# GATE 2012 Online Examination AE: AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Duration: Three Hours Maximum Marks: 100

#### Read the following instructions carefully.

- 1. The computer allotted to you at the examination center runs a specialized software that permits only one answer to be selected for multiple choice questions using a mouse. Your answers shall be updated and saved on a server periodically and at the end of the examination.
- 2. To login, enter your Registration Number and password provided in the envelope. Go through the symbols used in the test and understand the meaning before you start the examination. You can view all questions by clicking on the View All Questions button in the screen after the start of the examination.
- 3. To answer a question, select the question using the selection panel on the screen and choose the correct answer by clicking on the radio button next to the answer. To change the answer, just click on another option. If you wish to leave a previously answered question unanswered, click on the button next to the selected option.
- 4. The examination will automatically stop at the end of 3 hours.
- 5. There are a total of 65 questions carrying 100 marks. Except questions Q.26 Q.30, all the other questions are of multiple choice type with only **one** correct answer. Questions Q.26 Q.30 require a numerical answer, and a number should be entered using the virtual keyboard on the monitor.
- 6. Questions Q.1 Q.25 carry 1 mark each. Questions Q.26 Q.55 carry 2 marks each. The 2 marks questions include two pairs of common data questions and two pairs of linked answer questions. The answer to the second question of the linked answer questions depends on the answer to the first question of the pair. If the first question in the linked pair is wrongly answered or is unattempted, then the answer to the second question in the pair will not be evaluated.
- 7. Questions Q.56 Q.65 belong to General Aptitude (GA) section and carry a total of 15 marks. Questions Q.56 Q.60 carry 1 mark each, and questions Q.61 Q.65 carry 2 marks each.
- 8. Unattempted questions will result in zero mark and wrong answers will result in **NEGATIVE** marks. There is no negative marking for questions of numerical answer type, i.e., for Q.26 Q.30. For all 1 mark questions, % mark will be deducted for each wrong answer. For all 2 marks questions, % mark will be deducted for each wrong answer. However, in the case of the linked answer question pair, there will be negative marks only for wrong answer to the first question and no negative marks for wrong answer to the second question.
- 9. Calculator is allowed. Charts, graph sheets or tables are **NOT** allowed in the examination hall. Do the rough work in the Scribble Pad provided.
- 10. You must sign this sheet and leave it with the invigilators at the end of the examination.

**DECLARATION:** I hereby declare that I have read and followed all the instructions given in this sheet.

Registration Number	AE				
Name					
Signature					

Verified that the above entries are correct.	
Invigilator's signature:	

# Q. 1 – Q. 25 carry one mark each.

- The constraint  $A^2 = A$  on any square matrix A is satisfied for 0.1
  - (A) the identity matrix only.

- (B) the null matrix only.
- (C) both the identity matrix and the null matrix.
- (D) no square matrix A.
- Q.2 The general solution of the differential equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + \frac{dy}{dt} - 2y = 0$  is
  - (A)  $Ae^{-t} + Be^{2t}$  (B)  $Ae^{-2t} + Be^{-t}$  (C)  $Ae^{-2t} + Be^{t}$  (D)  $Ae^{t} + Be^{t}$

- Q.3 An aircraft in trimmed condition has zero pitching moment at
  - (A) its aerodynamic centre.

- (B) its centre of gravity.
- (C) 25% of its mean aerodynamic chord.
- (D) 50% of its wing root chord.
- In an aircraft, constant roll rate can be produced using ailerons by applying Q.4
  - (A) a step input.

(B) a ramp input.

(C) a sinusoidal input.

