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**SECTION A****QUESTION 1**

1.1	1.1.1	C✓✓	
	1.1.2	A✓✓	
	1.1.3	A✓✓	
	1.1.4	D✓✓	
	1.1.5	C✓✓	
	1.1.6	D✓✓	
	1.1.7	B✓✓	
	1.1.8	D✓✓	
	1.1.9	C✓✓	
	1.1.10	A/D✓✓	
			(20)
1.2	1.2.1	Heat/steam/warmth/magma ✓✓	
	1.2.2	moveable✓✓	
	1.2.3	standardisation✓✓	
	1.2.4	more✓✓	
	1.2.5	Battery/Accumulator✓✓	
			(10)
1.3	1.3.1	G✓✓	
	1.3.2	D✓✓	
	1.3.3	F✓✓	
	1.3.4	B/H ✓✓	
	1.3.5	A ✓✓	
			(10)
<b>TOTAL SECTION A:</b>			<b>40</b>

**SECTION B****QUESTION 2: MATERIALS AND STRUCTURES**

2.1 **The alloy metal that is specifically used to manufacture the products and a reason why the metal is used.**

2.1.1 **Wine tanks**

Stainless steel.✓

- Resistant to air, water and many chemical acids and alkali.✓
- Resistant against corrosion.✓
- Can be welded well.✓

(Any 1) (2)

2.1.2 **Fittings for hot-water copper pipes**

Brass. ✓

- Strength ✓
- Machinability✓
- Wear resistance✓
- Hardness✓
- Corrosion resistance✓

(Any 1) (2)

2.1.3 **Hammers that can be used in explosive atmosphere**

Bronze✓

- Does not generate sparks✓
- Low friction ✓

(Any 1) (2)

2.2 **ONE example where the following materials will be used on a farm.**

2.2.1 **High-tensile steel**

- Tow bar✓
- Shafts✓
- Gears✓
- Crowbar✓

(Any 1) (1)

2.2.2 **Cast iron**

- Engine block✓
- Differential of the tractor✓
- Cast iron pots✓
- Tractor weights✓
- Brake drum✓
- Hubs for farm equipment✓

(Any 1) (1)

2.3 **Description of the annealing process of copper.**

Heat the metal to 500–550°C.✓ Then cool it in the air or sand.✓

(2)

- 2.4 2.4.1 **The TWO most important aspects that must be considered when an adhesive is chosen to repair the water trough.**
- Type of the material to be joined.✓
  - Conditions under which this joint will be used.✓ (2)
- 2.4.2 **Process of preparing the water trough before the adhesive is applied.**
- Clean the surface area around the crack✓ and sand it lightly until there are no more signs of dirt, clean before applying the adhesive.✓ (2)
- 2.4.3 **TWO methods used to join fibreglass parts.**
- Pop rivet✓
  - Bolt and nut✓
  - Screws✓ (2)
- 2.4.4 **TWO methods of colouring a fibreglass trough.**
- Painting✓
  - Dying✓ (2)
- 2.5 **The effect of extreme heat on the following material.**
- 2.5.1 **Bakelite**
- No effect.✓
  - Will become extremely hot.✓
  - Will discolour.✓ (Any 1) (1)
- 2.5.2 **Perspex**
- It will easily change shape when heated, because Perspex is not heat resistant.✓
  - It will burn.✓
  - It will melt✓ (Any 1) (1)
- 2.5.3 **Silicon**
- Silicon will melt. ✓
  - Will deform.✓ (Any 1) (1)
- 2.6 **Description of the friction ability of Vesconite.**
- Low static and dynamic friction✓
  - No friction in tough working environments whether dry or wet, lightly or heavily loaded.✓ (2)

