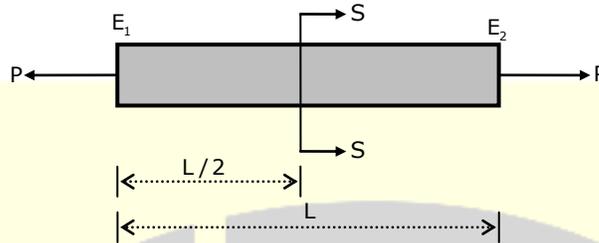
R. Simpson's 1/3 Rule

3. Third

(A) P-2; Q-1; R-3 (B) P-3; Q-2; R-1 (C) P-1; Q-2; R-3 (D) P-3; Q-1; R-2

Answer: (D)

4. A rod of length L having uniform cross-sectional area A is subjected to a tensile force P as shown in the figure below. If the Young's modulus of the material varies linearly from E_1 to E_2 along the length of the rod, the normal stress developed at the section-SS is



- (A) $\frac{P}{A}$ (B) $\frac{P(E_1 - E_2)}{A(E_1 + E_2)}$ (C) $\frac{PE_2}{AE_1}$ (D) $\frac{PE_1}{AE_2}$

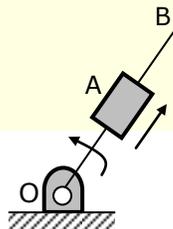
Answer: (A)

5. The threaded bolts A and B of same material and length are subjected to identical tensile load. If the elastic strain energy stored in bolt A is 4 times that of the bolt B and the mean diameter of bolt A is 12mm, the mean diameter of bolt B in mm is

- (A) 16 (B) 24 (C) 36 (D) 48

Answer: (B)

6. A link OB is rotating with a constant angular velocity of 2 rad/s in counter clockwise direction and a block is sliding radially outward on it with an uniform velocity of 0.75 m/s with respect to the rod, as shown in the figure below. If $OA = 1$ m, the magnitude of the absolute acceleration of the block at location A in m/s^2 is



- (A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6

Answer: (C)

7. For steady, fully developed flow inside a straight pipe of diameter D , neglecting gravity effects, the pressure drop Δp over a length L and the wall shear stress τ_w are related by

(A) $\tau_w = \frac{\Delta p D}{4L}$ (B) $\tau_w = \frac{\Delta p D^2}{4L^2}$ (C) $\tau_w = \frac{\Delta p D}{2L}$ (D) $\tau_w = \frac{4\Delta p L}{D}$

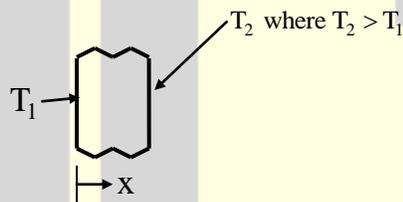
Answer: (A)

8. The pressure, dry bulb temperature, and relative humidity of air in a room are 1bar, 30°C and 70% respectively. If the saturated steam pressure at 30°C is 4.25kPa, the specific humidity of the room air in kg water vapour / kg dry air is

(A) 0.0083 (B) 0.0101 (C) 0.0191 (D) 0.0232

Answer: (C)

9. Consider one-dimensional steady state heat conduction, without heat generation, in a plane wall; with boundary conditions as shown in the figure below. The conductivity of the wall is given by $k = k_0 + bT$; where k_0 and b are positive constants and T is temperature.



