

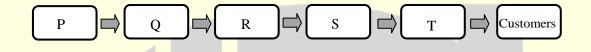
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1. There are five levels {P, Q, R, S, T) in a linear supply chain before a product reaches customers, as shown in the figure.



At each of the five levels, the price of the product is increased by 25%. If the product is produced at level P at the cost of Rs. 120 per unit, what is the paid (in rupees) by the customers?

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4r	nswer:	(C)													
2.	While	e I ag	gree h	is p	proposal	thi	s time, I	do r	not o	often ag	gre	ee	hir	n.	
	(A)	to, v	with	(E	B) with,	wi	th	((C)	to, to			(D)) with, to	
4r	nswer:	(A)													

3. In one of the greatest innings ever seen in 142 years of Test history. Ben Stokes upped the tempo in a fiveand-a-half hour long stay of 219 balls including 11 fours and 8 sixes that saw him finish on a 135 not out as England squared the five-match series.

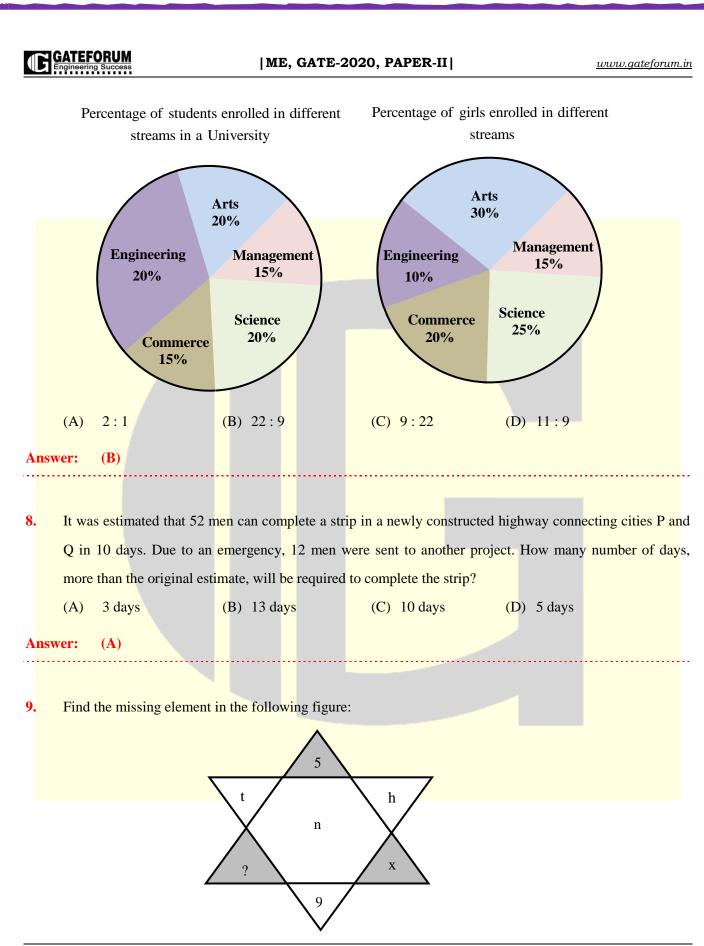
Based on their connotations in the given passage, which one of the following meanings DOES NOT match?

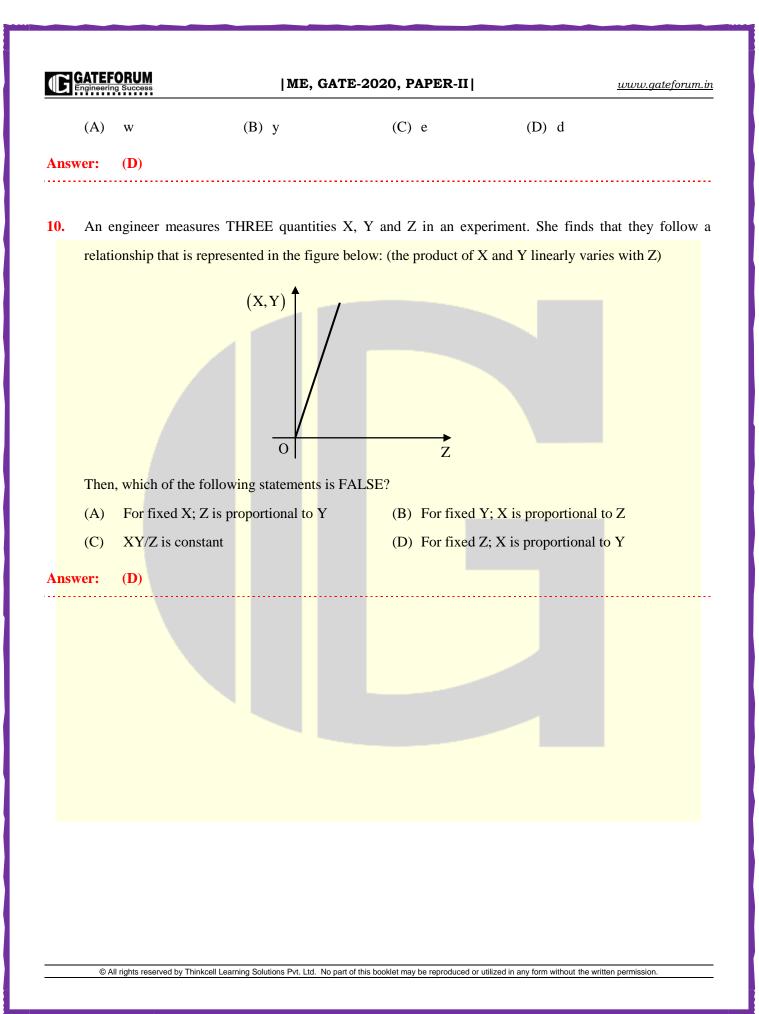
- (A) tempo = enthusiasm (B) upped = increased
- (C) saw = resulted in
- ___

