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TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100

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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. Start each question on a NEW page.
  5. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

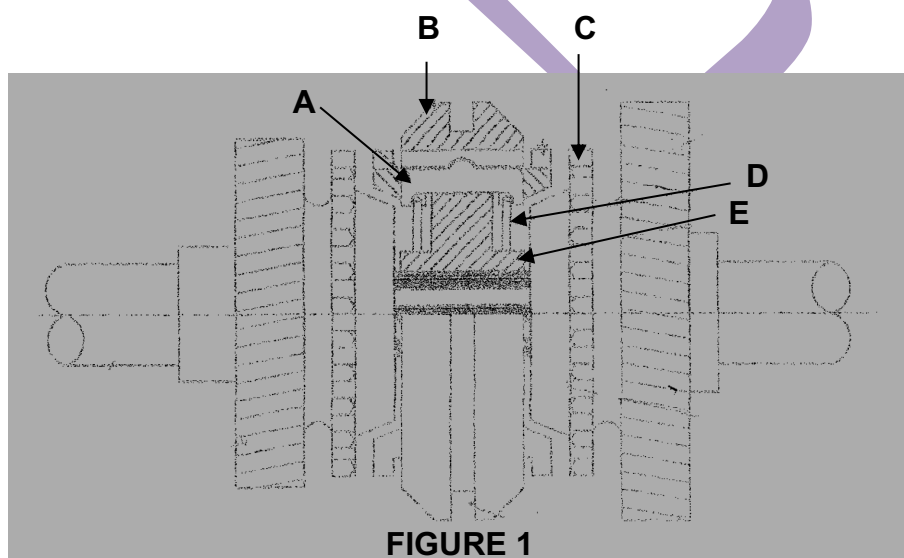
1.1 Indicate whether the following statements are TRUE or FALSE. Choose the answer and write only 'true' or 'false' next to the question number (1.1.1–1.1.10) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.1.1 A diesel engine is an example of an external combustion engine.
- 1.1.2 A cylinder block contains one or more cylinders in which each piston is located.
- 1.1.3 The piston and piston rings transmit the force of the expanding gas to the connecting rod.
- 1.1.4 A diesel engine is often less noisier than a petrol engine.
- 1.1.5 A petrol engine needs more fuel filters than a diesel engine.
- 1.1.6 A diesel fuel system will work properly if air is trapped in the fuel system.
- 1.1.7 A good quality oil of the recommended grade is essential to reduce engine wear to the minimum.
- 1.1.8 The teeth of Spur gears are machined at an inclined angle.
- 1.1.9 Helical gears are cheaper than Spur gear to manufacture.
- 1.1.10 The advantage of double helical gears is that the opposed tooth shape minimizes sideways thrust and it can transmit more torque.

(10 x 1)

(10)

1.2 FIGURE 1 shows a sectioned view of a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> synchromesh unit used on a four speed gearbox.

**FIGURE 1**

1.2.1 Label items [A-E] in your ANSWER BOOK. (5)

1.2.2 Explain the operation of the synchromesh when the driver changes from 3<sup>rd</sup> gear to 4<sup>th</sup> gear. (5)  
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## QUESTION 2

2.1 Re-draw, and complete the table below by listing **FOUR** advantages and **FOUR** disadvantages of hydraulic brakes on a vehicle.

ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
1)	1)
2)	2)
3)	3)
4)	4)

(8)

2.2 State the procedure to be followed when bleeding a hydraulic braking system.  
Begin with the preparation and continue with the procedure of bleeding the brake system. (8)

2.3 Give FOUR reasons for a pressure built up in a hydraulic brake system. (4)  
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## QUESTION 3