- 2.7 2.7.1 **THREE design requirements prescribed for warning signs on electric fences.**
- The signs must be at least 100 mm x 200 mm.✓
  - The background color of both sides must be yellow.✓
  - The inscription must be black and must read 'BE AWARE–ELECTRIC FENCE'.✓
  - The inscription must be clear, inscribed on both sides and have a height of at least 25 mm.✓
  - At least two languages must be visible on the sign.✓ (Any 3) (3)
- 2.7.2 **TWO situations where an electrical fence can be used on a farm.**
- Protection✓
  - Temporary fences✓
  - Dangerous animals, e.g.lions✓
  - Around the farm perimeter (Any 2) (2)
- 2.7.3 **TWO alternative energy sources that can be used to provide energy for an electrical fence.**
- Wind✓
  - Solar✓
  - Hydro electric✓
  - Generator✓
  - Battery✓ (2)
- 2.8 **THREE components needed to create a fire.**
- Material that can burn✓
  - Oxygen✓
  - Any heat source✓ (lightning / friction, matches, lighter) (3)
- 2.9 **TWO reasons for using resin casting as an insulating material when joining THREE phase electrical wires.**
- Watertight✓
  - Non-conductor of electricity✓
  - Toughness✓
  - Prevents corrosion/ rust✓ (Any 2) (2)
- [35]

**QUESTION 3: ENERGY**

3.1 3.1.1 **The energy source that makes use of a generator.**

Source C✓ (1)

3.1.2 **Description of the working principles of energy source B.**

- Cold water passes through glass tubes where it is heated by sun energy.✓
  - The heated water enters the geyser through a closed copper pipe network that runs through the geyser.✓
  - The hot water inside the copper pipes heats up the cold water inside the geyser.✓
  - The cooled water flows downwards back to the solar tubes where it is reheated.✓
- (Any 3) (3)

**Alternative geyser system.**

- The sun heats up the liquid in the glass tubes✓
- That heat up the element.✓
- The copper element heats up the water.✓

3.1.3 **The device that must be connected to energy source A to change the direct current to alternating current.**

Inverter✓ (1)

3.1.4 **Identify energy source C.**

Concentrated solar/Solar plant/Sun tower✓ (1)

3.2 **TWO disadvantages of a wind turbine's blades turning too fast.**

- The blades could be damaged.✓
  - The rotor experiences too much strain.✓
  - The structure could collapse.✓
  - Noise pollution.✓
  - Bird strikes
- (Any 2) (2)

3.3 **THREE geographical challenges that may arise during a survey for a geothermal energy power station.**

- Is the rock soft enough to drill through?✓
  - Do the rocks deep down contain sufficient heat?✓
  - Will this heat be sustainable for a significant amount of time?✓
  - Is the environment fit for a power plant?✓
  - Volcanic activities✓
  - Accessibility/Difficult to locate✓
  - Availability of water
- (Any 3) (3)

- 3.4 3.4.1 **An alternative racing fuel that can be used to supplement petroleum.**
- Methanol✓ (1)
- 3.4.2 **THREE materials used to manufacture the alternative fuel (Methanol).**
- Woody plant fibre✓
  - Methane gas in landfills✓
  - Coal✓
  - Natural gas✓
  - Fermented waste products such as sewage and manure✓ (Any 3) (3)
- 3.5 3.5.1 **THREE disadvantages associated with a hydroelectric power plant.**
- Limited plant locations✓
  - High initial costs✓
  - Carbon emission✓
  - Flood risk✓
  - Susceptible to earthquakes/tremors✓
  - Limited water resources✓
  - Affects marine life✓
  - High costs✓ (Any 3) (3)
- 3.5.2 **TWO reasons why hydroelectric power plants are limited in South Africa.**
- Water scarcity✓
  - Inadequate water flow✓
  - Non-sustainable water in rivers✓
  - Inadequate land gradient✓
  - High costs✓ (Any 2) (2)
- [20]**



**QUESTION 4: SKILLS AND CONSTRUCTION PROCESSES**4.1 4.1.1 **Parts A and B.**

- A- Earth clamp/Clamp✓
  - B- Welding/gun/torch✓
- (2)

4.1.2 **The apparatus that can be attached for welding aluminium.**

Push Pull torch✓ (1)

4.1.3 **TWO gases that can be used with MIG welding.**

- Argon✓
  - Helium✓
  - Mixture of Co<sub>2</sub> and Argon✓
- (Any 2) (2)

4.1.4 **THREE different metals that can successfully be welded with the MIG-welding machine.**

