

2024 Engineering Science

Higher

Question Paper Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for Higher Engineering Science

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a specific candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) Where a candidate makes an error at an early stage in a multi-stage calculation, award marks for correct follow-on working in subsequent stages. Do not award marks if the error significantly reduces the complexity of the remaining stages. Apply the same principle in questions which require several stages of non-mathematical reasoning.
- (d) SQA presents all units of measurement in a consistent way, using negative indices where required (for example ms⁻¹). Candidates can respond using this format, or solidus format (m/s), or words (metres per second), or any combination of these (for example metres/second).
- (e) For numerical questions, candidates should round their answers to an appropriate number of significant figures. However, award marks if their answer has up to two figures more or one figure less than the expected answer.
- (f) Unless a numerical question specifically requires candidates to show evidence of their working, award full marks for a correct final answer (including unit) on its own.
- (g) Award marks where a labelled diagram or sketch conveys clearly and correctly the response required by the question.
- (h) Award marks regardless of spelling if the meaning is unambiguous.
- (i) Candidates can answer programming questions in any appropriate programming language. Award marks where the intention of the coding is clear, even where there are minor syntax errors.
- (j) For 'Explain' questions, only award marks where the candidate goes beyond a description, for example by giving a reason, or relating cause to effect, or providing a relationship between two aspects.
- (k) Where separate space is provided for rough working and a final answer, only award marks for the final answer. Ignore all rough working.

Marking instructions for each question

Section 1

Q	uestion	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
1.		A B Z	3	 1 mark for NAND (AND and NOT) with connections. 1 mark for OR with connections. 1 mark for AND with connections. NAND equivalents also accepted.
2.		T = Fr T = ((76+95+18) × 9.8) × (0.84 / 2) T = 777.924 Nm T = 780 Nm (2 sf)	2	1 mark for correct substitution. 1 mark for correct answer (FTE).
3.		UDL point load = 1.8 × 8.3 = 14.94 kN @ 4.15m Take moments about A: (3.8 sin 62 × 5.8) + (14.94 × 4.15) = 8.3 R _B 81.46116495 = 8.3 R _B R _B = 9.814598187 kN R _B = 9.8 kN (2 sf)	4	1 mark for UDL value 14.94 (unit not required). 1 mark for 3.8sin62 (or 3.8cos28). 1 mark for correct substitution. 1 mark for R _B .
4.		Vo = -18 (5/54 + 5/36 + 5/18) Vo = -9.166666667 V Vo = -9.2 V (2 sf)	2	1 mark for correct substitution.1 mark for correct answer.

Q	uestic	on	Expected resonse	Max mark	Additional guidance
5.	(a)				Ultimate Tensile Force 2.0 2.25 2.5 2.75 3.0 3.25 3.5 (mm)
				1	1 mark for correct annotation on graph.
	(b)		$E_s = \frac{1}{2} Fx$ $E_s = 0.5 \times 75 \times 10^3 \times 0.00075$ $E_s = 28.125 J$ $E_s = 28 J (2 sf)$	2	1 mark for correct substitution.1 mark for correct answer.
	(c)		The material stretches and then returns to its original length.	1	

Q	Question		Expected resonse							Max nark			4	Add	ditio	nal	guidance				
5.	(d)		A graph that shows very little extension beyond yield point.					1	rei Gr foi Gr gri im	sporaph raph rca aph adie npor	nse i m st i st i m ent tar	s: ay l ror ay l (gr it) v	be si n. have adie	imil str nt no	n acceptable lar to classic trace raight line and E value not or little plastic ure.						
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C	Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
6.	(a)		Correction 1 PBASIC: if pin 1 = 0 then main ARDUINO: if digitalRead(pin1)==LOW){ loop();} Correction 2 PBASIC: pause 45 ARDUINO: delay(45);	2	1 mark for Correction 1. Also accept: if pin 1 = 1 then pwm (must be followed by 'goto main') OR: if digitalRead(pin1)==HIGH){ pwm();} (must be followed by 'return') 1 mark for Correction 2. The same correction may not be given for two different codes.
	(b)		voltage (V) time (ms)	2	1 mark for marks with same voltage. 1 mark for all three correct mark:space ratio. Response must include minimum of three marks and two spaces to establish correct duty cycle.

