

## NCFE Level 1/2 Technical Award in Engineering (603/2963/4)

### Unit 01 Understanding the Engineering World

Paper number: **Past Paper**

Assessment date: **Tuesday 28 June 2022**

Time allowed: **1 hour 30 minutes**

Time: **9.00am – 10.30am**

#### Learner instructions

- Use black or blue ink.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Read each question carefully.
- You **must** write your responses in the spaces provided.
- You may do rough work in this answer book. Cross through any work you do not wish to be marked.
- If you use a supplementary answer booklet, you must add your learner name, learner number and centre number to the front cover of the booklet. Insert your supplementary answer booklet inside this question paper at the end of your test.
- All of the work you submit **must** be your own.

#### Learner information

- The marks available for each question are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- You may use a calculator.

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You have been provided with the list of equations below.  
These equations can be used during the assessment.

### Equations for properties

#### Energy

Efficiency             $\text{efficiency (\%)} = (\text{useful energy out} \div \text{total energy in}) \times 100$

Power                 $\text{power} = \text{energy} \div \text{time}$   
 $P = E \div t$

Work done            $\text{work done} = \text{force} \times \text{distance}$   
 $W = F \times d$

#### Forces and Motion

Speed                 $\text{speed} = \text{distance} \div \text{time}$   
 $s = d \div t$

Acceleration         $\text{acceleration} = \text{change in velocity} \div \text{time}$   
 $a = (v-u) \div t$

Force                 $\text{force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$   
 $F = m \times a$

Moment of force     $\text{moment} = \text{force} \times \text{perpendicular distance from pivot}$   
 $m = F \times d$

Weight               $\text{weight} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravity}$   
 $w = m \times g$

Momentum          $\text{momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$   
 $p = m \times v$

Density              $\text{density} = \text{mass} \div \text{volume}$   
 $d = m \div v$

Pressure             $\text{pressure} = \text{force} \div \text{area}$   
 $p = F \div A$

#### Electricity

Power                 $\text{power} = \text{voltage} \times \text{current}$   
 $P = V \times I$

Voltage              $\text{voltage} = \text{current} \times \text{resistance}$   
 $V = I \times R$

Current              $\text{current} = \text{power} \div \text{voltage}$   
 $I = P \div V$

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Resistance                      resistance = voltage  $\div$  current  
 $R = V \div I$

**Geometric**

**Area**

Square                              length of side<sup>2</sup>

Rectangle                        length of side 1 x length of side 2

Triangle                            (length of base x height of triangle)  $\div$  2

Circle                                 $\pi$  x radius<sup>2</sup>

**Volume**

Cube                                 length of side<sup>3</sup>

Pyramid                            (1/3) x (base area) x height of pyramid

Cylinder                             $\pi$  x radius<sup>2</sup> x height of cylinder

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Answer **all** questions in the spaces provided.

Total available marks: **80**

**1**

**Figure 1** shows a mechanical system.  
**Figure 1**



Identify the mechanical system shown in **Figure 1**.

**[1 mark]**

- A** Fibre optics
- B** Hydraulics
- C** Pulleys
- D** Gears

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**2**

Which engineering discipline includes radiotherapy?

**[1 mark]**

- A** Biomedical
- B** Civil
- C** Electronic
- D** Chemical

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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3 The Health and Safety at Work Act (HASAWA) makes employers responsible for their employees' safety.

Identify **one other** group of people that the HASAWA makes employers responsible for.

[1 mark]

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4 (a) Which **one** of the following activities should an employee wear a bump cap for? [1 mark]

- A Using a laser cutter
- B Using an angle grinder
- C Working in a confined space
- D Working on a construction site

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

4 (b) It is important to choose the most appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for each job.

Give **two** reasons for choosing disposable overalls.

[2 marks]

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4 (c) Welding is hazardous for a welder.

State **two** types of PPE that would protect the hands and arms of a welder.

Justify why **each** type of PPE should be worn.

[4 marks]

PPE1:

Justification:

PPE 2:

Justification:

5 (a) Which **one** of the following does a milliamp measure?

[1 mark]

A Circuits

B Current

C Time

D Volts

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

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5 (b) Which **one** of the following is equivalent to 1 kiloamp?

[1 mark]

- A 1 amp
- B 10 amps
- C 100 amps
- D 1000 amps

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

5 (c) Which **one** of the following does is equal to 1 000 000 microcandelas?

[1 mark]

- A 1 millicandela
- B 100 millicandelas
- C 1 candela
- D 10 candelas

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

5 (d) Which **one** of the following does a kilogram measure?

