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JUNE/JULY EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: AGM314

COURSE TITLE: INTRODUCTION TO FARM MECHANIZATION (2 Units).

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS (25 Marks each)

- 1a. What is a basic machine? Give 4 examples of basic machines.
- 1b. A mass of 35kg is to be lifted by a wheel and axle system. The ratio of wheel to radius of axle is 5:1. Given that the system is 84% efficient; determine the effort required to lift the body. Take $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$.
- 1c. List 5 workshop hand tools

- 2a. Describe briefly these terms used in engine.
Clearance volume
Bottom dead centre
Bore
Stroke
Swept volume
Engine capacity
Engine size
- 2b. What are the cycles of operation of an engine?

3. Describe the principles of 4-stroke Petrol Engine.

- 4a. Describe in brief these primary tillage equipments.
Mould board
Disc
Chisel
Sub-soiler

- 4b. The pulley on a machine is 230mm diameter. It is to be driven at 183 rev/min. A dose of insecticide so that wastage that could arise as a result of excessive application is avoided.

- 5a. Describe how power is transmitted by a belt.
- 5b. A flat leather belt is 70mm wide and 7mm thick. Given that the safe tension per cm of width of the belt is 140N and the belt is used in driving a 360mm pulley at 300 rev/min.
Determine:
 - i. the allowable tension
 - ii. the driving tension
 - iii. the power transmitted by the belt.

- 6a. Explain the operation of a Thresher.
- 6b. Give a short description of a mist blower and its function.
- 6c. what use are the following materials in farm workshop: Rubber, mortar, reinforced concrete and paints?