Section 2

Q	uestic	n	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
7.	(a)		Fault: Pilot actuator on V ₁ .	6	1 mark for identifying each fault.1 mark for each correct solution.
			Correction: Replace with diaphragm actuator.		
			Fault: No delay between C_A outstroking and C_B & C_C outstroking $(V_1$ and $V_2)$.		
			Correction: Connect UDR and reservoir in series between V_1 and V_2 .		
			Fault: Time delay not connected correctly.		
			Correction: UDR and reservoir to be swapped around.		
	(b)	(i)	Components are hard wearing/more reliable, so fewer waste products.	2	
			Components are hard wearing/more reliable, so fewer materials need to be mined for manufacture.		
			The exhaust air causes no pollution.		
			System is more energy efficient when supplied from stored air.		
			Less oil is used, so there is a reduction in environmentally harmful waste products.		
		(ii)	Using equations to calculate the forces/pressures/areas of cylinders.	1	
			Using equations to calculate mechanical power.		
			Using equations to calculate reservoir volume/time delay.		

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7.	(c)		I _{DS} = (6-5.2)/2.9 = 0.275862069 A V _{GS} = 4.2 V (2 sf)	3	1 mark for calculating voltage across solenoid.1 mark for calculating I_{DS}.
					1 mark for identifying V _{GS} .
	(d)		start pin 1 on? pin 6 on y pin 7 on pause 1s pin 7 off pin 6 off stop	5	Choosing correct conditions for pneumatic action - 1 mark. Loop to start after checking analogue sensor - 1 mark. Pneumatic control (pin 7 on/pause 1s/pin 7 off) - 1 mark. '10 sheets?' decision with correct loop and stop - 1 mark. Pin 6 off and on - 1 mark.

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8.	(a)	$R_A/R_B = R_1/R_2$ $119/120 = R_1/1000$ $R_1 = (119 \times 1000)/120$	2	1 mark for recognising the relationship between the two input voltages.
		= 991.6666667 Ω = 990 Ω (2 sf)		1 mark for correct answer with unit.
	(b)	It counteracts the impact of expansion/contraction due to temperature changes in the system. Passive strain gauge B serves to enhance the accuracy and reliability of strain measurements.	1	
		Strain gauge B acts as a reference for the active strain gauge.		
	(c)	5 × 0.85 = 4.25 V	4	1 mark for output from op-amp.
		I _b = (4.25-0.7) / 1200 = 0.00295833 A I _c = 0.00295833 × 320		1 mark for voltage across resistor. 1 mark for I _{b.}
		= 0.94666667 A = 0.95 A (2 sf)		1 mark for I _{c.}
	(d)	Range = 1.1 V to 3.9 V Motor will turn when both op-amps are on. V_{in} must be greater than $V_{ref}B$ and less than $V_{ref}A$. $V_{ref}B = 5 \times 1.2/(1.2 + 3.3 + 1.2)$ = 1.052631579 V	3	1 mark for identifying the range (units not required, FTE applies).
		= 1.1 V (2 sf) $V_{ref}A = 5 \times 4.5/(1.2 + 3.3 + 1.2)$		1 mark for calculating $V_{\text{ref}}B$.
		= 3.947368421 V = 3.9 V (2 sf) Alternative method:		1 mark for calculating V _{ref} A.
		V_{CC} / $R_1 = V_{ref}A$ / R_A 5 / 5700 = $V_{ref}A$ / 4500 $V_{ref}A = 3.95$ V (2 sf)		
		V _{CC} / R _t = V _{ref} B / R _B 5 / 5700 = V _{ref} B / 1200 V _{ref} B = 1.1 V (2 sf)		

