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Aerospace Propulsion - II
Common to Aeronautical Engineering, Metallurgy And Material Technology
Time: 3 hours **Max Marks: 80**

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks

1. What is an equilibrium diagram and explain with neat sketches the method of finding the equilibrium points. [16]
2. What do you understand by thrust vector control? Explain in detail the various methods to control the thrust vector of a solid rocket motor. [16]
3. (a) What factors do affect the efficiency of an axial flow turbine and how?
(b) Differentiate between an axial flow and radial turbine. [8+8]
4. Describe the principles of electro static thrusters and the ionization schemes used there in. [16]
5. Describe the various factors considered for the design of a rocket. [16]
6. Write short notes on the following with respect to the liquid propellant rocket motor:
 - (a) Gelled propellants
 - (b) Cold gas propellants
 - (c) Safety and environmental concerns regarding liquid rocket motors.
 - (d) Regenerative cooling. [4+4+4+4]
7. A ramjet is to propel an aircraft at Mach 3 at high altitude where the ambient pressure is 8.5 kPa and the ambient temperature T_a is 220 K. The turbine inlet temperature T is 2540 K. If all components are ideal, i.e. frictionless determine the following:
 - (a) The thermal efficiency
 - (b) The propulsion efficiency
 - (c) The overall efficiency

Let the specific heat ratio (γ) be 1.4 and fuel-to-air ratio, $f = 0.03$. [16]

8. Mention the factors considered for material selection of motor casing of a solid propellant motor? Explain the various materials used for same. [16]

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1. Explain the progressive, regressive and neutral burning of propellant grain of a solid propellant rocket motors, with thrust vs. time variation graphs. Show the various geometries of grains. [16]
2. How the nuclear power can be used for propulsion? Explain the difference between nuclear fission and fusion. [16]
3. What is meant by an operating line? What are the assumptions involved in the determination of an operating line? [16]
4. What are the various assumptions made while analyzing an ideal ramjet engine? Explain the conditions occurring at the exit of diffuser section and combustion chamber. [16]
5. A multi-stage gas turbine is to be designed with impulse stages, and is to be operated with an inlet pressure and temperature of 6 bar and 900 K respectively and an outlet pressure of 1 bar. The isentropic efficiency of the turbine is 85%. All the stages are required to have a nozzle outlet angle of 15° . Also, they have equal outlet & inlet blade angles and equal inlet & outlet gas angles. Mean blade speed is equal to 250ms^{-1} . Assuming $C_p = 1.15 \text{ kJkg}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ and $\gamma = 1.333$, estimate the number of stages required. [16]
6. Explain the propellant feed systems used in liquid propulsion rockets and compare them. [16]
7. The data for a rocket engine is given below:
Thrust coefficient = 1.2
Propellant flow rate = 20 kg/s
Combustion chamber pressure = $15 \times 10^5 \text{ N/m}^2$
Exhaust nozzle throat diameter = 5 cm
From the above data compute the velocity of thrust, specific impulse, effective jet velocity and characteristics velocity. [16]
8. Explain about thrust vectorcontrolling in VTOL. [16]

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1. (a) Derive a relationship for the overall efficiency of an ideal ramjet engine.
(b) How actual ramjet engine cycle deviates from an ideal ramjet engine cycle? [8+8]
2. Explain the various components of a typical large liquid propellant rocket used for a space mission, with help of a diagram. [16]
3. (a) What is the effect of pitch on the blade root fixing?
(b) Write a note on forced convection air cooling of axial flow turbines. [8+8]
4. Write detailed notes on the various losses incurred by the chosen cooling process and their effect on the turbine cycle efficiency. [16]
5. Discuss the thrust augmentation by water-alcohol injection method. Draw T-S diagram. [16]
6. Explain briefly the meanings of following terms
(a) Booster rocket stage.
(b) Retro rockets.
(c) Sustainer stage.
(d) Earth satellite. [4+4+4+4]
7. write short notes on :
(a) Photon propulsion
(b) Free radical propulsion
(c) Nuclear fusion
(d) Problems associated with plasma jet propulsion. [4+4+4+4]
8. Write notes on the following with respect to the solid propellant rocket motor:
(a) Rocket motor case
(b) Igniters. [8+8]

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1. Define total and specific impulse of rockets. Explain the significance of specific impulse. [16]
2. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Internal and external air cooling of turbine blades
 - (b) Internal and external liquid cooling of turbine blades. [8+8]
3. Explain the working principle of solar still. [16]
4. (a) Explain the selection criteria for liquid propellants considering the following factors:
 - i. Economic factors
 - ii. Physical properties.
 - iii. Ignition and flame properties.(b) Write a note on 'liquid monopropellants'. [8+8]
5. (a) What are the various problems that come across while designing a supersonic diffuser for a ramjet engine and how these problems can be reduced/eliminated?
(b) Write a detailed note on 'variable geometry ramjet engine'. [8+8]
6. What are the selection criteria of solid propellants? How their properties are characterized? [16]
7. Explain the function of two nozzles employed for supersonic aircraft concorde. [16]
8. For a free vortex based design of a gas turbine show that
 $r C_{a2} \tan \alpha_2 = \text{constant}$
where 'r' is the radius of the blade at any point from its root to tip, ' C_{a2} ' is the axial velocity at the mean diameter of the blade, ' α_2 ' is the air angle at the exit angle of the nozzle blade at its mean diameter. [16]
