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Answer **ALL** questions in the space provided. The use of non-programmable electronic calculators is allowed. You may answer either in English or in Maltese.

Scenario

- A test is being done to all technicians working in the manufacture of mechanical engineering.
- The following test is distributed to all technicians, to assess their skills.

Question 1

K-1 (6 marks)

- a. List the **TWO** different measuring systems used in thread charts.

Measuring system 1: _____ (1)

Measuring system 2: _____ (1)

- b. Outline the following **TWO** terms used when dealing with threads.

Pitch: _____
_____ (1)

Diameter: _____
_____ (1)

- c. Table 1 below shows a thread chart. Use it to interpret information to answer the following questions.

Table 1: Part of thread chart

| Nominal Diameter (mm) | Pitch (mm) | Tap Drill Size (mm) |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| M 2 | 0.4 | 1.57 |
| M 2.2 | 0.45 | 1.71 |
| M 2.5 | 0.45 | 2.01 |
| M 3 | 0.5 | 2.46 |
| M 3.5 | 0.6 | 2.85 |
| M 4 | 0.7 | 3.24 |
| M 4.5 | 0.75 | 3.69 |
| M 5 | 0.8 | 4.13 |
| M 6 | 1 | 4.92 |
| M 7 | 1 | 5.92 |
| M 8 | 1.25 | 6.65 |

- i. Interpret information from Table 1 above to select the correct tap drill size in milli-meters for the manufacturing of an inside thread for an M6 Bolt.

_____ (1)

- ii. Select the correct bolt that has a similar distance between threads as the M6 bolt.

_____ (1)

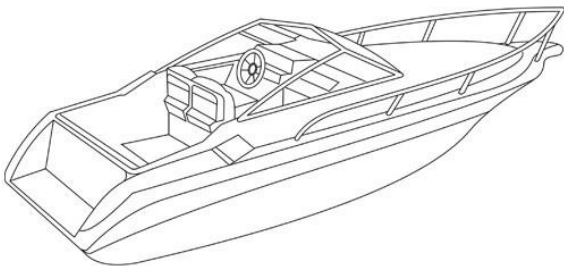
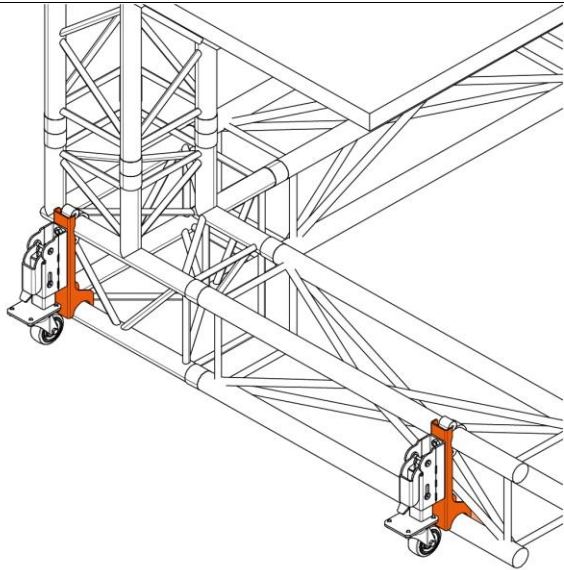
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Question 2**K-3 (8 marks)**

a. Identify the **TWO** types of structures given in Table 2. Use types from the ones provided below.

| | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| Shell | Solid | Frame |
|-------|-------|-------|

Table 2: Different types of structures

| | Structure | Type of Structure |
|-----|--|-------------------|
| i. |  <p>(Source: https://cdn11.bigcommerce.com)</p> | <hr/> <p>(1)</p> |
| ii. |  <p>(Source: https://www.admiralstaging.com)</p> | <hr/> <p>(1)</p> |

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b. Label parts A and B in the structure shown in Figure 1.