(D) squared = lost

Answer: (D)

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	(A)	Enlightening	(B) Lighting	(C) Lightening	(D) Lightning
ns	swer:	(C)			
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lns	swer:	(C)			
	The	two pie-charts gi	ven below show the c	lata of total students and	d only girls registered in differe
	strea	ms in a university	. If the total number of	f students registered in the	he university is 5000, and the to
	num	ber of the register	red girls is 1500; then	, the ratio of boys enroll	led in Arts to the girls enrolled
	Man	agement is			







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 The figure below shows a symbolic representation of the surface texture in a perpendicular lay orientation with indicative values (I through VI) marking the various specifications whose definitions are listed below.

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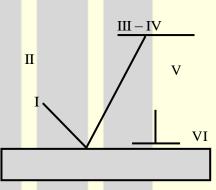
- P: Maximum Waviness Height (mm);
- Q: Maximum Roughness Height (mm);

Maximum Waviness Width (mm);

T: Maximum Roughness Width (mm);

Minimum Roughness Height (mm);

U: Roughness Width (mm);



The correct match between the specifications and the symbols (I to VI) is:

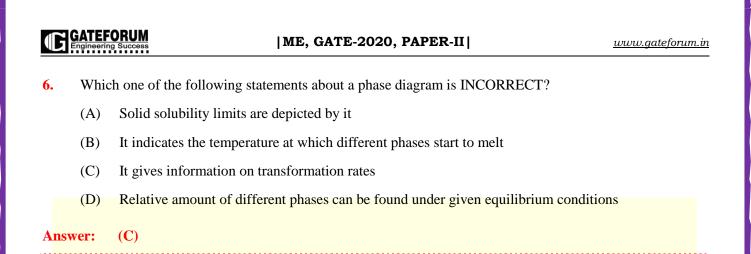
- (A) I-Q, II-U, III-R, IV-T, V-S, VI-P
- (B) I-R, II-P, III-U, IV-S, V-T, VI-Q
- (C) I-U, II-S, III-Q, IV-T, V-R, VI-P
- (D) I-R, II-Q, III-P, IV-S, V-U, VI-T

Answer: (D)

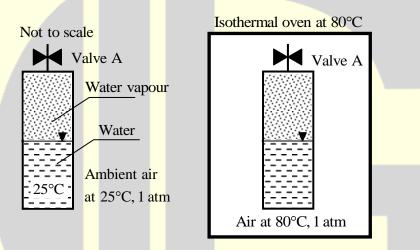
Allower. (D)

- 2. Two plates, each of 6 mm thickness, are to be butt-welded. Consider the following processes and select the correct sequence in increasing order of size of the heat affected zone.
 - **1.** Arc welding
 - 2. MIG welding

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	3.	Laser beam w	relding			
	4.	Submerged ar	rc welding			
	(A)	3-4-2-1	(B) 4-3-2-1	(C) 3-2-4-1	(D) 1-4-2-3	
Ans	swer:	(C)				
3.	In the	e space above tl	ne mercury column in a bard	meter tube, the gauge	e pressure of the vap	our is
	(A)	positive, but r	nore than one atmosphere	(B) zero		
	(C)	positive, but l	ess than one atmosphere	(D) negative		
Ans	swer:	(D)				
4.	V = (A) (C)	$ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -2 & 3 \\ 2 & 0 & 7/2 \\ -3 & -7/2 & 0 \\ \begin{pmatrix} -4 & 2 & 5 \\ 6 & 3 & 7 \\ -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} $ $ \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -6 & 1 \\ -2 & -3 & 0 \\ -5 & -7 & -2 \end{pmatrix} $	nposed into its symmetric p		-1 11 73/4)	$\begin{pmatrix} -4 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & 3 & 7/2 \\ 2 & 7/2 & 2 \end{pmatrix},$
Ans	swer:	(A)				
5.	The	equation of mot	ion of a spring-mass-dampe	r system is given by		
	$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$	$+3\frac{\mathrm{dx}}{\mathrm{dt}}+9\mathrm{x}=10$	Osin(5t)			
	The	damping factor	for the system is			
	(A)	2	(B) 0.25	(C) 0.5	(D) 3	
Ans	swer:	(C)				
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7. A closed vessel contains pure water, in thermal equilibrium with its vapour at 25°C (Stage#1), as shown.