- High alloy steel (stainless alloys) ✓
  - Aluminium✓
  - Mild steel✓
- (3)

4.2 4.2.1 **The material used for part A.**

- Tungsten✓
  - Copper mounted hafnium✓
  - Zirconium✓
- (Any 1) (1)

4.2.2 **Description of the plasma cutting process.**

The process involves using a tungsten electrode, ✓ and high pressure plasma✓ (which is gas in an ionized state) to generate and carry an electrical arc between a copper nozzle and work piece.✓

The electrical arc performs the cutting, but the pressurized plasma helps to keep the cut cleared by removing the dross (metal impurities generated by the cutting).✓ (Any 3) (3)

4.3 **TWO types of metals that can be cut by using the oxy-acetylene.**

- Mild steel✓
  - Cast iron✓
  - Stainless steel✓
  - Any ferrous metals✓
- (Any 2) (2)

#### 4.4 Description of the process of shutting down an oxy-acetylene flame and bleeding the system.

- Turn off the acetylene valve on the torch handle. This will extinguish the flame. ✓
- Turn off the oxygen valve on the torch handle. ✓
- Shut/close the main cylinder valves clockwise on the top of both gas cylinders. ✓
- Now open the two valves on the torch handle to 'bleed' the system. ✓
- Turn both the oxygen and acetylene regulator handles counter-clockwise until they are loose. ✓
- Close both valves on the torch handle. ✓
- Put the handle and tips away, and return the gas cylinders and their hoses to their proper storage area. ✓

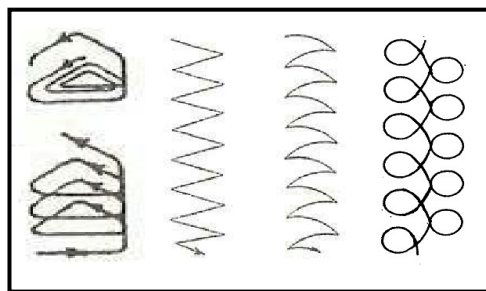
(Any 5) (5)

#### 4.5 4.5.1 Description of the process of vertical up arc welding.

- A special electrode is used for vertical welding with an arc welder, makes the process easier as it 'freezes' more quickly. ✓
- Amperage can be reduced slightly from the normal down hand setting. ✓
- Tip of the electrode must be pointed upwards, so that the electrode forms an angle of up to 30° with the horizontal plane. ✓
- Arc must be kept short and the speed must be just sufficient to prevent the molten metal from the puddle to run down. ✓
- When welding up, very little lateral movements of the electrode must be made. ✓

(5)

#### 4.5.2 Draw THREE different types of welding runs used for vertical welding.



(Any 3 drawings) ✓✓✓

(3)

#### 4.6 4.6.1 Calculation of the volume of concrete needed.

**Formula: Volume= Length x width x height**

$$2\,500\text{ mm} \times 1\,200\text{ mm} \times 250\text{ mm} \checkmark = 750\,000\,000 \checkmark \text{mm}^3 \checkmark$$

OR

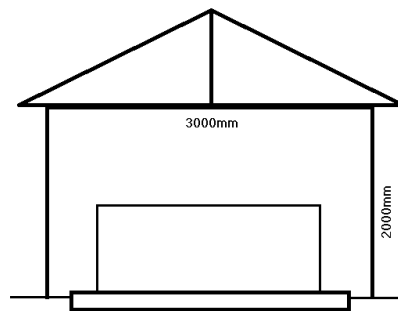
$$2,5\text{ m} \times 1,2\text{ m} \times 0,25\text{ m} \checkmark = 0,750 \checkmark \text{m}^3 \checkmark$$

(3)

(Allocate full marks if only the final answer is given)

4.6.2 **Design and sketch of a shelter to protect the generator from weather conditions. Show at least TWO measurements.**

Roof and construction✓✓	(2)
Poles (Uprights)✓	(1)
Measurements✓	(1)
Neatness✓	(1)