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8.	(e)		When V_{in} is 0V, op-amp B is off and op-amp A is on, therefore MOSFET B is switched off and MOSFET A is switched on, so the motor is off.	3	1 mark for: description of op-amp B off, MOSFET B off, motor off, under the correct conditions.
			When $V_{\rm in}$ is more than $V_{\rm ref}B$ but less than $V_{\rm ref}A$, both op-amps are on, so both MOSFETs are switched on and the motor is on.		1 mark for: description of all components on, under the correct conditions.
			When V_{in} is greater than $V_{ref}A$, opamp B is on and op-amp A is off, therefore MOSFET B is on and MOSFET A is off, so the motor is off.		1 mark for: description of op-amp A off, MOSFET A off, motor off, under the correct conditions.
	(f)	(i)	$-2.7 = -R_f \times ((0.012/33000) + (0.017/33000) + (0.026/33000) + (0.024/33000))$	2	1 mark for correct substitution.
			R_f = 1127848.101 Ω = 1.1 MΩ (2 sf)		1 mark for correct answer from given working.
		(ii)	10k	2	1 mark for inverting op-amp with all connections. 1 mark for R _f and R _i being the same value. Units required.

Q	uestio	n	Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
9.	(a)		T = Fr T = 240 × 0.30 T = 72 Nm	4	1 mark for calculating torque.
			P = VI P = 220 × 6.6 P = 1452 W		1 mark for calculating power.
			P = $2 \times \pi \times n \times T$ $1452 = 2 \times \pi \times n \times 72$ n = $1452 / (2 \times \pi \times 72)$ n = $3.209624686 \text{ revs sec}^{-1}$ n = $3.2 \text{ revs sec}^{-1}$ (2 sf)		1 mark for substitution.1 mark for calculating n, unit required.
	(b)		Total working stress on bolt	4	required.
			= (UTS/FOS) = (430/3.0) = 143.3333333 Nmm ⁻²		1 mark for SWS.
			Safe working stress on bolt = 143.33333333 - 5.5 = 137.83333333 Nmm ⁻²		1 mark for subtracting 5.5.
			Cross-sectional area of bolt A = F/\sigma = 5000/137.8333333 = 36.27569529 mm ²		1 mark for area, apply FTE if 143.3333333 used.
			Diameter of bolt $d = \int (4A/\pi)$ $d = \int ((4 \times 36.27569529)/\pi)$ $d = 6.796149628 \text{ mm}$ $d = 6.8 \text{ mm}$ (2.sf)		1 mark for required diameter, unit required.
	(c)		2500 litres = 2500 kg	4	
			$E_w = Fd$ $E_w = (2500 \times 9.8) \times 2.9$ $E_w = 71050 \text{ J}$		1 mark for E _w (E _{out}).
			$E_{ff} = E_{out} / E_{in}$ $E_{in} = 71050 / 0.87$ $E_{in} = 81666.66667 J$		1 mark for E_{in} (E_{e}).
			E _e = VIt 81666.66667 = 230 × 5 × t		1 mark for substitution.
			t = 71.01449275 s t = 71 s (2 sf)		1 mark for t, unit required.

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9.	(d)		A = F / σ A = 625 / 3.4 A _{effective} = 183.8235294 mm ² A _{effective} = A _{outer} - A _{inner} 183.8235294 = A _{outer} - ($\pi \times 37^2$ / 4)	5	1 mark for effective area. 1 mark for A _{inner} .
			183.8235294 = A _{outer} - 1075.210086 A _{outer} = 183.8235294 + 1075.210086 A _{outer} = 1259.033615 mm ²		1 mark for outer area.
			A = $\pi \times d^2 / 4$ d = \int (1259.033615 × 4 / π) d = 40.03812417 mm		1 mark for outer diameter.
			thickness = (40.03812417 - 37) / 2 thickness = 1.519062084 mm thickness = 1.5mm (2 sf)		1 mark for thickness, unit required.