The vessel in this stage is then kept inside an isothermal oven which is having an atmosphere of hot air maintained at 80°C. The vessel exchanges heat with the oven atmosphere and attains a new thermal equilibrium (Stage #2). If the Valve A is now opened inside the oven, what will happen immediately after opening the valve?

- (A) Water vapor inside the vessel will come out of the Valve A
- (B) Hot air will go inside the vessel through Valve A
- (C) All the vapor inside the vessel will immediately condense
- (D) Nothing will happen the vessel will continue to remain in equilibrium

Answer: (B)

8. The solution of

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}^2 \mathrm{y}}{\mathrm{d} \mathrm{t}^2} - \mathrm{y} = \mathrm{1},$$

which additionally satisfies $y|_{t=0} = \frac{dy}{dt}\Big|_{t=0} = 0$ in the Laplace s-domain is

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

Answer: (A)

9. In Materials Requirement Planning, if the inventory holding cost is very high and the setup cost is zero, which one of the following lot sizing approaches should be used?

- (A) Base Stock Level
- (C) Economic Order Quantity

(D) Fixed Period Quantity, for 2 periods

(B) Lot-for-Lot

Answer: (B)

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0. Let
$$I = \int_{x=0}^{1} \int_{y=0}^{x^2} xy^2 dy dx$$
. Then, I may also be expressed as
(A) $\int_{y=0}^{1} \int_{x=\sqrt{y}}^{1} yx^2 dx dy$
(B) $\int_{y=0}^{1} \int_{x=\sqrt{y}}^{1} xy^2 dx dy$
(C) $\int_{y=0}^{1} \int_{x=0}^{\sqrt{y}} xy^2 dx dy$
(D) $\int_{y=0}^{1} \int_{x=0}^{\sqrt{y}} yx^2 dx dy$

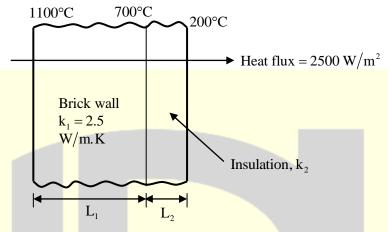
Answer: (B)

11. A bolt head has to be made at the end of a rod of diameter d = 12 mm by localized forging (upsetting) operation. The length of the unsupported portion of the rod is 40 mm. To avoid buckling of the rod, a closed forging operation has to be performed with a maximum die diameter of _____ mm.

Answer: (18)

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12. In a furnace, the inner and outer sides of the brick wall ($k_1 = 2.5 \text{ W/mK}$) are maintained at 1100°C and 700°C respectively as shown in figure.



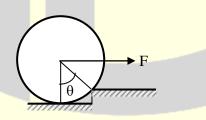
The brick wall is covered by an insulating material of thermal conductivity k₂. The thickness of the insulation is 1/4th of the thickness of the brick wall. The outer surface of the insulation is at 200°C. The heat flux through the composite walls is 2500 W/m^2 .

The value of k_2 is _____ W/m.K (round off to one decimal place).