- (D) an impulse input.
- Q.5 For a symmetric airfoil, the lift coefficient for zero degree angle of attack is
  - (A) 1.0
- (B) 0.0
- (C) 0.5
- (D) 1.0
- 0.6 The critical Mach number of an airfoil is attained when
  - (A) the freestream Mach number is sonic.
  - (B) the freestream Mach number is supersonic.
  - (C) the Mach number somewhere on the airfoil is unity.
  - (D) the Mach number everywhere on the airfoil is supersonic.
- Q.7 The shadowgraph flow visualization technique depends on
  - (A) the variation of the value of density in the flow.
  - (B) the first derivative of density with respect to spatial coordinate.
  - (C) the second derivative of density with respect to spatial coordinate.
  - (D) the third derivative of density with respect to spatial coordinate.
- The Hohmann ellipse used as earth-Mars transfer orbit has Q.8
  - (A) apogee at earth and perigee at Mars.
- (B) both apogee and perigee at earth.
- (C) apogee at Mars and perigee at earth.
- (D) both apogee and perigee at Mars.
- Q.9 The governing equation for the static transverse deflection of a beam under an uniformly distributed load, according to Euler-Bernoulli (engineering) beam theory, is a
  - (A) 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear homogenous partial differential equation.
  - (B) 4<sup>th</sup> order linear non-homogenous ordinary differential equation.
  - (C) 2<sup>nd</sup> order linear non-homogenous ordinary differential equation.
  - (D) 4<sup>th</sup> order nonlinear homogenous ordinary differential equation.
- 0.10 The Poisson's ratio,  $\nu$  of most aircraft grade metallic alloys has values in the range:
  - $(A) -1 \le \nu \le 0$
- (B)  $0 \le \nu \le 0.2$
- (C)  $0.2 \le \nu \le 0.4$
- (D)  $0.4 \le \nu \le 0.5$

:012				AEROSPACE ENGINEERI
Q.11	The value of $k$ for we solution is	hich the system of equ	nations $x + 2y + kz = 1$ ;	2x + ky + 8z = 3  has no
	(A) 0	(B) 2	(C) 4	(D) 8
Q.12	If $u(t)$ is a unit step Laplace domain is	function, the solution	of the differential equat	ion $m \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + kx = u(t)$ in
	$(A) \ \frac{1}{s(ms^2+k)}$	(B) $\frac{1}{ms^2 + k}$	(C) $\frac{s}{ms^2 + k}$	$(D) \frac{1}{s^2(ms^2+k)}$

0.13The general solution of the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} - 2\sqrt{y} = 0$  is

(A) 
$$y - \sqrt{x} + C = 0$$
 (B)  $y - x + C = 0$  (C)  $\sqrt{y} - \sqrt{x} + C = 0$  (D)  $\sqrt{y} - x + C = 0$ 

- During the ground roll manoeuvre of an aircraft, the force(s) acting on it parallel to the direction of Q.14 motion
  - (B) is drag alone. (A) is thrust alone.
  - (D) are thrust, drag and a part of both weight and lift. (C) are both thrust and drag.
- An aircraft in a steady climb suddenly experiences a 10% drop in thrust. After a new equilibrium is Q.15 reached at the same speed, the new rate of climb is
  - (A) lower by exactly 10%.
- (B) lower by more than 10%.

(C) lower by less than 10%.

- (D) an unpredictable quantity.
- Q.16 In an aircraft, the dive manoeuvre can be initiated by
  - (A) reducing the engine thrust alone.
- (B) reducing the angle of attack alone.
- (C) generating a nose down pitch rate.
- (D) increasing the engine thrust alone.
- O.17 In an aircraft, elevator control effectiveness determines
  - (A) turn radius.
  - (B) rate of climb.
  - (C) forward-most location of the centre of gravity.
  - (D) aft-most location of the centre of gravity.
- The Mach angle for a flow at Mach 2.0 is Q.18
  - (A)  $30^{\circ}$
- (B)  $45^{\circ}$
- $(C) 60^{\circ}$
- (D)  $90^{\circ}$
- Q.19 For a wing of aspect ratio AR, having an elliptical lift distribution, the induced drag coefficient is (where  $C_L$  is the lift coefficient)
- (B)  $\frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR}$
- (C)  $\frac{C_L}{2\pi AR}$  (D)  $\frac{C_L^2}{\pi AR^2}$

- Bernoulli's equation is valid under steady state Q.20
  - (A) only along a streamline in inviscid flow, and between any two points in potential flow.
  - (B) between any two points in both inviscid flow and potential flow.
  - (C) between any two points in inviscid flow, and only along a streamline in potential flow.
  - (D) only along a streamline in both inviscid flow and potential flow.