3.1 FIGURE 2 show a sectioned view of a drive shaft joint.

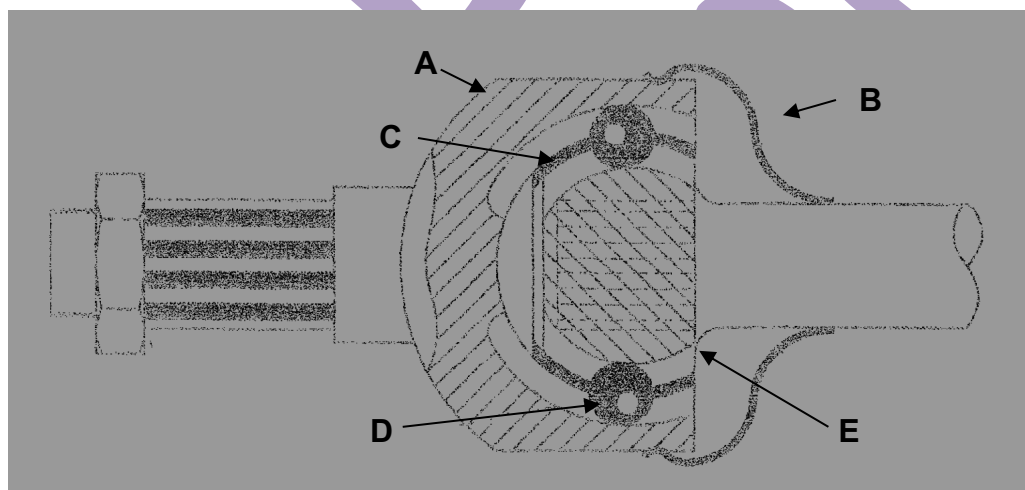


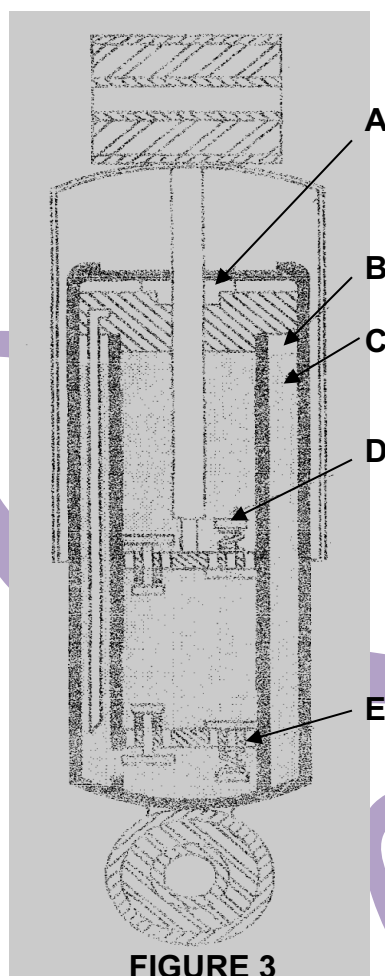
FIGURE 2

3.1.1 Label items [A- E] in your ANSWER BOOK. (5)

3.1.2 Name the drive shaft joint shown in FIGURE 2. (1)

3.1.3 State **FOUR** advantages of the joint shown in FIGURE 2 compared to other universal joints. (4)

3.2 FIGURE 3 shows a sectioned view of a Hydraulic shock absorber.



3.2.1 Label items [A-E] in your ANSWER BOOK. (5)

3.2.2 Explain the operation of a shock absorber when a vehicle is driven over a speed bump. (5)  
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#### QUESTION 4

4.1 State ONE reason why it is necessary to adjust a steering box within its specifications. (1)

4.2 4.2.1 List THREE methods used to adjust play on a steering box. (3)

4.2.2 Explain how each of the methods in question 4.2.1 is used to adjust play in a steering box. (6)

4.3 Give THREE causes off the following gearbox problems:

4.3.1 Gears grate when being changed. (3)

4.3.2 Gearbox noisy when engaged in gear. (3)

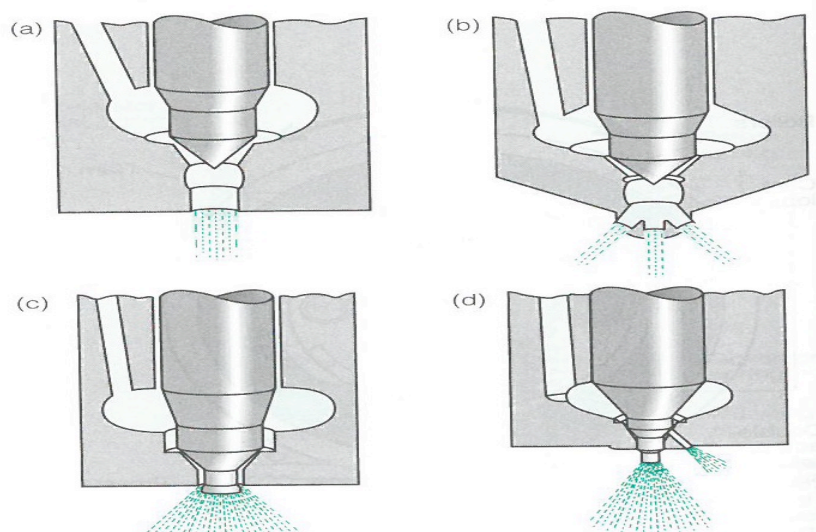
4.4 State FOUR advantages of a Hotchkiss drive. (4)  
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**QUESTION 5**

5.1 FIGURE 4 shows four types of injector nozzles.

Name each injector next to (a-d) in YOUR ANSWER BOOK.

(4)



**FIGURE 4**

5.2 Give **THREE** characteristics of a good brake fluid.

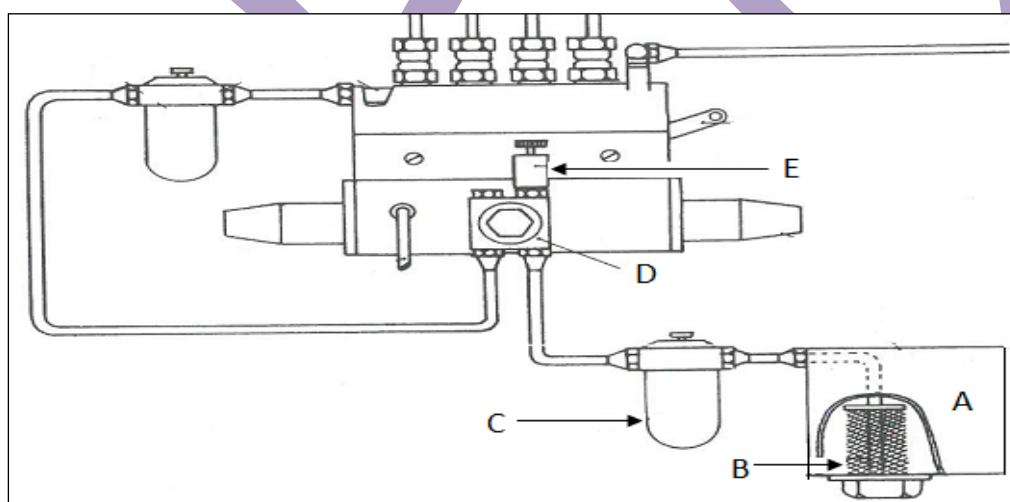
(3)

5.3 Name **THREE** types of pre-combustion chamber designs used on diesel engines.

(3)

5.4 FIGURE 5 shows a Fuel injection system of a diesel engine.

Label items (A- E) in your ANSWER BOOK.



**FIGURE 5**

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5.5 Explain the difference between curb height and curb mass of a vehicle.

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**TOTAL: 100**