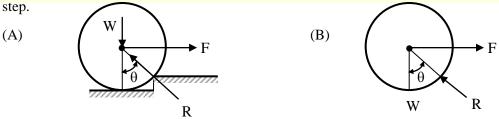
(0.5)**Answer:**

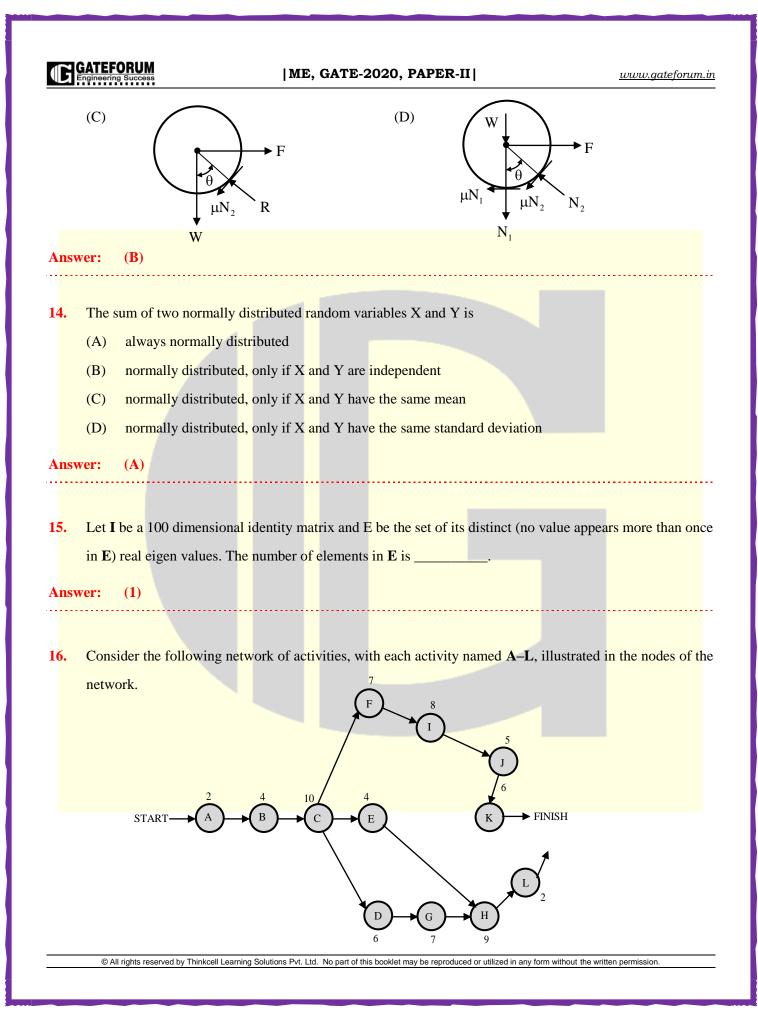
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An attempt is made to pull a roller of weight W over a curb (step) by applying a horizontal force F as 13. shown in the figure.

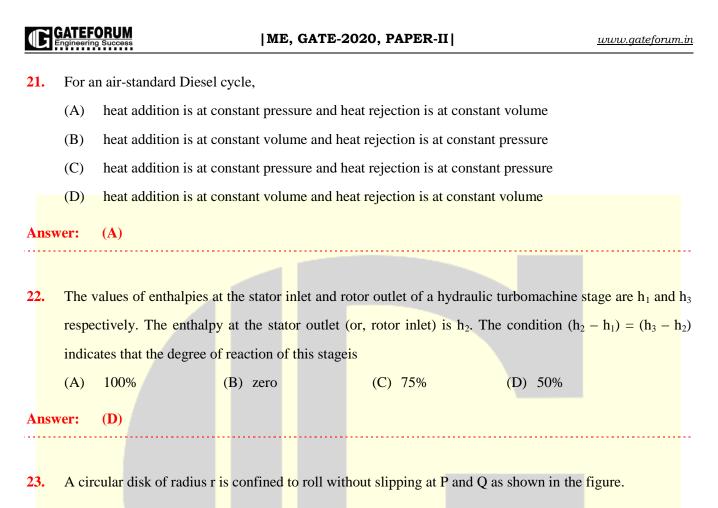


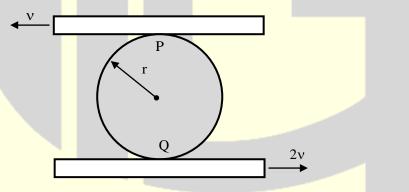
The coefficient of static friction between the roller and the ground (including the edge of the step) is μ . Identify the correct free body diagram (FBD) of the roller when the roller is just about to climb over the





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	The 1	number of hours required for each activity is shown alongside the nodes. The	slack on the activity L,							
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		MPa. If the factor of safety used in the design is 3.5 then the maximum al								
		MPa (round off to 2 decimal places).	Ŭ							
An	iswer:	(100)								
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10	pairs	, , ,								
	(A)									
An	iswer:	(A)								
19.	Whic	ch of the following conditions is used lo determine the stable equilibrium of a	all partially submerged							
17		ing bodies?	in putting submerged							
	(A)	Metacentre must be at a lower level than the centre of gravity								
	(B)	Centre of buoyancy must be below the centre of gravity								
	(C)	Centre of buoyancy must be above the centre of gravity								
	(D)	Metacentre must be at a higher level than the centre of gravity								
An	iswer:	(D)								
20 .	The p	process, that uses a tapered horn to amplify and focus the mechanical energy for ma	achining of glass, is							
	(A)	electrical discharge machining								
	(B)	abrasive jet machining								
	(C)	electrochemical machining								
	(D)	ultrasonic machining								
An	swer:	(D)								





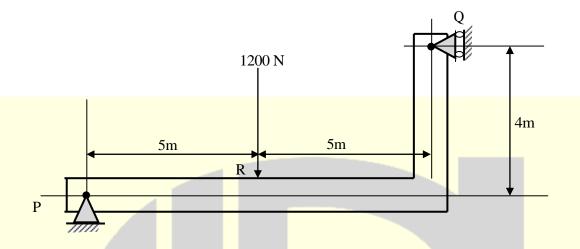
If the plates have velocities as shown, the magnitude of the angular velocity of the disk is



Answer: (A)

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24. A beam of negligible mass is hinged at support P and has a roller support Q as shown in the figure.



