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SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION
SERIES: AUGUST2017
TIME: 2 HOURS
DATE: Pick DateAug2017

Instruction to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*
- *Non-Programmable scientific calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions.

Question **ONE** is **COMPULSORY**

Attempt any other **TWO** questions.

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown.

Do not write on the question paper.

Mobile phones are not allowed in the examination room.

Question ONE (COMPULSORY: 30 Marks)

Outline and briefly describe (with examples) the important stages in the design process of a manufactured article, including the activities involved in product design and development. Elaborate specifically on the principle aspect of Intellectual Property (IP) rights and value addition within the design process. (30 Marks)

Question TWO (20 Marks)

- List two considerations kept in mind while designing a frictional clutch. (2 Marks)
- Show that the torque transmitted by a plate clutch T is given by:

$$T = \mu.W.R \quad \text{where:} \quad R = \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{r_1^3 - r_2^3}{r_1^2 - r_2^2} \right]$$

Considering a uniform pressure plate clutch (10 Marks)

- c) A plate clutch having a single driving plate with contact surfaces on each side is required to transmit 140 kW at 1800 rpm. The outer diameter of the contact surfaces is to be 300 mm. The coefficient of friction is 0.4. Assuming a uniform pressure of 0.17 N/mm², determine the inner diameter of the inner surface. (8 Marks)

Question THREE (20 Marks)

- a) Discuss the four (4) factors which govern the selection of materials for design consideration in machine components. (4 Marks)
- b) What are the six (6) advantages and four (4) disadvantages of cast iron as an engineering material? (10 Marks)
- c) What are alloy steels? (2 Marks)
- d) Discuss two (2) advantages and two (2) disadvantages of Aluminum alloys. (4 Marks)

Question FOUR (20 Marks)

- a) What are the functions and the objectives of quality control department in factories? (8 Marks)
- b) What are the three categories of errors affecting quality failures? (6 Marks)
- c) State the advantages of using statistical methods of using quality control. (6 Marks)

Question FIVE (20 Marks)

- a) People who follow procedures and processes with a blind allegiance and without using their brain to critically think and understand what they are doing, lose the benefit of applying their own creative ability to search for a better more elegant solution. Name and briefly explain five methods which stimulate creativity? (10 Marks)
- b) Biologically inspired designs have served humanity over millions of years; explain how a young quacking duck attracts its mother and what are the main design factors in an innovation of an electronic toy device that can attract the same mother? (5 Marks)
- c) The ability to compute separates the engineer from the technician. Engineering mathematics generates an insight (i.e., an intuitive understanding) into the behavior of physical things which cannot be attained in any other way and which is essential for inventive thinking i.e. the generation of new valuable ideas which will work. In the innovative design of a flying car, name and briefly explain five of the major functional considerations. (5 Marks)