As x increases, the temperature gradient (dT/dx) will

(A) Remain constant (B) Be zero (C) Increase (D) Decrease

Answer: (D)

10. In a rolling process, the state of stress of the material undergoing deformation is

(A) Pure compression (B) Pure shear
(C) Compression and shear (D) Tension and shear

Answer: (C)

15. A steel bar 200 mm in diameter is turned at a feed of 0.25 mm/rev with a depth of cut of 4 mm. The rotational speed of the workpiece is 160 rpm. The material removal rate in mm^3/s is
- (A) 160 (B) 167.6 (C) 1600 (D) 1675.5

Answer: (D)

16. A cube shaped casting solidifies in 5 minutes. The solidification time in minutes for a cube of the same material, which is 8 times heavier than the original casting will be
- (A) 10 (B) 20 (C) 24 (D) 40

Answer: (B)

17. For a ductile material, toughness is a measure of
- (A) Resistance to scratching
(B) Ability to absorb energy up to fracture
(C) Ability to absorb energy till elastic limit
(D) Resistance to indentation

Answer: (B)

18. In order to have maximum power from a Pelton turbine, the bucket speed must be
- (A) Equal to the jet speed
(B) Equal to half the jet speed
(C) Equal to twice the jet speed
(D) Independent of the jet speed

Answer: (B)

19. Consider one-dimensional steady state heat conduction along x-axis ($0 \leq x \leq L$), through a plane wall with the boundary surfaces ($x = 0$ and $x = L$) maintained at temperatures 0°C and 100°C . Heat is generated uniformly throughout the wall. Choose the CORRECT statement.

- (A) The direction of heat transfer will be from the surface at 100°C to surface at 0°C.
- (B) The maximum temperature inside the wall must be greater than 100°C
- (C) The temperature distribution is linear within the wall
- (D) The temperature distribution is symmetric about the mid-plane of the wall

Answer: (B)

- 20.** A cylinder contains 5m^3 of ideal gas at a pressure of 1 bar. This gas is compressed in a reversible isothermal process till its pressure increases to 5 bar. The work in kJ required for this process is
- (A) 804.7 (B) 953.2 (C) 981.7 (D) 1012.2

Answer: (A)

- 21.** A long thin walled cylindrical shell, closed at both ends, is subjected to an internal pressure. The ratio of the hoop stress (circumferential stress) to longitudinal stress developed in the shell is
- (A) 0.5 (B) 1.0 (C) 2.0 (D) 4.0

Answer: (C)

- 22.** If two nodes are observed at a frequency of 1800 rpm during whirling of a simply supported long slender rotating shaft, the first critical speed of the shaft in rpm is
- (A) 200 (B) 450 (C) 600 (D) 900

Answer: (A)

- 23.** A planar closed kinematic chain is formed with rigid links $PQ = 2.0\text{m}$, $QR = 3.0\text{m}$, $RS = 2.5\text{m}$ and $SP = 2.7\text{m}$ with all revolute joints. The link to be fixed to obtain a double rocker (rocker-rocker) mechanism is
- (A) PQ (B) QR (C) RS (D) SP

Answer: (C)

24. Let X be a nominal variable with mean 1 and variance 4. The probability $P(X < 0)$ is
- (A) 0.5
 - (B) Greater than zero and less than 0.5
 - (C) Greater than 0.5 and less than 1
 - (D) 1.0

Answer: (B)

25. Choose the CORRECT set of functions, which are linearly dependent.
- (A) $\sin x$, $\sin^2 x$ and $\cos^2 x$
 - (B) $\cos x$, $\sin x$ and $\tan x$
 - (C) $\cos 2x$, $\sin^2 x$ and $\cos^2 x$
 - (D) $\cos 2x$, $\sin x$ and $\cos x$

Answer: (C)

Q. No. 26 – 55 Carry Two Marks Each

26. The following surface integral is to be evaluated over a sphere for the given steady velocity vector field, $F = xi + yj + zk$ defined with respect to a Cartesian coordinate system having i, j, and k as unit base vectors.

$$\iint_S \frac{1}{4} (F \cdot n) dA$$

Where S is the sphere, $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$ and n is the outward unit normal vector to the sphere. The value of the surface integral is

- (A) π
- (B) 2π
- (C) $3\frac{\pi}{4}$
- (D) 4π

Answer: (A)



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27. The function $f(t)$ satisfies the differential equation $\frac{d^2f}{dt^2} + f = 0$ and the auxiliary conditions,