Q.21	The ratio of fing	int speed to the exhaust v	elocity for maximum pr	opulsion efficiency is
	(A) 0.0	(B) 0.5	(C) 1.0	(D) 2.0
Q.22	The ideal static	pressure coefficient of a	diffuser with an area rat	io of 2.0 is
	(A) 0.25	(B) 0.50	(C) 0.75	(D) 1.0
Q.23				on Mars for earth return. The malized by the acceleration due to
	(A) the bottom (C) earth's stand	of the crater on Mars. dard sea level.	(B) Mars standa (D) the same de	rd "sea level". pth of the crater on earth.
Q.24	In a semi-mono carriers of	coque construction of an	aircraft wing, the skin a	and spar webs are the primary
	(B) normal (ber (C) shear stress	es due to an aerodynamic ading) stresses due to aero es due to aerodynamic for es due to aerodynamic for	odynamic forces. rces alone.	Ci
Q.25		decrement measured for e of the damping factor in		gle degree of freedom system is
	(A) 0.5	(B) 1.0	(C) 1.5	(D) 2.0
	a positive whol		ve real number with	ver to each of these questions maximum of 2 decimal places.  = 4 intervals is
	4		•	
Q.27				150 m/s at 2500 m altitude. The to 3000 m altitude is
Q.28	pressure and ter		d 290 K respectively (sp	n flow of 60 m/s. If the ambient pecific gas constant is 287 J/kg-K),
Q.29	weight of 25 g/r		heats 1.2. The universal	and the products have molecular gas constant is 8314 J/kg-mole-K.
Q.30	The mode sha	apes of an un-damped	two degrees of free	dom system are $\{1 \ 0.5\}^T$ and
				Hz and 1.2471 Hz. The maximum
			inst degree of freedom	due to an initial displacement of
	$\{2,1\}$ (in mm	a) and zero initial velociti	es is	

AE

# Questions Q.31 to Q.55 are multiple choice type.

- The  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivative of the function  $y = \frac{1}{x+3}$  is Q.31
- (A)  $\frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x+3)^{n+1}}$  (B)  $\frac{(-1)^{n+1} n!}{(x+3)^{n+1}}$  (C)  $\frac{(-1)^n (n+1)!}{(x+3)^n}$  (D)  $\frac{(-1)^n n!}{(x+3)^n}$
- The volume of a solid generated by rotating the region between semi-circle  $y = 1 \sqrt{1}$ 0.32straight line y = 1, about x axis, is

  - (A)  $\pi^2 \frac{4}{3}\pi$  (B)  $4\pi^2 \frac{1}{3}\pi$  (C)  $\pi^2 \frac{3}{4}\pi$
- One eigenvalue of the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 10 \\ 5 & 2 & 25 \\ 1 & 6 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  is -9.33. One of the other eigenvalues is 0.33
  - (A) 18.33
- (B) -18.33
- (D) 18.33+9.33*i*
- If an aircraft takes off with 10% less fuel in comparison to its standard configuration, its range is Q.34
  - (A) lower by exactly 10%.

(B) lower by more than 10%.

(C) lower by less than 10%.

- (D) an unpredictable quantity.
- An aircraft has an approach speed of 144 kmph with a descent angle of 6.6°. If the aircraft load Q.35 factor is 1.2 and constant deceleration at touch down is 0.25g (g = 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>), its total landing distance approximately over a 15 m high obstacle is
  - (A) 1830 m.
- (B) 1380 m.
- (C) 830 m.
- (D) 380 m.
- Q.36 An aircraft is trimmed straight and level at true air speed (TAS) of 100 m/s at standard sea level (SSL). Further, pull of 5 N holds the speed at 90 m/s without re-trimming at SSL (air density = 1.22 kg/m<sup>3</sup>). To fly at 3000 m altitude (air density = 0.91 kg/m<sup>3</sup>) and 120 m/s TAS without re-trimming, the aircraft needs
  - (A) 1.95 N upward force.

(B) 1.95 N downward force.