[1 mark]

- A Area
- B Density
- C Mass
- D Volume

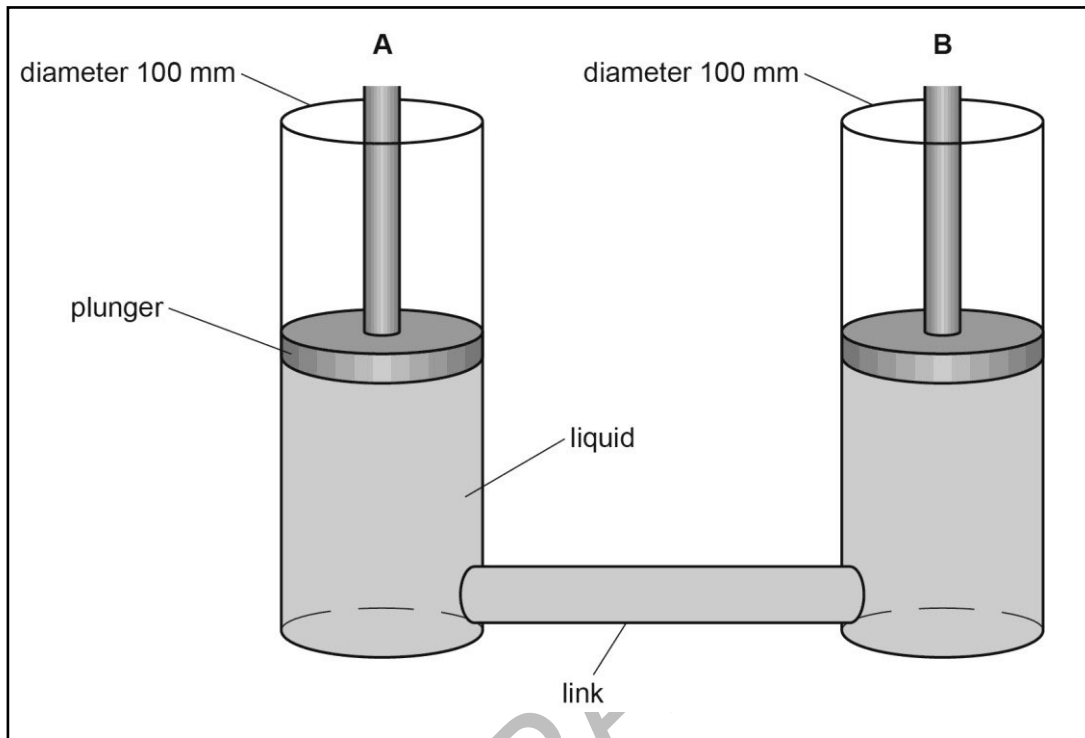
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6 **Figure 2** shows Pascal's principle of a liquid in a closed container. Each cylinder is 100 mm in diameter.

**Figure 2**



Describe what would happen if a downward pressure is applied to the plunger at point **A** in **Figure 2**.

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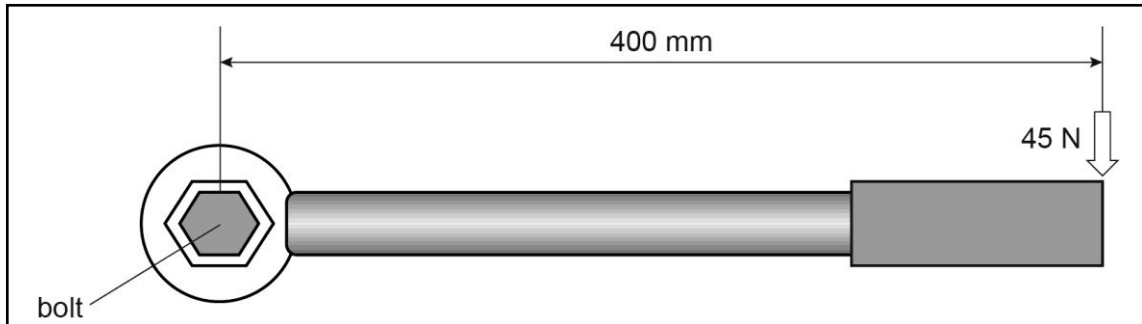




7 (a) An engineer is tightening a bolt on the front wheel of an electric motorcycle. The engineer applies 45 N of force at a distance of 400 mm from the bolt.

Figure 3 shows the spanner tightening the bolt.

Figure 3



Calculate the moment of force being applied on the bolt in **Figure 3**.

Use the equations on pages 2 and 3.

Show your working.

[2 marks]

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**7 (b)** Engineers are testing the motorcycle. It produces 372 W of usable power for every 400 W of input during the charging process.

