

ANNEXURE I: SYLLABUS AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING

UNIT -I : Workshop Technology, Engineering Mechanics and Material Testing

Different workshop processes; Carpentry – Tools for carpentry operations; Wood working machines; Fitting – Tools for fitting operations; Sheet metal work - Metals used, tools, operations; Foundry - Tools, materials, patterns, allowances, colour codes, moulding sand, moulding procedure, processes, defects; Drilling - Types, machines, operations; Lathe - Construction, functions, types, parts, accessories, operations, tools used in centre lathe; Production lathes, difference between centre lathe and turret lathe, types of turret lathe, capstan and saddle lathe, work and tool holding devices, operations, automatic and semi-automatic lathes, classification.

Mechanics – Definitions, application, units, basic concept of force; Composition and resolution of forces; Resultant of two concurrent forces, concurrent coplanar forces, couples; Classification and characteristics of a couple -Equilibrium and equilibrant, triangle law of forces, polygon law of forces, Lamis theorem; Common lifting machines - Inclined plane, lever, pulley block; System of pulleys; Ideal machine, reversible and irreversible machine, conditions for self-locking, frictional loss in machine, law of machine, maximum mechanical advantage, maximum efficiency. Centre of gravity, Moment of inertia; Engineering materials - Classification, importance selection, testing, tests; Extraction of iron, steel, raw material of iron, general survey.

UNIT -II : Principles of Thermodynamics and Heat Engines

Classification, properties, path, state of a system; Thermodynamic processes - Different ways to represent pressure and temperature; Energy - Types; Heat, work, power, enthalpy, entropy; Laws of thermodynamics; Fuels – Classification, properties; Heat engines - Types, classification, components, material of construction, functions; Diesel cycle (4-stroke), Otto cycle (4-stroke), 2-stroke cycle engines, petrol and diesel engines; Comparisons between petrol and diesel engines; Fuel supply system of IC engine - Types, components, functions; Ignition system of IC and SI engine - Components, functions, battery and magnetic ignition system; Cooling and lubrication system – Types, components, functions.

UNIT -III : Principles of Fluid Mechanics, Hydrology and Management of Watersheds

Fluids – Classification, properties; Fluid pressure measurement; Kinematics; Dynamics; Bemoulli's theorem and its practical applications; Flow through orifices, mouth pieces, notches, weirs; Flow through simple pipes - Darcy's formula, Chezy's formula.

Hydrology; Hydrologic cycle; Characteristics of rainfall in India; Recording and non-recording rain gauges; Probability analysis of rainfall, Weibull's method; Runoff – Components, runoff characteristics of streams; Measurement of stream flows; Hydrographs – Components, hydrograph separation, unit hydrograph, flood control; Watershed – Identification, delineation, physiographic characteristics; Watershed projects by different organizations.

UNIT -IV : Surveying and Levelling, Soil and Water Conservation Engineering and Practices

Surveying – Principles, classification; Chain Surveying – Instruments, operations, errors, corrections; Calculations of area; Compass survey – Traversing, local attraction, included angles; Levelling – Operations, classification, instruments, reduced levels, errors; Contouring - Methods, capacity of reservoir; Minor instruments; Theodolite survey; Trigonometric levelling; Tacheometric surveying; Curves; Electronic survey instruments; GPS; Digital planimeter; Total station.

Soil erosion - By water and wind; Measurement of runoff - Rational method, hydrologic soil cover complex method; Manning's equation in open channel; Estimation of soil loss; Erosion control measures - Contour bunds, graded bunds, grassed waterways, bench terraces, contour trenches; Drop spillways, drop-inlet spillways and chute spillways; Water harvesting; Land capability classification;

UNIT -V: On-Farm Irrigation and Drainage Practices and Micro Irrigation Principles and Practices

Sources of irrigation water; Surface irrigation methods; Drainage - Need, purpose, benefits, requirements; Interrelationship of irrigation and drainage; Types of drainage systems; Design of sub-surface drainage system, components.

Sprinkler irrigation – Components, types, moisture distribution patterns, uniformity, design, operation and maintenance; Drip irrigation – Components, hydraulics, types of emitters, design, installation, operation and maintenance, cost estimation.

UNIT –VI: Agricultural Implements and Agricultural Machinery

Tillage- objectives of tillage, primary tillage implements; Gathering, casting, etc.; Draft, unit draft, side draft, centre of power, centre of resistance, pull, line of pull, field capacity, field efficiency; Secondary tillage implements –Animal drawn and Tractor drawn implements: Puddlers, power tiller, tractor cage wheels; Planting and fertilizing equipment – Methods, classification, animal drawn and tractor drawn implements, seed metering mechanism; Furrow openers; Animal and tractor drawn seed-cum-fertilizers, calibration, zero till seed drill, paddy seeder, potato planter, sugarcane planter; Inter-cultivation implements (manual, bullock, tractor drawn); Wet and dry land weeders (star weeder, push hoes); Harvesting implements of groundnut, turmeric; Impact cutters.