A point load of 1200 N is applied at point R. The magnitude of the reaction force at support Q is _____ N.

Answer: (1500)

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25. If a reversed Carnot cycle operates between the temperature limits of 27°C and -3°C, then the ratio of the COP of a refrigerator to that of a heat pump (COP of refrigerator/COP of heat pump) based on the cycle is _____ (round off to 2 decimal places).

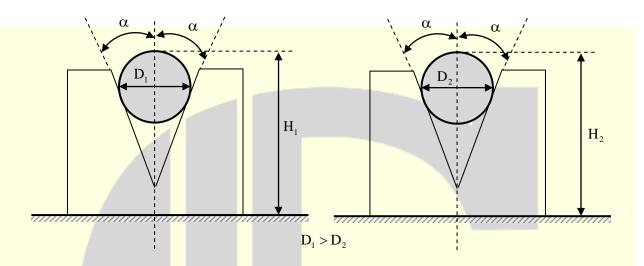
Answer: (0.9)

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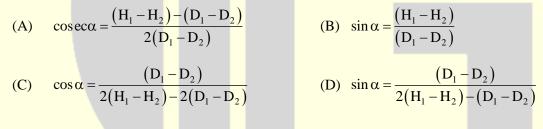
26. Moist air at 105 kPa, 30°C and 80% relative humidity flows over a cooling coil in an insulated air-conditioning duct. Saturated air exits the duct at 100 kPa and 15°C. The saturation pressure of water at 30°C and 15°C are 4.24 kPa and 1.7 kPa respectively. Molecular weight of water is 18 g/mol and that of air is 28.94 g/mol. The mass of water condensing out from the duct is _____ g/kg of dry air (round off to the nearest integer).

Answer: (10)

27. Two rollers of diameters D₁ (in mm) and D₂ (in mm) are used to measure the internal taper angle in the V-groove of a machined component. The heights H₁ (in mm) and H₂(in mm) are measured by using a height gauge after inserting the rollers into the same V-groove as shown in the figure.

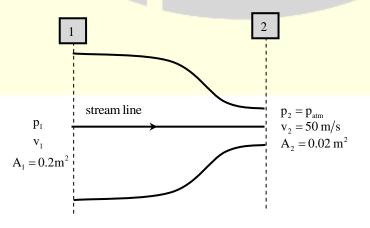


Which one of the following is the correct relationship to evaluate the angle α as shown in the figure?



Answer: (D)

28. Consider a flow through a nozzle, as shown in the figure below:

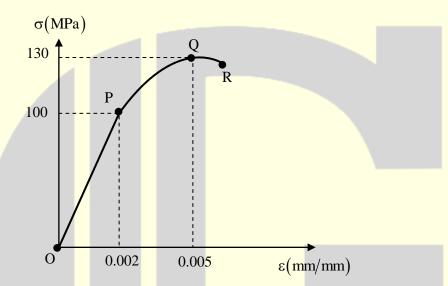


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The air flow is steady, incompressible and inviscid. The density of air is 1.23 kg/m³. The pressure difference $(p_1 - p_{atm})$ is _____ kPa (round off to 2 decimal places).

Answer: (1.52)

29. Uniaxial compression test data for a solid metal bar of length 1 m is shown in the figure.



The bar material has a linear elastic response from O to P followed by a non-linear response. The point P represents the yield point of the material. The rod is pinned at both the ends. The minimum diameter of the bar so that it does not buckle under axial loading before reaching the yield point is _____ mm (round off to one decimal place).

Answer: (56.9)

30. Keeping all other parameters identical, the Compression Ratio (CR) of an air standard diesel cycle is increased from 15 to 21. Take ratio of specific heats = 1.3 and cut-off ratio of the cycle $r_c = 2$.

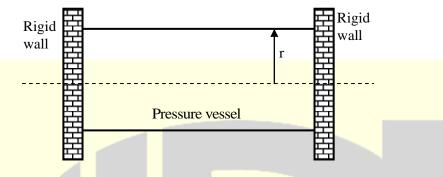
The difference between the new and the old efficiency values, in percentage, $(\eta_{new}|_{CR=21}) - (\eta_{old}|_{CR=15}) =$

_____%. (round off to one decimal place).

Answer: (4.79)



31. A thin-walled cylinder of radius r and thickness t is open at both ends, and fits snugly between two rigid walls under ambient conditions, as shown in the figure.



