

The Open University of Sri Lanka Faculty of Engineering Technology

Industrial Studies in Agriculture and Technology

Final Examination - 2013

AEI 5243 Farm Power and Machinery

Date

: 11-08-2013

Time

: 09.30-12.30 hours

Duration

: 03 hours

SECTION II: 2hours

Answer any four (04) of the questions.

- 1. Differentiate between two-stroke and four-stroke engines. Your answer should be supported with diagrams and the advantages and disadvantages of each type should be highlighted. (25 marks)
- 2. Land productivity can be improved through mechanization. Critically discuss giving emphasis to land size and type, soil type and availability of machinery. (25 marks)
- 3. Write short notes on the following. (5 marks each)
 - a. Rotary engine
 - b. Knapsack sprayer
 - c. Direct and indirect sun driers
 - d. Carburettor
 - e. Fuel injector pump
- 4. (a) Calibration of a sprayer is crucial for efficient application of agrochemicals at the correct dosage. Critically discuss. (15 marks)
 - (b) Suppose a knapsack sprayer nozzle delivers 0.24 gal/minute at 25 psi pressure.
 - (i) If a walking speed of a farmer is 220 ft/minute and the spray width is 2.5 feet, calculate the area that could be covered per minute (consider 1ac = 43,560 square ft). (5 marks)
 - (ii) Calculate the volume of spray applied per acre. (5 marks)
 - (iii)If the recommended chemical application is 16 oz, Roundup per acre what is the amount of chemical needed per gallon of water? (5marks)
- 5. (a) Briefly discuss the special features of 'Agricultural tractor' (15 marks).
 - (b) List down the advantages of having
 - (i) a cooling system and (7.5 marks)
 - (ii) a lubrication system in a tractor engine (7.5 marks)
- 6. (a) Solar energy is a potential energy source for agriculture. Discuss (15marks)
 - (b) Is wind energy a potential energy source for agriculture in Sri Lanka? Justify your answer (15 marks).