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10.	(a)	(i)	Thermistor resistance = 2.0 $k\Omega$	3	1 mark for correct reading of resistance from graph.
			I _{therm} = (5-0.70)/2000 =0.00215 A =0.0022 A (2 sf)		1 mark for voltage over thermistor.
			= 2.2 mA (2 sf)		1 mark for calculating I _{therm.}
		(ii)	I _r = 0.70/680 = 0.001029412 A	2	1 mark for calculating I _{r.}
			I _b = I _{therm} - I _r = 0.0022 - 0.001029412 = 0.001170588		
			= 1.2 mA (2 sf)		1 mark for calculating I _{b.} (FTE applies - 1.1 mA if 2.15 mA given from 10(a)(i)).
	(b)		The power/motor would either be on or off meaning there would not be a smooth motion.	2	1 mark for cause (motor on or off/too fast or too slow).
			OR		1 mark for effect (smooth motion/overshoot/not steady speed).
			The power/motor would either be on or off meaning there would be a significant overshoot that would cause over tightening.		
	(c)		$8.0 = (48/12) \times (3.2 - V_{feedback})$	2	1 mark for substitution.
			V _{feedback} = 1.2 V (2 sf)		1 mark for feedback voltage.
	(d)		 Initial response would be quicker/steeper. The error reduces over time. 	3	1 for each correct comment or illustration.
			Eventually, it would settle.		3 marks awarded for correctly drawn graph to illustrate each bullet point.
			desired speed time		

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10.	(e)		$\Sigma F_v = 0$ 753sin64 + 877sin59 = Fv +940sin47 676.7919169 + 751.7357227 = F _v + 687.4724795	6	1 mark for substitution.
			F _v = 741.0551601 N		1 mark for calculating F _{v.}
			$\Sigma F_H = 0$ 877cos59 + 940cos47 = F_H + 753cos64 451.6883917 + 641.0784585 = F_H + 330.0934735		1 mark for substitution.
			F _H = 762.6733766 N		1 mark for calculating F _{H.}
			F = \int (741.0551601 ² + 762.6733766 ²) F = 1063.406521 N F = 1100 N (2 sf) θ = tan ⁻¹ (741.0551601/762.6733766) θ = 44.17634918° θ = 44° (2 sf)		 1 mark for calculating F, unit required. 1 mark for calculating θ, unit required.

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11.	(a)		Member	AB	AE	BE	ВС	
			Force	54kN	27kN	2.3kN	28kN	
			Nature	strut	tie	tie	strut	
			Node A sin60 = 47/A AB = 54.270 AB = 54kN (cos60 = AE/S AE = 27 kN Node B $\Sigma F_v = 0$ $F_{vAB} = 45 + F_v$ 47 = 45 + BE BE = 2.30940 BE = 2.3 kN $\Sigma F_H = 0$ $BC = F_{HAB} + F_v$	92530 kN 2 sf) 54 (2 sf) sin60 01077 kN (2 sf) (ti			6	1 mark for calculating AB. 1 mark for calculating AE. 1 mark for calculating BE (accept use of F _{VAB} = 54sin60). 1 mark for the nature of BE.
			BC = 54cos66 BC = 28.15 k BC = 28kN (0 + 2.3co kN				1 mark for calculating BC. 1 mark for the nature of BC.

Question		Expected response	Max mark	Additional guidance
11. (b)) (i)	A B C D E F Z 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0 1	4	1 mark for column D. 1 mark for column E. 1 mark for column F (FTE available). 1 mark for column Z (FTE available).
	(ii)	$Z = (\overline{A+B}) + (B \cdot C)$	3	1 mark for NOT A+B (with brackets). 1 mark for OR. 1 mark for B·C.
	(iii)	A B C Z	4	1 mark for NOR NAND with connections.1 mark for AND NAND with connections.1 mark for OR NAND with connections.1 mark for simplification.
(c)		Use knowledge of logic gates and their operation to design circuits. Use knowledge of Boolean algebra to simplify logic circuit design. Use knowledge of truth tables to test logic circuit designs. Use knowledge of NAND conversion to simplify circuit construction. Use knowledge of digital sensing control circuits to design voltage divider circuits. Use knowledge of op amp configurations and their operations to design circuits. Use knowledge of control systems using microcontrollers. Use knowledge of programming language. Use knowledge of interfacing with output circuits.	2	Responses must be descriptive. 1 mark for each valid response.

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11.	(d)		Improved physical health through promotion of walking/running/cycling as mode of transport. Improved social relationships as improved infrastructure means it is easier to meet up with and visit friends/family. Improved mental health as opportunities to go out and socialise are increased. Improved physical health as less pollution in the city. Any other reasonable response.	2	Responses must be descriptive. 1 mark for each valid response.

[END OF MARKING INSTRUCTIONS]