(5)  
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**QUESTION 5: TOOLS, IMPLEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 5.1 5.1.1 **TWO measures the farmer can apply to ensure that the maize will be harvested on time.**
- Making use of contractors.✓
  - Working longer hours.✓
  - Making use of bigger harvesting machines.✓
  - Harvest until the rain start. ✓
- (Any 2) (2)
- 5.1.2 **An alternative method that can be used, other than the combine harvester and justification.**
- Hand harvesting/You can continue to harvest by hand whilst it is raining/ Use a tractor drawn harvester.✓
- Justification: Combine harvester will be stuck in the field when soil is wet.✓
- (Any 1) (2)
- 5.2 5.2.1 **THREE aspects to bear in mind when buying a new baler.**
- Price✓
  - Local maintenance services✓
  - Parts locally available✓
  - Driving power needed for operation✓
  - Type of baler✓
  - Ease of operation✓
  - Type of binding technique✓
- (Any 3) (3)
- 5.2.2 **THREE points to consider before buying a second-hand baler.**
- Reliability of the agent.✓
  - Spare parts easily available.✓
  - Well proven model.✓
  - Guarantee from agent/seller.✓
  - General wear and tear.✓
- (Any 3) (3)
- 5.3 5.3.1 **Less space-consuming bale.**
- A✓ (1)
- 5.3.2 **Justification for answer in QUESTION 5.3.1**
- More bales can be stacked on a truck.✓  
 No gaps between the bales.✓  
 Bales are compact✓
- (Any 1) (1)

5.3.3 **The bale that can be wrapped.**

A or B ✓

(1)

5.3.4 **A reason why baling process B can be used up until raining.**

Water runs down the bale/ bale can be stored outside. ✓

(1)

5.3.5 **FIVE round-baler safety tips to young upcoming farmers.**

- Familiarise yourself with the operator's manual. ✓
- Adequate training must take place. ✓
- Ensure all safety screens are in place. ✓
- Be watchful when backing up as baler is bulky and reduces vision to the rear. ✓
- Avoid sharp turning. ✓
- Assure no one is near the rear gate when it is being raised and lowered. ✓
- Keep everyone clear of the rear of the baler during unloading. ✓
- Large round bales can roll after discharge when on hilly terrain. ✓
- Before servicing, cleaning, or adjusting a round baler, disengage the tractor PTO. ✓
- Block the gate before working under it. Use the safety lock system for the baler. ✓
- Keep the PTO properly shielded. ✓
- Never allow passengers to ride on the baler during operation or transport. ✓
- Be extremely cautious when operating a baler on uneven or hilly terrain. ✓
- Raise the pickup to clear humps and obstacles when passing over uneven terrain. ✓

(Any 5)

(5)

5.4 5.4.1 **The type of belt best fitted on the pulley system and ONE reason for identifying it.**

V-belts ✓

AND

- Does not easily slip off. ✓
- Draw tighter around pulleys. ✓
- No lubrication needed. ✓
- Lasts longer. ✓

(Any 1)

(2)

5.4.2 **Changing the direction in which pulley A rotates.**

By twisting the belts. ✓

Switch the motor to the other side. ✓

Change the polarity of the motor. ✓

(Any 1)

(1)

5.5 5.5.1 **The different types of gears, A and B.**

- A- Straight cut gear/ Spur gear✓
- B- Helical gear✓ (2)

5.5.2 **Calculation and ratio of gear connection.**

**Driver gear (128 teeth)**  
**Driven gear (16 teeth)**

Driver gear  
-----  
Driven gear

= 128 ÷ 16 ✓  
= 8 : 1 ✓✓ (3)

5.5.3 **ONE advantage and ONE disadvantage of each gearing system.**

GEAR	ADVANTAGE	DISADVANTAGE
Spur gear (A)	Easy to manufacture.✓ Cheaper to manufacture.✓ (Any 1)	Noisy.✓ Cannot use in synchronised gearbox.✓ Difficult to mesh.✓ Subject to wear.✓ (Any 1)
Helical gear (B)	Lasts longer.✓ Easy to mesh.✓ Less wear.✓ More contact point of teeth.✓ (Any 1)	Subjected to side thrust.✓ More expensive to manufacture.✓ (Any 1)