Methods of paddy sowing, transplanting, transplanting machinery; Grain harvesting – Types, principles, manual harvesting, sickle, mechanical harvesting; Movers – Types, alignment, registration; Reapers – Types, reaper-cum-binder, performance, combine harvester; Corn harvesting equipment; Root crop harvesting equipment; Groundnut digger-cum-shaker, windrowers; Cotton harvesting machinery; Cotton strippers; Sugarcane harvesting machinery; Fruit harvesting machinery; Chaff cutter – Fly wheel type chaff cutter. Plant protection machinery – Sprayers, dusters, classification, calibration; Testing of agricultural machinery, test codes.

UNIT –VII: Greenhouse Technology, Principles of Electrical Engineering and Farm Electricity

Greenhouses Classification; Plant response to greenhouse environment; Environmental requirement for crops and control; Natural and forced ventilation; Summer and winter cooling systems, carbon dioxide enrichment method; Planning of greenhouse facility; Materials used for construction, covering materials; Design criteria and construction details greenhouses; Greenhouse heating and energy storage, irrigation systems, utilization in off-season; Protected agriculture techniques; Economics.

Conductor, insulator, semiconductor, terminology; Ohm's law, resistance, division of current; Electric power and energy; Heating effects, filament or incandescent lamp, fluorescent lamp, electric kettle, electric iron, space heater; Capacitance - Types, uses; Capacitors in series and parallel; Insulating materials; Farm electricity generation; Generators, motors and alternators, installation and maintenance; Transformer.

UNIT –VIII: Farm Power, Solar and Wind Energy, Tractor Systems, Operations and Maintenances

Farm power, sources; Renewable sources of energy, need, types; Solar Energy, solar constant, measurement of solar radiation, collection; Solar collectors – Non-concentrating types, flat plate collector, concentrating collectors; Solar energy storage – Methods, solar pond, applications; Solar power generation, solar space cooling, solar absorption refrigeration system; Solar space heating; Solar distillation; Solar dryers; Solar cooker; Photo voltaic conversion; Photo voltaic cell for power generation; Solar photovoltaic water pumping system, solar lantern, solar street light, solar fencing; Wind energy – Classification, designs; Wind mill for electric power generation, vertical axis wind mill, forces acting on the blade; Wind data and energy estimation, power coefficient, electrical generation.

Interaction, history classification; Tractor power transmission systems – Gear box, torque converter, differential unit, final drive, differential lock; Tractor steering unit; Braking system; Hydraulic system; Hitching system – Draw bar, 3-point hitch system, control board; Wheels and tyres – Traction; Mechanics of tractor chassis – Center of gravity; Repair and maintenance, testing; Power tiller, maintenance.

UNIT –IX: Solid Waste Utilization and Bio-Energy

Solid waste management; Recycling; Land fill; Bioenergy – Biomass; Biomass conversion technologies; Briquetting of biomass; Gasifiers – Operating parameters, types, construction, principle; Biogas – Principles, production, biogas plants; Constructional details of Deenabhandu biogas plant; Biofuels-Raw materials, characteristics; Biodiesel production; Ethanol production from sugarcane and corn.

UNIT –X: Engineering Properties and Processing of Seeds and Agricultural Process Engineering

Physical characteristics of different food grains; Rheology; Friction; Flow of bulk granular materials; Aerodynamics of agricultural products; Application of engineering properties in handling and processing machines and in storage structures; Seed processing concepts, machinery; Air screen cleaner; Length separator; Gravity or weight separator; Aspirators and pneumatic separator; Shape and roundness separator; Seed blending.

Scope and importance of crop processing; Cleaning and grading; Theory of separation, types, screen openings, cyclone separator; Drying; Moisture content measurement; Methods of drying; Sun drying; Continuous flow driers; Size reduction - Principles and theory, equipment; Filtration equipment; Material handling equipment; Grain storage structures; Threshing, types of threshers; Castor sheller, sunflower thresher; Winnowing; Rice Milling; Parboiling of paddy; Milling equipment; Wheat milling; Maize shelling and milling; Milling of pulses; Oilseed processing; Groundnut stripping, decortications.

ANNEXURE II

Number of questions to be set (each question carries one mark)

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