$f(0) = 0, \frac{df}{dt}(0) = 4$. The Laplace transform of $f(t)$ is given by

- (A) $\frac{2}{s+1}$ (B) $\frac{4}{s+1}$ (C) $\frac{4}{s^2+1}$ (D) $\frac{2}{s^4+1}$

Answer: (C)

28. Specific enthalpy and velocity of steam at inlet and exit of a steam turbine, running under steady state, are as given below:

	<u>Specific enthalpy (kJ/kg)</u>	<u>Velocity(m/s)</u>
Inlet steam condition	3250	180
Exit steam condition	2360	5

The rate of heat loss from the turbine per kg of steam flow rate is 5 kW. Neglecting changes in potential energy of steam, the power developed in kW by the steam turbine per kg of steam flow rate, is

- (A) 901.2 (B) 911.2 (C) 17072.5 (D) 17082.5

Answer: (A)

29. Water is coming out from a tap and falls vertically downwards. At the tap opening, the stream diameter is 20mm with uniform velocity of 2 m/s. Acceleration due to gravity is 9.81 m/s^2 . Assuming steady, inviscid flow, constant atmospheric pressure everywhere and neglecting curvature and surface tension effects, the diameter in mm of the stream 0.5m below the tap is approximately

- (A) 10 (B) 15 (C) 20 (D) 25

Answer: (B)

30. A steel ball of diameter 60 mm is initially in thermal equilibrium at 1030°C in a furnace. It is suddenly removed from the furnace and cooled in ambient air at 30°C , with convective heat transfer coefficient $h=20 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$. The thermo-physical properties of steel are: density $\rho = 7800 \text{ kg/m}^3$, conductivity

$k = 40 \frac{W}{mK}$ and specific heat $c=600 \text{ J/kgK}$. The time required in seconds to cool the steel ball in air from 1030°C to 430°C is

- (A) 519 (B) 931 (C) 1195 (D) 2144

Answer: (D)

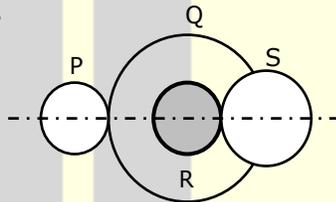
31. A flywheel connected to a punching machine has to supply energy of 400 Nm while running at a mean angular speed of 20 radians/s . If the total fluctuation of speed is not to exceed $\pm 2\%$, the mass moment of inertia of the flywheel in $\text{kg} - \text{m}^2$ is

- (A) 25 (B) 50 (C) 100 (D) 125

Answer: (A)

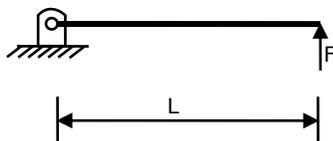
32. A compound gear train with gears P, Q, R and S has number of teeth 20, 40, 15 and 20, respectively. Gears Q and R are mounted on the same shaft as shown in the figure below. The diameter of the gear Q is twice that of the gear R. If the module of the gear R is 2 mm , the center distance in mm between gears P and S is

- (A) 40
(B) 80
(C) 120
(D) 160



Answer: (B)

33. A pin jointed uniform rigid rod of weight W and Length L is supported horizontally by an external force F as shown in the figure below. The force F is suddenly removed. At the instant of force removal, the magnitude of vertical reaction developed at the support is



- (A) zero (B) $\frac{W}{4}$ (C) $\frac{W}{2}$ (D) W

Answer: (B)

- 34.** Two cutting tools are being compared for a machining operation. The tool life equations are:

Carbide tool: $VT^{1.6} = 3000$

HSS tool: $VT^{0.6} = 200$

Where V is the cutting speed in m/min and T is the tool life in min. The carbide tool will provide higher tool life if the cutting speed in m/min exceeds

- (A) 15.0 (B) 39.4 (C) 49.3 (D) 60.0

Answer: (B)

- 35.** In a CAD package, mirror image of a 2D point P(5, 10) is to be obtained about a line which passes through the origin and makes an angle of 45° counter-clockwise with the X-axis. The coordinates of the transformed point will be