(4)

5.5.4 **The gear system to improve speed.**

- A✓✓ (2)

5.6 5.6.1 **Cylinder types.**

- A- Double (action) cylinder✓
- B- Single (action) cylinder✓ (2)

5.6.2 **The cylinder best fitted on a front-end loader.**

- A- Double action cylinder✓ (1)

5.6.3 **Explanation to support answer given in QUESTION 5.6.2.**

It enables the operator to set the control lever in a down✓and upward thrust position.✓ (2)

5.6.4 **TWO reasons to justify the use of transmission oil in a tractor hydraulic system.**

- Not compressible✓
- Good lubrication qualities✓
- Not volatile✓
- Relatively cheap✓

(Any 2) (2)  
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**QUESTION 6: WATER MANAGEMENT**

6.1 **Irrigation components and their function.**

6.1.1 Irrigation timer/Irrigation controller/Smart controller✓ (1)

6.1.2 An irrigation timer controls the flow of water by turning on and off.✓  
Used for scheduling irrigation.✓ (Any 1 ) (1)

6.1.3 Electronic valve/ Solenoid valve/ Irrigation valve✓ (1)

6.1.4 An irrigation valve regulates the one-directional flow of water in an irrigation system.✓ (1)

6.1.5 Sprinkler/sprayer✓ (1)

6.1.6 An irrigation sprinkler drops water onto the land, mimicking the effects of rain.✓ (1)

6.2 6.2.1 **TWO reasons for determining the flow rate of the pump.**

- For correct calibrating of the sprayers.✓
- Effective scheduling of irrigation.✓
- To prevent the over/under utilisation of the water source. (Any 2) (2)

6.2.2 **Calculation of the flow rate.**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Flow rate} &= \text{Content} \div \text{Time} \\ &= 10\,000 \div 8 \checkmark \\ &= 1\,250 \text{ Litres/minute} \checkmark \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

6.3 **Type of device suitable to send the location.**

- GPS✓
- Cell phone✓
- Tablet
- Tablet (Any 1) (1)

- 6.4 6.4.1 **The irrigation system, best suitable for a land against steep slopes with motivation.**
- B✓
- AND
- Prevents run off water.✓
  - Pivots mainly used on level surfaces.✓
  - Does not cause soil erosion.✓
- (Any 2) (3)
- 6.4.2 **Reasons for preferring irrigation system A.**
- Not necessary to remove system.✓
  - Can work with implements on land.✓
  - Animals cannot damage system.✓
  - Less time consuming.✓
  - Less labour intensive.✓
  - Remote control/management.✓
  - Variable rate irrigation.✓
- .. (Any 2) (2)
- 6.5 6.5.1 **The design error of the septic tank.**
- The outlet is higher than the inlet.✓  
 No partition wall.✓  
 There will be a backflow of waste water.✓
- (Any 2) (2)
- 6.5.2 **The importance of installing a manhole in a septic tank.**
- General maintenance✓
  - Removing of solids✓
  - Inspection✓
  - Adding bacteria✓
  - Unclogging of in/outlet✓
- (Any 4) (4)
- 6.5.3 **Suitable drainage system to be connected to the septic tanks outlet.**
- French drain✓  
 Pebble/stone drain✓  
 Drainage field✓
- (Any 1) (1)
- 6.6 **The main cause of blockages in a town's sewage system.**
- The disposal of non-degradable materials.✓
  - The lack of maintenance.✓
  - Missing manhole lids.✓
  - Root obstructions.✓
  - Too many people using the system.✓
- (Any 1) (1)



6.7	6.7.1	<b>The type of filter to connect with a water softener.</b>		
		A✓		(1)
	6.7.2	<b>The filter that is installed to a micro irrigation system.</b>		
		F✓		(1)
	6.7.3	<b>ONE example where the filter shown in C will be used.</b>		
		Micro irrigation✓ Swimming pool✓	(Any 1)	(1)
	6.7.4	<b>Correct statement.</b>		
		Filtration always takes place from the <b>outside</b> ✓ to the <b>inside</b> ✓ of the filter.		(2)
				<b>[30]</b>
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