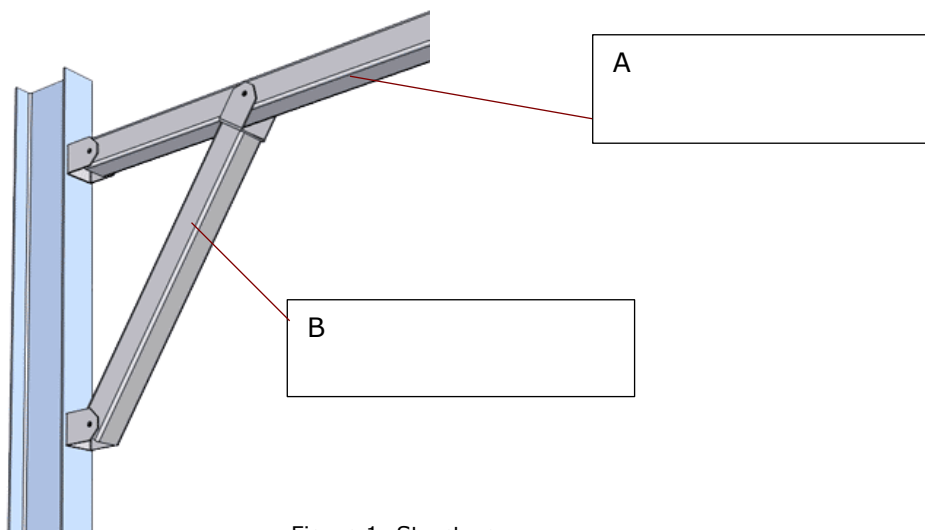


Figure 1: Structure
(Source: <https://images.app.goo.gl/6ct4APZPSoJaM7UG9>)

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c. Describe the function of the parts labelled A and B in Figure 1 in Question 2b.

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Question 3**K-5 (8 marks)**

a. List **TWO** different mechanical systems that use ratchets, apart from a jack and socket ratchet.

System 1: _____ (1)

System 2: _____ (1)

b. Outline the function of the following parts of the ratchet system.

Pawl: _____
_____ (1)

Gear wheel: _____
_____ (1)

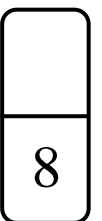
c. Describe the use of ratchet systems in a:

Jack:

_____ (2)

Socket ratchet:

_____ (2)



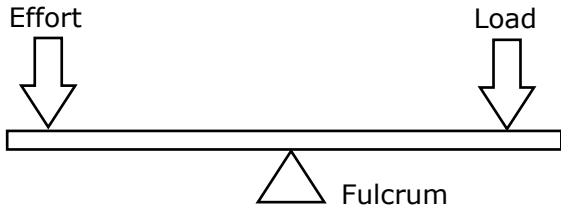
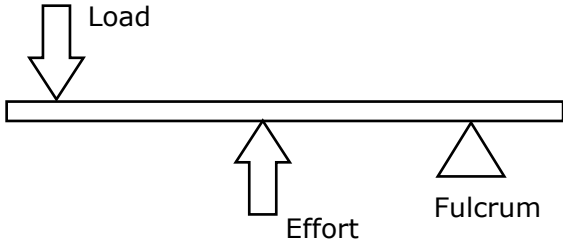
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Question 4

K-8 (8 marks)

a. Label the **TWO** lever classes given in Table 3.

Table 3: Lever Classes

| Table 37: Lever classes | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---|
| | Lever Class | Lever Systems |
| i. | _____ (1) |  |
| ii. | _____ (1) |  |

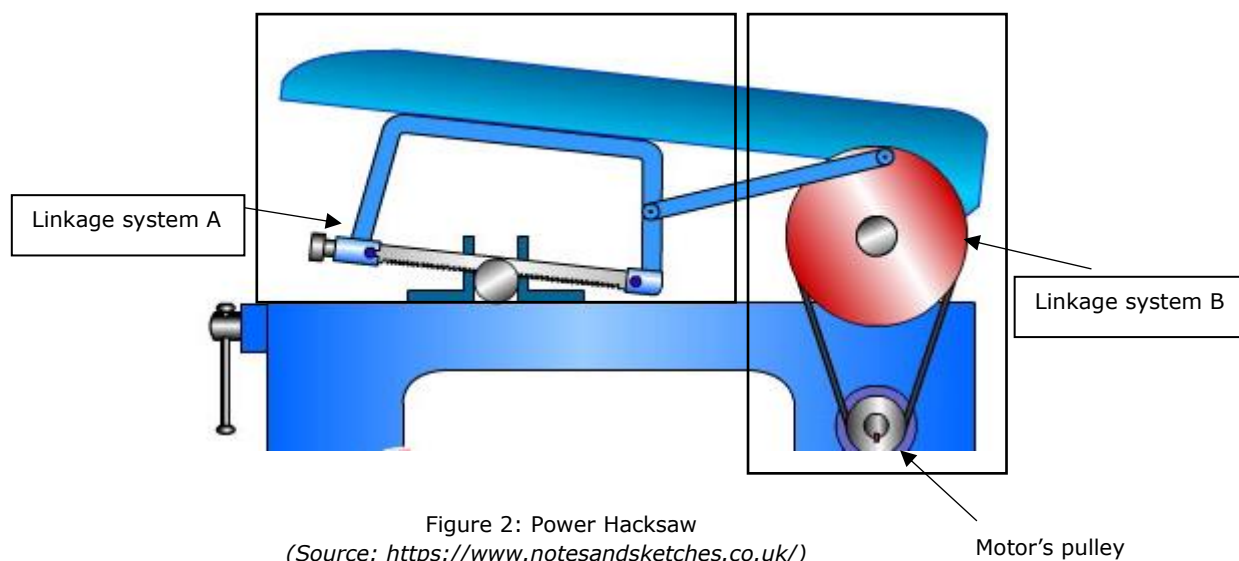
b. Identify the **TWO** types of linkages in the lever systems shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Different linkages