- (A) (7.5, 5) (B) (10, 5) (C) (7.5, -5) (D) (10, -5)

Answer: (B)

- 36.** A linear programming problem is shown below:

Maximize $3x + 7y$
 $3x + 7y \leq 10$
Subject to $4x + 6y \leq 8$
 $x, y \geq 0$

It has

- (A) An unbounded objective function (B) Exactly one optimal solution
(C) Exactly two optimal solutions (D) Infinitely many optimal solutions

Answer: (B)

37. Cylindrical pins of $25^{+0.020}_{+0.010}$ mm diameter are electroplated in a shop. Thickness of the plating is $30^{+2.0}$ micron. Neglecting gage tolerances, the size of the GO gage in mm to inspect the plated components is
- (A) 25.042 (B) 25.052 (C) 25.074 (D) 25.084

Answer: (D)

38. During the electrochemical machining (ECM) of iron (atomic weight=56, valency=2) at current of 1000 A with 90% current efficiency, the material removal rate was observed to be 0.26 gm/s. If Titanium (atomic weight = 48, valency=3) is machined by the ECM process at the current of 2000 A with 90% current efficiency, the expected material removal rate in gm/s will be
- (A) 0.11 (B) 0.23 (C) 0.30 (D) 0.52

Answer: (C)

39. A single degree of freedom system having mass 1 kg and stiffness 10kN/m initially at rest is subjected to an impulse force of magnitude 5 kN for 10^{-4} seconds. The amplitude in mm of the resulting free vibration is
- (A) 0.5 (B) 1.0 (C) 5.0 (D) 10.0

Answer: (C)

40. A bar is subjected to fluctuating tensile load from 20 kN to 100 kN. The material has yield strength of 240 MPa and endurance limit in reversed bending is 160 MPa. According to the Soderberg principle, the area of cross-section in mm^2 of the bar for a factor of safety of 2 is
- (A) 400 (B) 600 (C) 750 (D) 1000

Answer: (D)

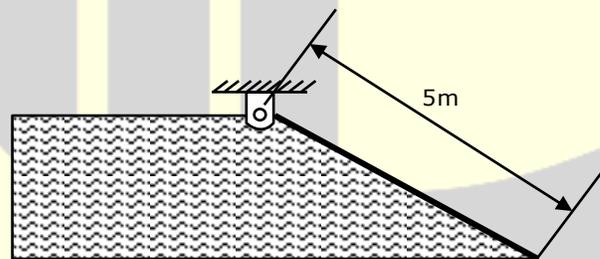
41. A simply supported beam of length L is subjected to a varying distributed load $\sin\left(3\pi\frac{x}{L}\right)\text{Nm}^{-1}$, where the distance x is measured from the left support. The magnitude of the vertical force in N at the left support is
- (A) zero (B) $\frac{L}{3\pi}$ (C) $\frac{L}{\pi}$ (D) $\frac{2L}{\pi}$

Answer: (B)

42. Two large diffuse gray parallel plates, separated by a small distance, have surface temperatures of 400 K and 300 K. If the emissivities of the surfaces are 0.8 and the Stefan-Boltzmann constant is $5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{W/m}^2\text{K}^4$, the net radiation heat exchange rate in kW/m^2 between the two plates is
- (A) 0.66 (B) 0.79 (C) 0.99 (D) 3.96

Answer: (A)

43. A hinged gate of length 5 m, inclined at 30° with the horizontal and with water mass on its left, is shown in figure below. Density of water is 1000kg/m^3 . The minimum mass of the gate in kg per unit width (perpendicular to the plane of paper), required to keep it closed is



- (A) 5000 (B) 6600 (C) 7546 (D) 9623

Answer: (D)

44. The pressure, temperature and velocity of air flowing in a pipe are 5 bar, 500 K and 50 m/s, respectively. The specific heats of air at constant pressure and at constant volume are 1.005 kJ/kgK and 0.718 kJ/kgK,

respectively. Neglect potential energy. If the pressure and temperature of the surroundings are 1 bar and 300 K, respectively, the available energy in kJ/kg of the air stream is