(C) 1.85 N upward force.

- (D) 1.75 N downward force.
- Q.37 An oblique shock wave with a wave angle  $\beta$  is generated from a wedge angle of  $\theta$ . The ratio of the Mach number downstream of the shock to its normal component is
  - (A)  $\sin(\beta \theta)$
- (B)  $\cos(\beta \theta)$
- (C)  $\sin(\theta \beta)$
- (D)  $\cos(\theta \beta)$
- O.38 In a closed-circuit supersonic wind tunnel, the convergent-divergent (C-D) nozzle and test section are followed by a C-D diffuser to swallow the starting shock. Here, we should have the
  - (A) diffuser throat larger than the nozzle throat and the shock located just at the diffuser throat.
  - (B) diffuser throat larger than the nozzle throat and the shock located downstream of the diffuser throat.
  - (C) diffuser throat of the same size as the nozzle throat and the shock located just at the diffuser
  - (D) diffuser throat of the same size as the nozzle throat and the shock located downstream of the diffuser throat.

Q.39	A vortex flowmeter works on the principle that the Strouhal number of 0.2 is a constant over a wide range of flow rates. If the bluff-body diameter in the flowmeter is 20 mm and the piezo-electric transducer registers the vortex shedding frequency to be 10 Hz, then the velocity of the flow would be measured as				
	(A) 0.1 m/s	(B) 1 m/s	(C) 10 m/s	(D) 100 m/s	
Q.40	respectively. If the he		s 44 MJ/kg and specific	mber are 600 K and 1200 K, heat at constant pressure for e fuel-to-air ratio is	
	(A) 0.0018	(B) 0.018	(C) 0.18	(D) 1.18	
Q.41	is pressure in Pascals. of 0.314 m <sup>2</sup> . The char	It is used in a rocket n	notor with a tubular grai 50 m/s. What should be	$p = 0.65 \times 10^{-3} p^{0.45}$ mm/s, where $p = 0.65 \times 10^{-3} p^{0.45}$	
	(A) 35 mm	(B) 38 mm	(C) 41 mm	(D) 45 mm	
Q.42	diameter of 50 mm.	The characteristic velo the fuel density is 900 k	ocity is 1540 m/s. If the	f 40 bar with a nozzle throat he fuel-oxidizer ratio of the he minimum fuel tank volume	
	(A) $1.65 \text{ m}^3$	(B) 1.75 m <sup>3</sup>	(C) $1.85 \text{ m}^3$	(D) $1.95 \text{ m}^3$	
Q.43	The propellant in a single stage sounding rocket occupies 60% of its initial mass. If all of it is expended instantaneously at an equivalent exhaust velocity of 3000 m/s, what would be the altitude attained by the payload when launched vertically? [Neglect drag and assume acceleration due to gravity to be constant at 9.81 m/s².]				
	(A) 315 km	(B) 335 km	(C) 365 km	(D) 385 km	
Q.44	The Airy stress functi	on, $\phi = \alpha x^2 + \beta xy + \gamma$	$y^2$ for a thin square part	nel of size $l \times l$ automatically	
	satisfies compatibility traction boundary con-		ed to uniform tensile str	ess, $\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle o}$ on all four edges, the	
	(A) $\alpha = \sigma_o / 2; \beta = 0;$		(B) $\alpha = \sigma_o; \beta = 0; \gamma = 0$		
<10	(C) $\alpha = 0; \beta = \sigma_o / 4;$	$\gamma = 0.$	(D) $\alpha = 0$ ; $\beta = \sigma_o / 2$ ;	$\gamma \gamma = 0.$	
Q.45			-	ged from fixed-fixed to fixed- original frequency, where $k$ is	
1	(A) $\frac{1}{2}$	(B) 2	(C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$	(D) $\sqrt{2}$	
Q.46			_	on $XCos\omega_d t$ is given by	
	(A) $\pi c \omega_d X^2$	(B) $\pi \omega_d X^2$	(C) $\pi c \omega_d X$	(D) $\pi c \omega_d^2 X$	
Q.47	Buckling of the fusela	ge skin can be delayed b	у		
	<ul><li>(A) increasing internal</li><li>(B) placing stiffeners in</li><li>(C) reducing skin thick</li></ul>	farther apart.			

