EASTERN UNIVERSITY SRILANKA FIRST YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE 2009/10 AEN 1101 – FARM MECHANIZATION (2:20/20)

(May/June 2011) Practical Examination

Time: 02 hours Answer all questions



01. (a) Calculate the brake power of a 4 stroke 8 cylinder internal combustion engine having the following dimensions.

Stroke bore ratio = 2.5

Cylinder bore = 20cm

Crankshaft speed = 2400 rev/min

Mean effective pressure = 900 kPa

(b) How many times the power of this engine would increase or decrease when the diameter of the cylinder is increased by 10%, having all other dimensions remaining the same.

02. (a) Draw sketches and label the components of two stroke petrol and 4 stroke diesel engines.

(b) A final year research student wants to modify a 4 stroke 4 cylinder diesel engine into a 4 stroke 4 cylinder gas engine as part of the requirement of his/her project. List down the possible suggestions that you can give him/her (detailed description is not expected).

03. (a) During the calibration procedure of a knapsack sprayer a student wants to measure the speed of advance in the field. How would you help him/her to perform this task?

(b) The following data were obtained during the calibration process of a knapsack sprayer by a group of students. What is the conclusion that you can make about the performance of the sprayer?

Volume flow rate - 700ml/min

Swath width - Imeter

Speed of Advance - 12.5 m/min

04. (a) Briefly describe the power transmission mechanism in a 4 wheel tractor.

(b) At present, the tillage system is commonly used in SriLankan rice cultivation, the tine tillers are commonly used by the farmers during the primary tillage operations to prepare the land. What are the most common problems associated with this type of tillage operation.