- (A) 170 (B) 187 (C) 191 (D) 213

Answer: (B)

45. The probability that a student knows the correct answer to a multiple choice question is $\frac{2}{3}$. If the student does not know the answer, then the student guesses the answer. The probability of the guessed answer being correct is $\frac{1}{4}$. Given that the student has answered the question correctly, the conditional probability that the student known the correct answer is

- (A) $\frac{2}{3}$ (B) $\frac{3}{4}$ (C) $\frac{5}{6}$ (D) $\frac{8}{9}$

Answer: (D)

46. The solution to the differential equation $\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} - k \frac{du}{dx} = 0$ where k is a constant, subjected to the boundary conditions $u(0)=0$ and $u(L)=U$, is

- (A) $u = U \frac{x}{L}$ (B) $u = U \left(\frac{1 - e^{-kx}}{1 - e^{-kL}} \right)$
(C) $u = U \left(\frac{1 - e^{-kx}}{1 - e^{-kL}} \right)$ (D) $u = U \left(\frac{1 + e^{-kx}}{1 + e^{-kL}} \right)$

Answer: (B)

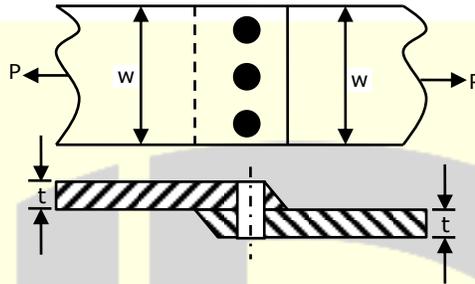
47. The value of the definite integral $\int_1^e \sqrt{x} \ln(x) dx$ is

- (A) $\frac{4}{9} \sqrt{e^3} + \frac{2}{9}$ (B) $\frac{2}{9} \sqrt{e^3} - \frac{4}{9}$ (C) $\frac{2}{9} \sqrt{e^3} + \frac{4}{9}$ (D) $\frac{4}{9} \sqrt{e^3} - \frac{2}{9}$

Answer: (C)

Common Data Questions: 48 & 49

A single riveted lap joint of two similar plates as shown in the figure below has the following geometrical and material details:



Width of the plate $w=200$ mm, thickness of the plate $t=5$ mm, number of rivets $n=3$, diameter of the rivet $d_r = 10$ mm, diameter of the rivet hole $d_h = 11$ mm, allowable tensile stress of the plate $\sigma_p = 200$ MPa, allowable shear stress of the rivet $\sigma_s = 100$ MPa and allowable bearing stress of the $\sigma_c = 150$ MPa

- 48.** If the rivets are to be designed to avoid crushing failure, the maximum permissible load P in kN is
 (A) 7.50 (B) 15.00 (C) 22.50 (D) 30.00

Answer: (C)

- 49.** If the plates are to be designed to avoid tearing failure, the maximum permissible load P in kN is
 (A) 83 (B) 125 (C) 167 (D) 501

Answer: (C)

Common Data Questions: 50 & 51

Water (specific heat, $c_p = 4.18$ kJ/kgK) enters a pipe at a rate of 0.01 kg/s and a temperature of 20°C .

The pipe, of diameter 50 mm and length 3m, is subjected to a wall heat flux q_w'' in $\frac{\text{W}}{\text{m}^2}$.

50. If $q_w'' = 2500x$, where x is in m and in the direction of flow ($x=0$ at the inlet), the bulk mean temperature of the water leaving the pipe in $^{\circ}\text{C}$ is
- (A) 42 (B) 62 (C) 74 (D) 104

Answer: (B)

51. If $q_w'' = 5000$, and the convection heat transfer coefficient at the pipe outlet is $1000\text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$, the temperature in $^{\circ}\text{C}$ at the inner surface of the pipe at the outlet is
- (A) 71 (B) 76 (C) 79 (D) 81

Answer: (D)

Statement for Linked Answer Questions: 52 & 53

In orthogonal turning of a bar of 100 mm diameter with a feed of 0.25 mm/rev, depth of cut of 4 mm and cutting velocity of 90 m/min, it is observed that the main (tangential) cutting force is perpendicular to the friction force acting at the chip-tool interface. The main (tangential) cutting force is 1500 N.