(D) placing stiffeners farther and decreasing internal pressure.

AE

# **Common Data Questions**

#### Common Data for Questions 48 and 49:

A wing and tail are geometrically similar, while tail area is one-third of the wing area and distance between two aerodynamic centres is equal to wing semi-span (b/2). In addition, following data is applicable:  $\epsilon_{\alpha} = 0.3$ ,  $C_{L} = 1.0$ ,  $C_{L_{\alpha}} = 0.08/\deg$ ,  $\overline{c} = 2.5m$ , b = 30m,  $C_{M_{ac}} = 0$ ,  $\eta_{t} = 1$ . The symbols have their usual aerodynamic interpretation.

- Q.48 The maximum distance that the centre of gravity can be behind aerodynamic centre without destabilizing the wing-tail combination is
  - (A) 0.4 m
- (B) 1.4 m
- (C) 2.4 m
- (D) 3.4 m
- Q.49 The angle of incidence of tail to trim the wing-tail combination for a 5% static margin is
  - $(A) 1.4^{\circ}$
- $(B) -0.4^{\circ}$
- (C)  $0.4^{\circ}$
- (D) 1.4°

### Common Data for Questions 50 and 51:

A thin long circular pipe of 10 mm diameter has porous walls and spins at 60 rpm about its own axis. Fluid is pumped out of the pipe such that it emerges radially relative to the pipe surface at a velocity of 1 m/s. [Neglect the effect of gravity.]

- Q.50 What is the radial component of the fluid's velocity at a radial location 0.5 m from the pipe axis?
  - (A) 0.01 m/s
- (B) 0.1 m/s
- (C) 1 m/s
- (D) 10 m/s
- Q.51 What is the tangential component of the fluid's velocity at the same radial location as above?
  - (A) 0.01 m/s
- (B) 0.03 m/s
- (C) 0.10 m/s
- (D) 0.31 m/s

# **Linked Answer Questions**

#### **Statement for Linked Answer Questions 52 and 53:**

Air at a stagnation temperature of 15°C and stagnation pressure 100 kPa enters an axial compressor with an absolute velocity of 120 m/s. Inlet guide vanes direct this absolute velocity to the rotor inlet at an angle of 18° to the axial direction. The rotor turning angle is 27° and the mean blade speed is 200 m/s. The axial velocity is assumed constant through the stage.

- Q.52 The blade angle at the inlet of the rotor is
  - (A)  $25.5^{\circ}$
- (B)  $38.5^{\circ}$
- $(C) 48.5^{\circ}$
- (D) 59.5°
- Q.53 If the mass flow rate is 1 kg/s, the power required to drive the compressor is
  - (A) 50.5 kW
- (B) 40.5 kW
- (C) 30.5 kW
- (D) 20.5 kW

#### **Statement for Linked Answer Questions 54 and 55:**

A thin-walled spherical vessel (1 m inner diameter and 10 mm wall thickness) is made of a material with  $|\sigma_y| = 500 \,\text{MPa}$  in both tension and compression.

- Q.54 The internal pressure  $p_y$  at yield, based on the von Mises yield criterion, if the vessel is floating in space, is approximately
  - (A) 500 MPa
- (B) 250 MPa
- (C) 100 MPa
- (D) 20 MPa
- Q.55 If the vessel is evacuated (internal pressure = 0) and subjected to external pressure, yielding according to the von Mises yield criterion (assuming elastic stability until yield)
  - (A) occurs at about half the pressure  $p_y$ .
- (B) occurs at about double the pressure  $p_y$ .
- (C) occurs at about the same pressure  $p_y$ .
- (D) never occurs.