| Table 1: Different linkages | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <p>fixed pivot point</p> | <p>fixed pivot point</p> |
| i. | ii. |

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c. Describe the output of the linkage systems A and B given in Figure 2.



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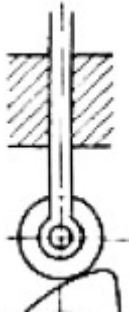
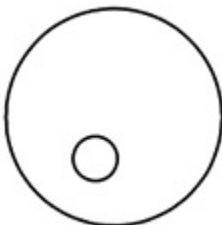
Question 5**K-6 (8 marks)**a. Name **TWO** different parts of a cam and follower system.

i. Part 1: _____ (1)

ii. Part 2: _____ (1)

b. Identify the cams and followers in the different systems given in Table 5 below.

Table 5: Cams and followers

| | |
|--|------------------|
|  | i. _____ (1) |
|  | ii. _____ (1) |

(Source: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/>)

c. Describe **TWO** motions in the cam and follower system of Figure 3.

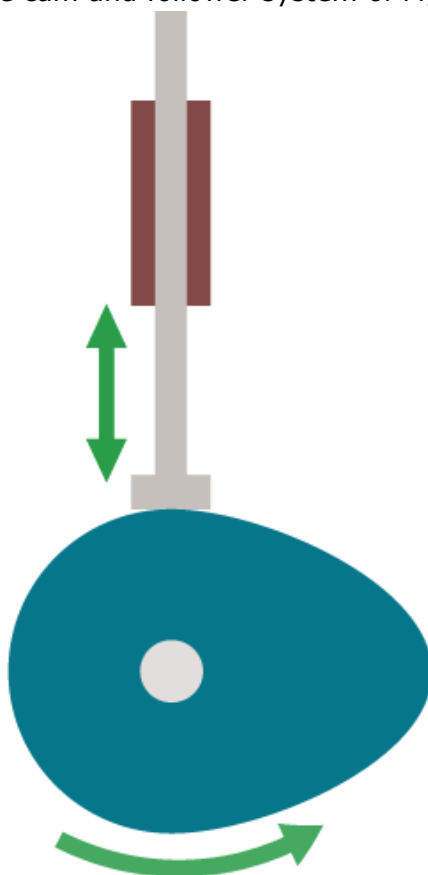


Figure 3: Cam and Follower System
(Source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/>)

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Question 6**C-2 (12 marks)**

a. Determine the gear ratio for the following gear system. Show all your working.

| | |
|--------|----------|
| Driver | 30 teeth |
| Driven | 90 teeth |

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b. Describe the following gear system in terms of tooth height and pitch.

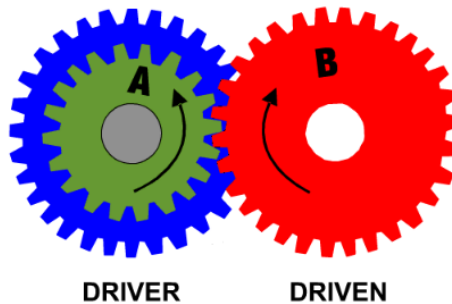


Figure 4: A gear system

(Source: <http://mrsmeat.weebly.com/pulleys-and-gears.html>)

Pitch

(2)

Tooth Height

(2)

- c. • The design of a gear system is tabulated below.
- This gear system is designed to have a fast rotating gear connected to a fan turbine.
 - A handle is attached with gear A, while the fan turbine is attached with gear D.

Justify why this design is appropriate for this job.

| | A | B | C | D |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Teeth Number | 190 teeth | 100 teeth | 50 teeth | 20 teeth |
| Speed | 65 rpm | 225 rpm | 225 rpm | 800 rpm |
| Direction | Anti-Clockwise | Clockwise | Clockwise | Anti-Clockwise |

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