Calculate the motorcycle's efficiency.

Use the equations on pages 2 and 3.

Show your working.

**[2 marks]**

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**7 (c)** The motorcycle and rider require a force of 350 N to move.

Calculate the work done to move them 0.6 km.

Use the equations on pages 2 and 3.

Show your working.

**[2 marks]**

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8 Electricity and magnetism are often combined in everyday products, such as a washing machine or a vehicle.

Evaluate the importance of magnetism in everyday products.

[9 marks]

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**9** An electrical wire can become hot when a current is passed through it.  
Give **one** reason why the wire might become hot **and** identify **one** risk if the wire heats up.

[2 marks]

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Risk: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**10 (a)** It is important that engineering components can withstand regular use over a long period of time.

Which **one** of the following properties identifies this characteristic?

[1 mark]

- A Brittleness
- B Durability
- C Plasticity
- D Toxicity

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**10 (b)** Which **one** of the following statements describes the ductility of a material?

[1 mark]

- A The ability to be drawn, reducing its cross-section
- B The ability to resist scratching, wear and indentation
- C The ability to retain its original size when a force is applied
- D The ability to withstand shock or impact without breaking

Answer \_\_\_\_\_



**10 (c)** Which **one** of the following properties identifies a metal's ability to be shaped by hammering or pressing without fracture?

[1 mark]

- A** Elasticity
- B** Malleability
- C** Strength
- D** Toughness

Answer \_\_\_\_\_

**11** Identify **two** properties of a brick that make it suitable for civil engineering applications.

[2 marks]

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

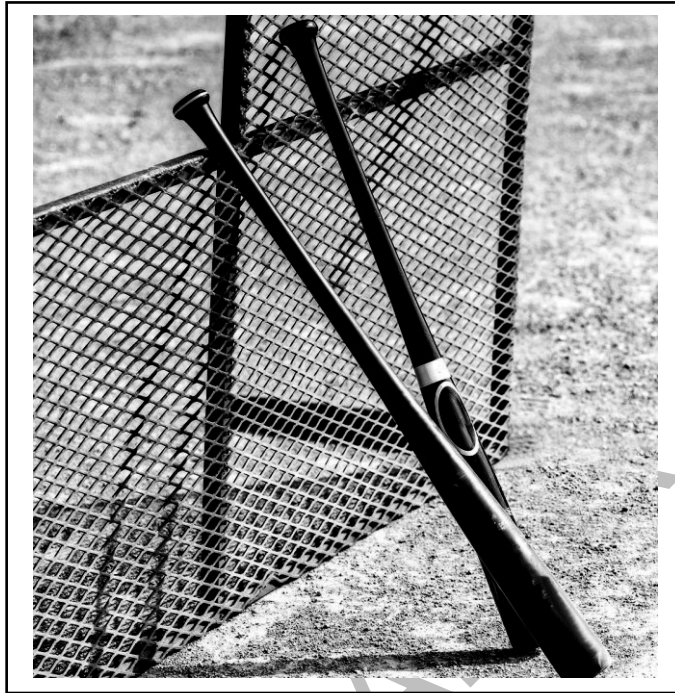
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Figure 4 shows carbon fibre baseball bats.

Figure 4



Carbon fibre reinforced polymer (CFRP) is now commonly used in sporting equipment such as baseball bats.

Discuss the advantages **and** disadvantages of using composite materials such as CFRP in sporting equipment.

**[9 marks]**

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13 (a) Name **two** tools used when marking out a rectangle on sheet steel **and** justify why **each** tool is used.

[4 marks]

Tool 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

Tool 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

13 (b) An engineer cuts four rectangles from a 2 mm thick mild steel sheet. Each rectangle measures 95 mm by 75 mm.

Identify **two different** tools the engineer could use to cut out the rectangles.

Briefly justify which of these tools would be the most suitable for this task.

[3 marks]

Tool 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Tool 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Justification: \_\_\_\_\_

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14 (a) Figure 5 shows a Torx screwdriver.

Figure 5



Explain **one** benefit of using the Torx screwdriver shown in **Figure 5**.

[2 marks]

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14 (b) Figure 6 shows a nail gun.

Figure 6



Explain what PPE should be worn when using the nail gun shown in **Figure 6**.  
[2 marks]

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15 (a) Complete **Table 1** below by identifying the **two** ceramics that are described.  
[2 marks]

Table 1

Name of ceramic	Description
	Very hard, brittle and used on tool tips for improved cutting.
	Fired clay, often used in decorative or functional containers.



