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DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

EED 106: MECHANICAL SCIENCE

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions in Section A and choose any other TWO in Section B

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)

1. a) Define the following terms
 - i. Stress
 - ii. Kinetic Energy
 - iii. Power (6 marks)
- b) A body having a mass of 30kg is supported 50m above earth's surface.
 - i. Calculate the potential energy of the body
 - ii. If the body is allowed to fall freely, calculate its potential and kinetic energies when the body is 20 m above the ground and just before it touches the ground. (14 marks)
- c) A wagon of mass 4 tonnes is pulled on a horizontal frictionless track. After five minutes it is observed that the amount of power used is 8.2 kW , calculate:-
 - i. The average work done
 - ii. The distance travelled (10 marks)
2. a) Define the following terms
 - i. Polygon of forces
 - ii. Resultant of force
 - iii. Equilibrium

- b) The following horizontal forces act at a point:-
 50N in direction due east
 80N in direction due south
 30N in direction 20° north of west.

Calculate the values and direction of the fourth force necessary to maintain equilibrium. (14 marks)

3. a) Define the following terms
- Shear stress
 - Strain
- b) An aluminium alloy tie bar is 42mm diameter and 500mm long. A flat bottomed hole 100mm deep is to be drilled from one end of the bar. When the maximum axial tensile load is 65kW,
 Calculate a suitable diameter for the hole
- If the stress is not to exceed 85N/m^2
 - If the total extension of the bar is not to exceed 0.31mm.
- Take E for aluminium = 80MN/m^2
4. A vehicle of total mass 1600kg increases its speed uniformly from 36km/h to 72km/h by the action of an average accelerating force of 2.4kN. By how much will its kinetic energy have increased during the acceleration shown that this increases in kinetic energy is equal to the work done by the accelerating force. (20 marks)
5. a) i) State THREE effects of force
 ii) Name THREE factors which characterize a force
- b) Three forces of magnitude 200N, 145N, and 180N respectively act at a point as shown. Determine by drawing a triangle of forces measured in a clockwise direction from force 200N, at which the other two forces must act in order that the three forces shall be in equilibrium. (20 marks)

