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March 2016

Attempt TEN questions only as follows

SIX questions from each section A

TWO questions from section B

TWO questions from section C

Marks for each part question are shown in brackets.

SECTION A

Q1. State the inspections, instructions and maintenance that should be carried out on main sea water pipelines, strainers and ship's side valves to minimise the risks of engine room flooding. (10)

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Q2. (a) With reference to a vapor compression refrigeration plant, explain why EACH of the following conditions are desirable:

(i) superheating at the compressor suction; (3)

(ii) undercooling at the condenser outlet. (3)

(b) Describe, with the aid of a Pressure-Enthalpy diagram, how the evaporator cooling load is affected by the conditions stated in Q2(a). (4)

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Q3. With reference to centrifugal pumps:

(a) state the operating principle of a centrifugal pump and why it is unnecessary to fit a relief valve to it; (2)

(b) state TWO impeller types, explaining which type of application EACH would be best suited for; (4)

(c) explain why cavitation occurs, and how it is reduced by design (4)

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Q4. With reference to stern tube bearings:

(a) explain why white metal lined bearings are susceptible to failure; (5)

(b) outline the merits of non-metallic bearings. (5)

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Q5. Sketch a hydraulic circuit for a FOUR ram steering gear that allows FIVE different ram combinations to be used, identifying EACH ram and valve combination. (10)

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Q6. (a) Explain EACH of the following control terms:

(i) cascade; (2)

(ii) split range. (2)

(b) Describe, with the aid of a sketch, a control system that may be enhanced by the inclusion of cascade control. (6)

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Q7. As Chief Engineer Officer on board a vessel which has lost 500 litres of lubricating oil from the stern tube system overnight, write a report to superintendent outlining the actions taken to rectify the leakage and any other further recommendations. (10)

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Q8. The company, with which you are employed, requests that all Chief Engineer Officers prepare standing orders regarding the prevention and detection of fires in the machinery spaces. Compile such a list of recommendations to be submitted to central office. (10)

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SECTION - B

Attempt TWO questions only from this section

Q9. With reference to electrical short-circuits:

- (a) state, with reasons, THREE factors that will influence the severity of a short circuit; (6)
- (b) explain the role of reactance when selecting protective devices. (4)

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Q10. With reference to a THREE phase electrical distribution system:

- (a) discuss the advantages and disadvantages of an insulated neutral system; (8)
- (b) state how an earthed neutral system is earthed and the measures taken to limit the maximum earth fault current. (2)

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Q11. (a) State the reasons why direct on line starting for large induction motors such as those for bow and stern thruster units may not be viable. (2)

(b) Describe, with the aid of a sketch, a starting system that may be used for such motors. (8)

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SECTION - C

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Q.12. Sketch FIVE methods used to prevent the distortion of ships' plates and frames during major welded hull repairs in dry dock. (10)

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Q.13. During sea trials, extensive noise measurements are taken in accordance with the Code of Practice for Noise Levels in Ships.

- (a) State and explain the unit of sound measurement. (2)
- (b) State the noise level above which personnel are required to wear ear protection. (1)
- (c) Explain how a ship's crew may be made aware of the hazards posed by exposure to excessive noise. (2)
- (d) Explain how the noise levels can be reduced in the design of EACH of the following:
 - (i) diesel generators; (3)
 - (ii) ventilation fans and trunkings. (2)

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Q.14. With reference to the classification of ships, explain EACH of the following: (a) why ships are built to classification society rules;

- (b) the meaning of the notation +:100A1;
- (c) how a ship remains in class throughout the life of the vessel.

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July 2016

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SIX questions from each section A

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SECTION A

Q1. Discuss the factors that lead to the selection of materials for use in a sea water cooled, multi- tubular heat exchanger. (10)

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Q2. With reference to machinery parts under cyclic loading, describe, with the aid of sketches, how the propagation of even the smallest of cracks can lead to total component failure. (10)

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Q3. With reference to main thrust block arrangements:

- (a) explain how the tilting pads assist in the formation of an oil wedge; (2)
- (b) describe the actions that may be taken if upon inspection the pads are found to be:
 - (i) lightly scored; (2)
 - (ii) wiped; (2)
- (c) explain how the thrust clearance may be measured, stating a typical value; (2)
- (d) state the possible effects if the thrust clearance is incorrect. (2)

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Q4. Describe, with the aid of a sketch, the operation of a static Oily Water Separator which conforms to current MARPOL regulations and utilises a pump on the discharge side of the separator. (10)

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Q5. With reference to tunnel type bow thrusters:

- (a) explain why some vessels are fitted with more than one bow thruster; (2)
(b) discuss the options available in terms of prime mover and transmission systems. (8)

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Q6. (a) Sketch a diagrammatic arrangement of a fully automatic direct expansion domestic refrigeration system which supplies a number of cold rooms. (5)

(b) State, with reasons, FIVE desirable thermodynamic properties of a refrigerant. (5)

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Q7. Following a serious machinery space fire, the engine room was abandoned and an inert gas smothering agent used to extinguish the fire.