15 (b) Complete **Table 2** below by identifying the **two** mechanical properties that are described.

[2 marks]

**Table 2**

Name of property	Description
	Ability of a material to return to its original shape and size after force is no longer applied.
	Ability of a material to be easily shaped or moulded

16 What is the name of the regulation relating to hazardous lifting tasks?

State **two** of the three rules for reducing risk when moving a heavy item.

[3 marks]

Regulation:

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Rule 1:

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Rule 2:

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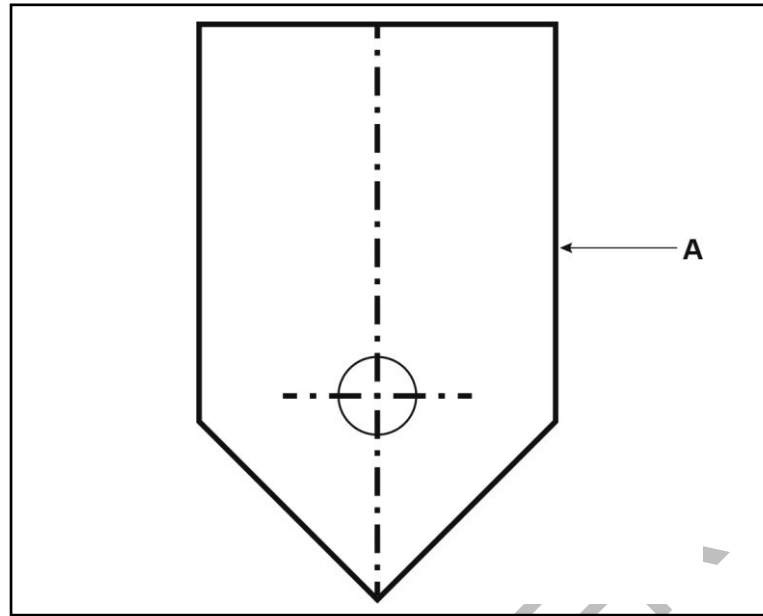
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17 Figure 7 shows a technical drawing of a component.

Figure 7



Identify the type of line shown as **A** in **Figure 7**.

[1 mark]

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18 Name the engineering discipline responsible for computer programming.

[1 mark]

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19 The Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (COSHH) protect the safety of employees.

State **two** types of hazardous substance that the COSHH Regulations cover.

[2 marks]

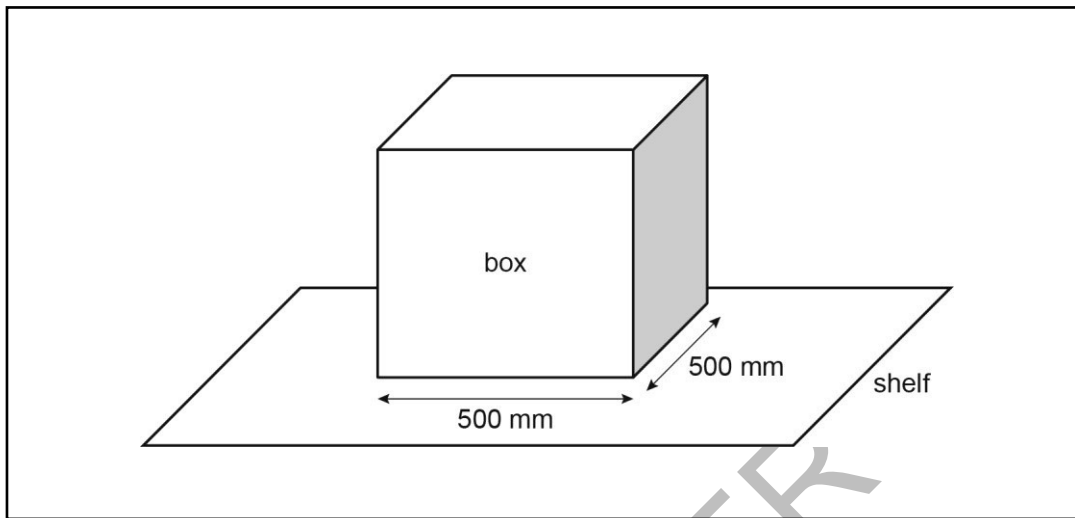
1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_



- 20 **Figure 8** shows a box with a base measuring 500 mm by 500 mm on a shelf. The box applies a force of 175 N over its base.

**Figure 8**



Calculate the pressure applied to the shelf shown in **Figure 8**.

Use the equations on pages 2 and 3.

Show your working.

**[2 marks]**

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- 21 Discuss the importance of training for all new employees in an engineering factory.

**[9 marks]**

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