The material of the cylinder has Young's modulus E, Poisson's ratio v, and coefficient of thermal expansion α . What is the minimum rise in temperature ΔT of the cylinder(assume uniform cylinder temperature with no buckling of the cylinder) required to prevent gas leakage if the cylinder has to store the gas at an internal pressure of p above the atmosphere?

(A) $\Delta T = \left(v + \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{pr}{\alpha tE}$ (B) $\Delta T = \frac{3vpr}{2\alpha tE}$ (C) $\Delta T = \left(v - \frac{1}{4}\right) \frac{pr}{\alpha tE}$ (D) $\Delta T = \frac{vpr}{\alpha tE}$

Answer: (D)

32. The spectral distribution of radiation from a black body at $T_1 = 3000$ K has a maximum at wavelength λ_{max} . The body cools down to a temperature T_2 . If the wavelength corresponding to the maximum of the spectral distribution at T_2 is 1.2 times of the original wavelength λ_{max} , then the temperature T_2 is ______ K (round off to the nearest integer).

Answer: (2500)

33. A cylindrical bar with 200 mm diameter is being turned with a tool having geometry $0^{\circ} - 9^{\circ} - 7^{\circ} - 8^{\circ} - 15^{\circ} - 30^{\circ} - 0.05$ inch (Coordinate system, ASA) resulting in a cutting force F_{c1}. If the tool geometry is changed to $0^{\circ} - 9^{\circ} - 7^{\circ} - 8^{\circ} - 15^{\circ} - 0^{\circ} - 0.05$ inch (Coordinate system.

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ASA) and all other parameters remain unchanged, the cutting force changes to F_{c2}. Specific cutting energy (in J/mm³) is $U_c = U_0 (t_1)^{-0.4}$, where U_0 is the specific energy coefficient, and t_1 is the uncut thickness in mm. The value of percentage change in cutting force F_{c2} , i.e. $\left(\frac{F_{c2} - F_{c1}}{F_{c1}}\right) \times 100$, is _____ (round off to one decimal place). (-5.6) **Answer:** Water (density 1000 kg/m³) flows through an inclined pipe of uniform diameter. The velocity, pressure and elevation at section A are $V_A = 3.2$ m/s, $p_A = 186$ kPa and $z_A = 24.5$ m, respectively, and those at section B are $V_B = 3.2$ m/s, $p_B = 260$ kPa and $z_B = 9.1$ m, respectively. If acceleration due to gravity is 10

 m/s^2 then the head lost due to friction is _____ m (round off to one decimal place).

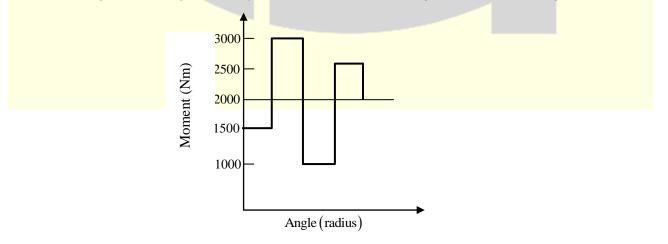
(8) **Answer:**

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35. There are two identical shaping machines S_1 and S_2 . In machine S_1 , the width of the workpiece is increased by 10% and the feed is decreased by 10%, with respect to that of S_1 . If all other conditions remain the same then the ratio of total time per pass inS₁ and S₂ will be _____ _ (round off to one decimal place).

(0.8182)**Answer:**

The turning moment diagram of a flywheel fitted to a fictitious engine is shown in the figure. 36.



The mean turning moment is 2000 Nm. The average engine speed is 1000 rpm. For fluctuation in the speed to be within $\pm 2\%$ of the average speed, the mass moment of inertia of the flywheel is _____ kgm².

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Answer: (3.58)

37. The forecast for the monthly demand of a product is given in the table below.

Month	Forecast	Actual Sales	
1	32.00	30.00	
2	31.80	32.00	
3	31.82	30.00	

The forecast is made by using the exponential smoothing method. The exponentialsmoothing coefficient used in forecasting the demand is

(A)	0.10	(B) 1.00	(C) 0.40	(D) 0.50
Answer:	(A)			

38. One kg of air in a closed system undergoes an irreversible process from an initial state of $p_1 = 1$ bar (absolute) and $T_1 = 27^{\circ}$ C, to a final state of $p_2 = 3$ bar (absolute) and $T_2 = 127^{\circ}$ C. If the gas constant of air is 287 J/kg.K and the ratio of the specific heats $\gamma = 1.4$, then the change in the specific entropy (in J/kg.K) of the air in the process is

- (A) 172.0 (B) 28.4
- (C) -26.3 (D) indeterminate, as the process is irreversible

39. For the integral $\int_0^{\pi/2} (8+4\cos x) dx$, the absolute percentage error in numerical evaluation with the Trapezoidal rule, using only the end points, is ______. (round off to one decimal place).