Write a report to the Superintendent Engineer detailing the sequence of events which led to this course of action and the subsequent actions taken to enable the vessel to proceed on passage. Include conclusions and recommendations in the report. (10)

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Q8. With reference to automatic control:

- (a) sketch a pneumatic proportional plus integral controller; (6)
(b) explain the term integral saturation; (2)
(c) explain the action to be taken by the operator in the event of integral saturation occurring. (2)

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SECTION – B

Q9. With reference to insulated and earthed electrical systems operating at High Voltage:

(a) state the regulations pertaining to tankers; (4)

(b) describe, with the aid of a sketch, a method to detect earth leakage in EACH of the following

systems:

(i) earthed; (3)

(ii) insulated. (3)

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Q10. Explain the meaning of EACH of the following types of electrical equipment:

(i) intrinsically safe; (2)

(ii) flameproof; (2)

(iii) increased safety; (2)

(iv) pressurised enclosure. (2)

(b) State TWO types of lighting equipment that may be installed in the pump room areas of a crude petroleum carrier. (2)

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Q11. Describe, with the aid of a block diagram, how automatic starting, load sharing and stopping of generators in response to load changes is effected. (10)

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SECTION -C

Q12. Describe, with the aid of a sketch, how a hydraulically operated folding hatch cover opens and closes. (7)

(b) Explain how the water tightness and security of the hatch cover sketched in part (a) can be ascertained before proceeding to sea. (3)

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Q13. (a) State, with reasons, the potential hazards that may be present in EACH of the following spaces:

(i) an oily bilge tank; (2)

(ii) a ballast tank; (2)

(iii) a refrigerated space. (2)

(b) State the procedures to be undertaken prior to entering enclosed spaces. (4)

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Q14. With reference to roll reduction systems, explain the principles of operation of EACH of the following, stating the advantages and disadvantages of EACH:

(i) Bilge keels (5)

(ii) Passive Uncontrolled Tanks (5)

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October 2016

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SECTION A

Q1. Describe, with the aid of a graph, EACH of the following types of ferrous material failure, stating ONE practical example of EACH:

1. creep; (5)
2. fatigue. (5)

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Q 2. The steering gear operation of a vessel that recently experienced a heavy storm is found to be abnormally sluggish.

- (a) State FIVE reasons for possible malfunction of the gear. (5)
- (b) State the corrective actions that may be carried out at sea, that will allow the vessel to continue to the nearest port. (5)

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Q 3. With reference to refrigeration systems:

- (a) explain why undercooling of the refrigerant at the condenser outlet is desirable; (3)
- (b) describe, with the aid of a sketch, how a heat exchanger could be incorporated in the circuit to enhance undercooling; (5)
- (c) explain the possible consequences of the refrigerant having a dryness fraction at the compressor suction. (2)

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Q4. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of electrical remote monitoring and control systems compared to pneumatic systems. (10)

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Q5. (a) Describe the principle of operation of a biological sewage treatment plant. (4)

(b) Explain how anaerobic conditions can occur within a sewage treatment plant, stating hazards that may be encountered. (4)

(c) Explain the meaning and significance of the term biological oxygen demand. (2)

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Q6. As a prerequisite to its promotion programme, the head office of your company requests prospective Chief Engineer Officers to submit a report, detailing the responsibilities of a Chief Engineer Officer. As an aspiring Chief Engineer Officer compile such a report. (10)

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Q7. (a) Sketch a muff type propeller shaft coupling. (5)

(b) Describe the actions to be taken if the coupling sketched in part (a) does not readily disconnect during routine tail shaft inspection in drydock. (5)

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Q8. (a) Discuss the merits of a condition monitoring system compared to other maintenance regimes. (5)

(b) Describe how the data is gathered, stored and evaluated on a computer-based vibration analysis system. (5)

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SECTION – B

Q9. With reference to electrical short-circuits:

(a) state, with reasons, THREE factors that will influence the severity of a short circuit; (6)

(b) explain the role of reactance when selecting protective devices.

