

III B.Tech I Semester Regular Examinations, Nov/Dec 2009
FLIGHT MECHANICS-I
Aeronautical Engineering

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

Answer any FIVE Questions
All Questions carry equal marks

1. How does a rocket differ from a missile? Describe the components of a rocket engine. Make use of sketches and plots. [16]
2. Describe for Wave drag of an airplane
 - (a) The physics of its generation,
 - (b) How it may be estimated,
 - (c) Measures to be taken for its reduction and
 - (d) What the favorable and also adverse effects of the measures at 'c' above on the performance of the aircraft will be. [4 × 4]
3. (a) Derive an expression for the maximum angle of steady climb of a reciprocating engine-propeller powered low subsonic airplane.
 (b) Discuss the variation of the maximum rate of climb of the airplane with wing loading, power / weight ratio, the constants of the drag polar, density of the ambient air. [8+8]
4. (a) Name two aerodynamic characteristics of wings that are affected by the aspect ratio of a wing and describe how.
 (b) Discuss how each of these aerodynamic characteristics in turn affect the performance characteristics of the airplane.
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 (d) Name two geometric parameters of a wing section (airfoil) that most significantly affect the 'lift curve slope' and describe how. [4+4+4+4]
5. In steady and level flight, derive the expression for Velocity of airplane for minimum power. Derive the corresponding values for C_L and drag. [16]
6. (a) For an airplane of Gross Weight = 10 tonnes, gross wing area = 33 m^2 in steady, coordinated turn, at normal load factor = 2, $C_L = 1.2$, at sea level, determine the radius of turn in meters. If the drag polar is ($C_D = 0.01 + 0.05 \cdot C_L^2$), estimate the power required for sustained level turn.
 (b) Describe how a pilot would, while approaching for landing in cross wind, align the aircraft flight path along the runway and how he would execute touch down (the runway) to initiate ground roll. [8+8]

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7. Using Newton's second law of motion derive L (roll moment), M (pitch moment) and N (yawing moment) for an aircraft. [16]
8. (a) Classify the different flight regimes in detail with neat sketches.
(b) What are the flow conditions before and after an oblique shock wave? Draw neat sketches. [8+8]
