

TAMIL NADU PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

AUTOMOBILE ENGINEERING

(DEGREE STANDARD)

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UNIT I ENGINES

Working principle and constructional details of petrol and diesel engines, four stroke and two stroke engines. Fuel supply system in SI engines – Carburettors, types, working principle, different circuits, compensation circuits, TEFI, MPFI, GDI. Fuel Injection system in diesel engines – Mechanical injection, CRDI. Dual fuel engines. Engine Accessories - Cooling system, air and water cooling system, forced circulation and pressure cooling system. Lubrication system – pressure lubrication – splash lubrication – wet and dry sump lubrication. Properties of lubricants and coolants. Combustion in SI and CI engines – stages of combustion – flame propagation – detonation in SI engine and knocking in CI engines. Combustion chambers – Turbo and superchargers. Fuels for IC engines, Desirable Properties of IC engine fuels, Gaseous fuels, LPG, CNG, Hydrogen, Alcoholic fuels, Flexi fuel engines. Advanced engine technologies - VVT, HCCI, Lean burn engines. Engine testing – Performance parameter calculations.

UNIT II AUTOMOTIVE CHASSIS

Types of chassis layout – various types of frames – front axles – types, stub axle, front wheel geometry – Condition for true rolling motion - Ackermann and Davis steering mechanism – steering gear boxes – Under steer, Neutral steer and Over steer - Hydraulic and Electric Power Assisted Steering. Hotchkiss and torque tube drive. Propeller shaft – Universal Joint and Constant Velocity joint - Final drive – types. Differential – principle and construction details – Differential housing - Limited Slip Differential – Rear axle - types. Wheels – types and construction. Tyres – types and construction details.

UNIT III SUSPENSION AND BRAKING SYSTEM

Suspension system – requirements – types - construction details of leaf spring, coil spring and torsion bar. Rubber and air suspension systems. Front and rear independent suspension systems – shock absorbers. Braking system – need, stopping distance, classification of brakes. Constructional details of drum brake and disc brakes - Power assisted braking systems. Retarders, ABS, TCS, EBD, ESP.

UNIT IV AUTOMOTIVE TRANSMISSION

Clutches – coils spring, diaphragm clutches – centrifugal and semi centrifugal clutches – multiplate clutches. Electromagnetic clutch - Gear box – sliding mesh, constant mesh and synchromesh – construction and operation. Automated Manual Transmission - Automatic transmission – fluid coupling, torque converter, epicyclic gear box, CVT, Dual Clutch Transmission – Hydrostatic transmission, Electric Vehicle powertrain.

UNIT V AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS

Lead acid battery – types, battery charging, rating, and testing. Lithium Ion battery. Ignition system – principle and operation of coil, magneto and electronic ignition system. Spark plug. Starting system – types of drives - bendix drive, solenoid drive system. Charging system – generator system – types – alternator, principle and operation of cut-out and regulators. Engine sensors and actuators – types, principle and operation. Recent Trends - Navigation system, ADAS, TPS, Rain sensing wipers, micro-hybrid, keyless entry, antitheft technologies, V2V communication, CAN, LIN, OBD, Climate control system, Power windows and central locking system.

UNIT VI VEHICLE BODY ENGINEERING

Classification of cars, buses, HCVs and LCVs – Driver visibility – forward and rearward visibility – Vehicle Safety – Passive and Active Safety systems. Car Body terminology - Constructional details of cars body panels. Construction of buses – conventional and integral construction. Driver's seat design considerations – compactness of driver's cab – segmental design – modern painting processes for car bodies. Body trim items. Body mechanisms – window winding, door locking and seat height adjustment – Body repair – hand and power tools - Aerodynamics of vehicles – different types of drags – optimization techniques - Wind tunnel testing to measure aerodynamic coefficients.

UNIT VII VEHICLE DYNAMICS

Concept of vibration –Types of vibration. Response analysis of single DOF, Two DOF and multi DOF. Magnification factor and Transmissibility factor. Vibration absorbers. Tyre forces and moments – longitudinal and lateral forces. Rolling resistance. Tractive and cornering properties of tyres. Tire Testing. Human response to vehicle vibration. Design and analysis of passive, semi active and active suspension using quarter car, half car and full car models. Load distribution. Vehicle Resistances to motion, vehicle performance characteristics. Steady state and transient state handling characteristics – direction control of vehicle. Stability of vehicle under various conditions.

UNIT VIII VEHICLE CONTROL SYSTEMS

Degree of freedom for vehicle control – calculation of the control - degree of freedom. Selection of control, manipulator and measured disturbances variables. General types of vehicle controllers configuration. Dynamic behaviour of first order and second order vehicle system – dynamic responses characteristics of vehicle systems. Basic control modes – proportional control – integral control. PID controls. Lambda control – knock control – adaptive knock control – drive line modelling – active suspension control. Adaptive cruise control. Lane Departure Warning System. Adaptive Headlamps.

UNIT IX AUTOMOTIVE POLLUTION AND CONTROL

Pollutants – sources, formation and effects on environment and human beings. Emission standards. HC, CO and NO_x formation in SI and CI engines. Smoke formation and NO_x emission and its types from diesel engine, Particulate emissions. Control techniques – EGR, SCR, LNT, Secondary air induction, Positive crankcase ventilation system particulate trap and catalytic converters. Test procedures CVS1, CVS3 – Test cycles – SHED test. NDIR analyser – Flame ionization detectors – Chemiluminescent analyser – dilution tunnels – gas chromatograph – smoke meters.

UNIT X MOTOR VEHICLE ACT, MAINTENANCE & SERVICING

Motor vehicle act – registration, driving licence, insurance, pollution and control. organization and management of workshop - Scheduled and unscheduled maintenance – Workshop stores – inventory management – 5S Principles in workshops – Cost estimation for maintenance and servicing – Different forms and registers for workshop – Workshop Safety - Trouble shooting and servicing of clutch, gear box, brakes, suspension and steering systems. Trouble shooting and servicing of engine and its auxiliary systems – Servicing of vehicle air conditioning system – Manual, power tools and equipment required for servicing and maintenance.

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