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Q10. With reference to star delta starters used for three phase induction motors:

(a) explain in detail why this type of starter is employed; (4)

(b) explain, with the aid of a circuit diagram, the sequence of operation of a star delta starter. (6)

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Q11. Describe, with the aid of a diagram, a shaft generator that uses a frequency converter. (10)

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SECTION –C

Q12. (a) State FOUR reasons for transverse watertight bulkheads in ship construction. (4)

(b) State the minimum number of transverse watertight bulkheads and their location. (4)

(c) Describe how watertight bulkheads are tested. (2)

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Q13. Explain why fatigue cracks occur in a ship's hull, stating the locations where they may be found. (3)

(b) Describe the hull inspection that should be carried out in drydock to ascertain the maintenance and repairs that may need to be carried out. (7)

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Q14. As Chief Engineer officer, write a dry dock specification for the repair of the following damage that has occurred, stating what factors have to be considered when costing the repairs. Damage to water ballast tank number 1 port wing. The shell plating 15 mm thick for approx 2 metres square has to be removed and replaced along with the relevant damaged stiffeners. (10)

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December 2016

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Q1. With reference to fuel oil viscosity:

- (a) explain why correct fuel oil viscosity is necessary; (2)
- (b) describe TWO methods for the measurement of viscosity that are suitable for the inclusion into a pneumatic or electronic control system; (6)
- (c) state, with reasons, a control action for a viscosity controller. (2)

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Q2. (a) Sketch a muff type propeller shaft coupling. (5)

(b) Describe the actions to be taken if the coupling sketched in part (a) does not readily disconnect during routine tail shaft inspection in drydock. (5)

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Q3. With reference to pump selection, state TWO types of pump for EACH of the following applications, stating why they are suitable:

- (a) bilge pumping; (2)
- (b) cargo oil stripping; (2)
- (c) sewage sludge; (2)



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(d) lubricating oil circulating; (2)

(e) sea water circulating. (2)

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Q4. As Chief Engineer Officer appointed to a newly acquired older vessel, compile a list of all the checks that would be required of the ship's steering gear and associated equipment, given that no hand over from the previous owners had taken place. (10)

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Q5. With reference to a ship's air conditioning plant:

(a) define the term comfort zone; (2)

(b) state the objectives of maintaining the conditioned air within the comfort zone; (3)

(c) state, with reasons, FIVE areas from which the conditioned air must not be recirculated. (5)

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Q6. With reference to bacteria harmful to humans in drinking and washing water:

(a) state the constraints placed on the installation and use of systems for shipboard production of fresh water; (3)

(b) state the maintenance and treatment recommended for fresh water tanks; (3)

(c) describe how the entire fresh water system can be made free from bacteria; (3)

(d) state an acceptable residual value in the fresh water tanks to ensure the correct concentration of treatment in the system. (1)

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Q7. The company, with which you are employed, requests that all Chief Engineer Officers prepare standing orders regarding the prevention and detection of fires in the machinery spaces. Compile such a list of recommendations to be submitted to central office. (10)

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Q8. (a) Describe, with the aid of sketches, how the test pieces for a Class 1 pressure vessel are obtained. (6)

(b) List the tests which are carried out on the test pieces described in part (a). (4)

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SECTION – B

Q9. With reference to voltage variation profiles caused by load changes imposed on alternating current generators when starting large motors on line:

(a) sketch a voltage dip, showing an acceptable recovery time; (2)

(b) state FOUR salient factors that cause the variation in part (a); (4)

(c) outline FOUR salient factors that assist recovery from the deviation shown in part (a). (4)

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Q10. With reference to a.c switchboards:

(a) state, with reasons, the protective devices that are fitted; (5)

(b) state why a breaker may fail to open under prolonged low voltage conditions; (2)

(c) explain the actions to be taken should a main generator circuit breaker stay connected despite repeated efforts to trip it off the board. (3)

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Q11. Describe, with the aid of a sketch, an electronic soft starting system that may be used for large a.c. induction motors. (10)

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SECTION -C

Q12. Explain, with the aid of a mid-ship half sectional sketch of a container ship, how strength is built into this type of vessel whilst still allowing access to the cargo holds. (10)

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Q13. As Chief Engineer Officer on a new vessel which is experiencing severe aft end vibration at full-service speed, write a report to the Engineer Superintendent suggesting reasons for the vibration and recommendations for further sister vessels presently under construction. (10)

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Q14. With reference to a bulk carrier, describe, as Chief Engineer Officer, the inspection that should be carried out on the upper topside areas. (10)

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