# General Aptitude (GA) Questions

# Q.56 - Q.60 carry one mark each.

Q.56	Choose the most appropriate alternative from the options given below to complete the following sentence:				
	I to have bougl	nt a diamond ring.			
	(A) have a liking		(B) should have lik	red	
	(C) would like		(D) may like	1.0	
	(e) would like		(B) may me	-	
Q.57	Choose the most approximately sentence:	propriate alternative from	n the options given bel	ow to complete the following	
	Food prices aga	ain this month.		C. L.	
	(A) have raised		(B) have been raisi	ng	
	(C) have been rising	· ·	(D) have arose	da E	
Q.58	Choose the most approximately sentence:	propriate alternative from	n the options given bel	ow to complete the following	
	The administration			abla maaanna ananina that	
		already and one m		nable measure, arguing that ke a difference.	
	(A) reflective	(B) utopian	(C) luxuriant	(D) unpopular	
Q.59	Choose the most approximately sentence:	propriate alternative fror	n the options given bel	ow to complete the following	
	To those of us who	had always thought hi	m timid, his came	as a surprise.	
	(A) intrepidity	(B) inevitability	(C) inability	(D) inertness	
Q.60	The arithmetic mean numbers is	n of five different natura	l numbers is 12. The la	rgest possible value among the	
<9	(A) 12	(B) 40	(C) 50	(D) 60	
1	1	1			
Q. 61	- Q. 65 carry two	marks each.			
3	0 11 /				
Q.61	that A hits the convi		pability that B hits the c	aping convict. The probability convict. If the probability of the vict is	
	(A) 0.14	(B) 0.22	(C) 0.33	(D) 0.40	
	100				

GA\_AN\_Online 1/2

Q.62 The total runs scored by four cricketers P, Q, R, and S in years 2009 and 2010 are given in the following table:

Player	2009	2010
P	802	1008
Q	765	912
R	429	619
S	501	701

The player with the lowest percentage increase in total runs is

- (A) P
- (B) Q
- (C) R
- (D) S
- Q.63 If a prime number on division by 4 gives a remainder of 1, then that number can be expressed as
  - (A) sum of squares of two natural numbers
  - (B) sum of cubes of two natural numbers
  - (C) sum of square roots of two natural numbers
  - (D) sum of cube roots of two natural numbers
- Q.64 Two points (4, p) and (0, q) lie on a straight line having a slope of 3/4. The value of (p q) i
  - (A) -3
- (B) 0
- (C) 3
- (D) 4
- Q.65 In the early nineteenth century, theories of social evolution were inspired less by Biology than by the conviction of social scientists that there was a growing improvement in social institutions. Progress was taken for granted and social scientists attempted to discover its laws and phases.

Which one of the following inferences may be drawn with the greatest accuracy from the above passage?

Social scientists

- (A) did not question that progress was a fact.
- (B) did not approve of Biology.
- (C) framed the laws of progress.
- (D) emphasized Biology over Social Sciences.

END OF THE QUESTION PAPER

GA\_AN\_Online 2/2

# GATE 2012 - Answer Key - Paper : AE

Paper	Question no.	Key
AE	1	С
AE	2	С
AE	3	В
AE	4	D
AE	5	В
AE	6	С
AE	7	С
AE	8	С
AE	9	В
AE	10	С
AE	11	С
AE	12	Α
AE	13	D
AE	14	D
AE	15	В
AE	16	С
AE	17	С
AE	18	А
AE	19	В
AE	20	А
AE	21	С
AE	22	Marks to All
AE	23	C \
AE	24	D
AE	25	D
AE	26	0.26 to 0.27
AE	27	13 to 14
AE	28	1.1 to 1.2
AE	29	1430 to 1440
AE	30	2
AE	31	Α
ΑE	32	A
ΑE	33	A
AE	34	В
AE	35	Marks to All

Paper	Question no.	Кеу
AE	36	В
AE	37	А
AE	38	В
AE	39	В
AE	40	В
AE	41	В
AE	42	В
AE	43	D
AE	44	A
AE	45	A
AE	46	Α
AE	47	Α
AE	48	В
AE	49	Α
AE	50	Α
AE	51	Marks to All
AE	52	Marks to All
AE	53	Marks to All
AE /	54	D
AE	55	С
AE	56	С
AE	57	С
AE	58	D
AE	59	A
AE	60	С
AE	61	Α
AE	62	В
AE	63	А
AE	64	С
AE	65	A