52. The orthogonal rake angle of the cutting tool in degree is
- (A) Zero (B) 3.58 (C) 5 (D) 7.16

Answer: (A)

53. The normal force acting at the chip-tool interface in N is
- (A) 1000 (B) 1500 (C) 2000 (D) 2500

Answer: (B)

Statement for Linked Answer Questions: 54 & 55

In a simple Brayton cycle, the pressure ratio is 8 and temperatures at the entrance of compressor and turbine are 300 K and 1400 K, respectively. Both compressor and gas turbine have isentropic efficiencies equal to 0.8. For the gas, assume a constant value of c_p (specific heat at constant pressure) equal to 1 kJ/kgK and ratio of specific heats as 1.4. Neglect changes in kinetic and potential energies.

54. The power required by the compressor in kW/kg of gas flow rate is
(A) 194.7 (B) 243.4 (C) 304.3 (D) 378.5

Answer: (C)

55. The thermal efficiency of the cycle in percentage (%) is
(A) 24.8 (B) 38.6 (C) 44.8 (D) 53.1

Answer: (A)

GENERAL APTITUDE**Q. No. 56 – 60 Carry One Mark Each**

56. Complete the sentence:
Universalism is to particularism as diffuseness is to _____
(A) specificity (B) neutrality (C) generality (D) adaptation

Answer: (A)

57. Were you a bird, you _____ in the sky.
(A) would fly (B) shall fly
(C) should fly (D) shall have flown

Answer: (A)

58. Which one of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word given below?

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- (A) Highest (B) Lowest (C) Medium (D) Integration

Answer: (B)

59. Choose the grammatically INCORRECT sentence:

- (A) He is of Asian origin
(B) They belonged to Africa
(C) She is an European
(D) They migrated from India to Australia

Answer: (C)

60. What will be the maximum sum of 44, 42, 40, ... ?

- (A) 502 (B) 504 (C) 506 (D) 500

Answer: (C)

Q. No. 61 – 65 Carry Two Marks Each

61. Out of all the 2-digit integers between 1 and 100, a 2-digit number has to be selected at random. What is the probability that the selected number is not divisible by 7?

- (A) $13/90$ (B) $12/90$ (C) $78/90$ (D) $77/90$

Answer: (D)

62. A tourist covers half of his journey by train at 60 km/h, half of the remainder by bus at 30 km/h and the rest by cycle at 10 km/h. The average of the tourist in km/h during his entire journey is

- (A) 36 (B) 30 (C) 24 (D) 18

Answer: (C)

63. Find the sum of the expression

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{4}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{80}+\sqrt{81}}$$

- (A) 7 (B) 8 (C) 9 (D) 10

Answer: (B)

64. The current erection cost of a structure is Rs. 13,200. If the labour wages per day increase by 1/5 of the current wages and the working hours decrease by 1/24 of the current period, then the new cost of erection in Rs. is

- (A) 16,500 (B) 15,180 (C) 11,000 (D) 10,120

Answer: (B)

65. After several defeats in wars, Robert Bruce went in exile and wanted to commit suicide. Just before committing suicide, he came across a spider attempting tirelessly to have its net. Time and again the spider failed but that did not deter it to refrain from making attempts. Such attempts by the spider made Bruce curious. Thus, Bruce started observing the near-impossible goal of the spider to have the net. Ultimately, the spider succeeded in having its net despite several failures. Such act of the spider encouraged Bruce not to commit suicide. And then, Bruce went back again and won many a battle, and the rest is history.

Which one of the following assertions is best supported by the above information?

- (A) Failure is the pillar of success
(B) Honesty is the best policy
(C) Life begins and ends with adventures
(D) No adversity justifies giving up hope

Answer: (D)



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