Answer: (5.2)

Answer: (C)

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40. Bars of 250 mm length and 25 mm diameter are to be turned on a lathe with a feed of 0.2 mm/rev. Each regrinding of the tool costs Rs. 20. The time required for each tool change is 1 min. Tool life equation is given as $VT^{0.2} = 24$ (where cutting speed V isin m/min and tool life T is in min). The optimum tool cost per piece for maximum production rate is Rs. _____ (round off to 2 decimal places).

Answer: (26.8)

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41. In a steam power plant, superheated steam at 10 MPa and 500°C, is expanded is entropically in a turbine until it becomes a saturated vapour. It is then reheated at constant pressure to 500°C. The steam is next expanded is entropically in another turbine until it reaches the condenser pressure of 20 kPa. Relevant properties of steam are given in the following two tables. The work done by both the turbines together is ______ kJ/kg (roundoff to the nearest integer).

Superheated Steam Table:

Pressure, p (MPa)	Temperature, T (°C)	Enthalpy, h (kJ/kg)	Entropy, s (kJ/kg.K)
10	500	3373.6	6.5965
1	500	3478.4	7.7621

Saturated Steam Table:

Pressure, p	Sat. Temp. T _{sat} (°C)		alpy, h J/kg)	Entropy, s (kJ/kg.K)	
	$\mathbf{I}_{sat}(\mathbf{C})$	$\mathbf{h_{f}}$	$\mathbf{h}_{\mathbf{g}}$	$\mathbf{S_{f}}$	Sg
1 MPa	179.91	762.9	2778.1	2.1386	6.5965
20 kPa	60.06	251.38	2609.7	0.8319	7.9085

Answer: (1513.73)



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42. A cantilever of length ℓ , and flexural rigidity EI, stiffened by a spring of stiffness k, is loaded by transverse force P, as shown. Р ℓ.EI k ≩ The transverse deflection under the load is 777777 $\frac{P\ell^{3}}{3EI}\left[\frac{3EI}{3EI+2k\ell^{3}}\right]$ $P\ell^3$ 6EI – $k\ell^3$ (B) (A) 3EI (D) $\frac{P\ell^3}{3EI}\left[\frac{3EI-k\ell^3}{3EI}\right]$ $\frac{\mathrm{P}\ell^{3}}{\mathrm{3EI}}\left[\frac{\mathrm{3EI}}{\mathrm{3EI}+\mathrm{k}\ell^{3}}\right]$ (C) **Answer: (C)** A fair coin is tossed 20 times. The probability that 'head' will appear exactly 4 times in the first ten tosses, **43.** and 'tail' will appear exactly 4 times in the next ten tosses is _____ (round off to 3 decimal places). (0.042)**Answer:** 44. A point P on a CNC controlled XY-stage is moved to another point 'Q' using the coordinate system shown in the figure below and rapid positioning command (G00). 700 °Q(800,600) 600 500 400 Y 300 °P(200,300) 200-100 -200 300 400 500 600 700 800 900 1000 100 Х

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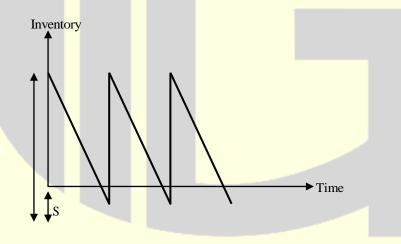
A pair of stepping motors with maximum speed of 800 rpm, controlling both the X andY motion of the stage, are directly coupled to a pair of lead screw, each with a uniform pitch of 0.5 mm. The time needed to position the point 'P' to the point 'Q' is _____ minutes(round off to 2 decimal places).

Answer: (1.5)

45. A hollow spherical ball of radius 20 cm floats in still water, with half of its volume submerged. Taking the density of water as 1000 kg/m³, and the acceleration due to gravity as 10 m/s², the natural frequency of small oscillations of the ball, normal to the water surface is ______ radians/s (round off to 2 decimal places).

Answer: (8.66)

46. For a single item inventory system, the demand is continuous, which is 10000 per year. The replacement is instantaneous and backorders (S units) per cycle are allowed as shown in the figure.



As soon as the quantity (Q units) ordered from the supplier is received, the back ordered quantity is issued to the customers. The ordering cost is Rs. 300 per order. The carrying cost is Rs. 4 per unit per year. The cost of backordering is Rs. 25 per unit per year. Based on the total cost minimization criteria, the maximum inventory reached in the system is ______ (round off to nearest integer).

Answer: (1137.15)

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47.	• A helical spring has spring constant k. If the wire diameter, spring diameter and thenumber								
	doubled then the spring constant of the new spring becomes								
	(A)	k/2	(B) k	(C) 16k	(D) 8k				
Ansv	wer:	(B)							
4 <mark>8.</mark>	A me	ould cavity	of 1200 cm ³ volume has to be	filled through a spru	e of 10 cm length fe	eeding a horizontal			
	runn	er. Cross-se	ectional area at the base of the	sprue is 2 cm ² . Cons	ider acceleration due	e to gravity as 9.81			
	m/s^2 .	Neglectin	g frictional losses due to molt	ten metal flow, the	time taken to fill th	ne mould cavity is			
		second	s (round off to 2 decimal place	s).					
Ans	wer:	(4.285)							

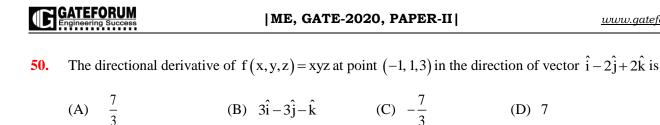
49.	The	sun (S) and	l the planet (P) of an epicycli	c gear train shown i	in the figure have ic	lentical number of			
	teeth			C	C				
			P(B)						
				$\mathcal{I}_{\omega_{s}}$					

If the sun (S) and the outer ring (R) gears are rotated in the same direction with angular speed ω_s and ω_R , respectively, then the angular speed of the arm AB is

ω_R

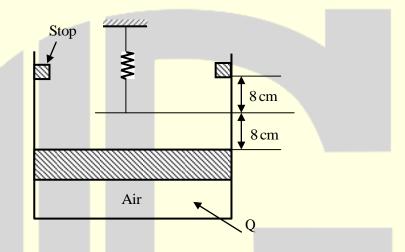
(A)
$$\frac{1}{4}\omega_{R} + \frac{3}{4}\omega_{S}$$
 (B) $\frac{3}{4}\omega_{R} + \frac{1}{4}\omega_{S}$ (C) $\frac{1}{2}\omega_{R} - \frac{1}{2}\omega_{S}$ (D) $\frac{3}{4}\omega_{R} - \frac{1}{4}\omega_{S}$

Answer: (B)



(A) Answer:

Air is contained in a frictionless piston-cylinder arrangement as shown in the figure. 51.



The atmospheric pressure is 100 kPa and the initial pressure of air in the cylinder is 105 kPa. The area of piston is 300 cm². Heat is now added and the piston moves slowly from its initial position until it reaches the stops. The spring constant of the linear spring is 12.5 N/mm. Considering the air inside the cylinder as the system, the work interaction is ______ J. (round off to the nearest integer).

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(544)Answer:

52. Water flows through a tube of 3 cm internal diameter and length 20 m, The outside surface of the tube is heated electrically so that it is subjected to uniform heat flux circumferentially and axially. The mean inlet and exit temperatures of the water are 10° C and 70° C, respectively. The mass flow rate of the water is 720 kg/h. Disregard the thermal resistance of the tube wall. The internal heat transfer coefficient is 1697 W/m²K. Take specific heat C_p of water as 4.179 kJ/kg.K. The inner surface temperature at the exit section of the tube is _____ °C (round off to one decimal place).

Answer: (85.7)

53. The function f(z) of complex variable z = x + iy, where $i = \sqrt{-1}$, is given a $f(z) = (x^3 - 3xy^2) + iv(x, y)$. For this function to be analytic, v(x, y) should be (A) $(x^3 - 3x^2y) + constant$ (B) $(3xy^2 - y^3) + constant$

(C) $(3x^2y - y^3)$ + constant (D) $(3x^2y^2 - y^3)$ + constant

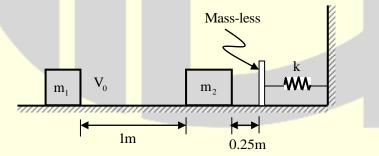
Answer: (C)

54. A steel spur pinion has a module (m) of 1.25 mm, 20 teeth and 20° pressure angle. The pinion rotates at 1200 rpm and transmits power to a 60 teeth gear. The face width (F) is 50 mm, Lewis form factor Y = 0.322 and a dynamic factor $K_v = 1.26$. The bending stress (σ) induced in a tooth can be calculated by using the Lewis formula given below. If the maximum bending stress experienced by the pinion is 400 MPa, the power transmitted is ______ kW (round off to one decimal place).

Lewis formula:
$$\sigma = \frac{K_v W^t}{FmY}$$
, where W^t is the tangential load acting on the pinion.

Answer: (10.035)

55. A rigid block of mass $m_1 = 10$ kg having velocity $v_0 = 2$ m/s strikes a stationary block of mass $m_2 = 30$ kg after travelling 1 m along a frictionless horizontal surface as shown in the figure.



The two masses stick together and jointly move by a distance of 0.25 m further along the same frictionless surface, before they touch the mass-less buffer that is connected to the rigid vertical wall by means of a linear spring having a spring constant $k = 10^5$ N/m. The maximum deflection of the spring is _____ cm (round off to 2 decimal places).

Answer: (1)

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