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Q632 - Gas Turbine Plants

1. The term "divergent" is best described as which of the following?

- Maintaining an equal distance between edges.
- Approaching nearer together, as the inner walls of a tube that is constricted.
- **Moving away from each other, as the inner walls of a tube that flare outward.**
- Thermal and kinetic energy being converted to mechanical energy.

Note:

Choice C is correct; 'divergent' describes elements moving away from each other, as seen in a tube flaring outward. This contrasts with convergence (moving closer) or unrelated concepts like energy conversion. Divergence indicates a spreading apart from a common point, unlike parallel or converging structures.

2. Which of the following terms refers to axial compressor stator blades?

- Roots
- Nozzles
- Shrouds
- **Vanes**

Note:

Axial compressor stator blades are correctly termed vanes, which direct airflow between rotating blade rows. Rotor blades are the moving components, while shrouds support blade tips and nozzles direct gas flow in turbines or exhaust systems. The blade root is the attachment point to the disk, not the stator blade itself.

3. What are the two common forms of axial compressor rotor blade roots?

- Fir tree and key
- Sawtooth and knob
- Grub and bulb
- **Fir tree and bulb**

Note:

Fir tree and bulb roots are the standard shapes for axial compressor rotor blade attachments due to their ability to distribute loads and provide secure fastening to the rotor disc.

4. Which of the following conditions permits a gas turbine to produce 100% power?

- Maximum fuel flow
- **Minimum air inlet temperature**
- Maximum combustion temperature
- Minimum air mass/weight flow

Note:

Minimum air inlet temperature increases air density, allowing for greater air mass flow and fuel combustion without exceeding temperature limits, enabling the gas turbine to reach 100% power.

5. How do the high-velocity high-temperature gases cause the gas turbine rotor to rotate?

- By increasing the velocity of the gases.
- By creating a low-pressure area before the rotor.
- **By transferring velocity energy and thermal energy to the turbine blades.**
- By converting the high-velocity gas to low-velocity gas.

Note:

The gas turbine rotor rotates due to the transfer of velocity and thermal energy from the high-velocity, high-temperature gases to the turbine blades, generating a force that drives the rotation.

6. In a gas turbine, the air charge is permitted to be compressed adiabatically by what factor, process, or condition?

- Low-compression ratio
- **Speed of the process**
- Rapid heat transfer
- Interstage cooling

Note:

Adiabatic compression occurs rapidly, minimizing heat transfer. Therefore, the speed of the process is the condition that permits adiabatic compression in a gas turbine.

7. A gas turbine engine in which exhaust gas heat energy is added to the air charge between the compressor and combustion chamber is classified as which of the following?

- **Regenerative cycle engine**
- Closed cycle engine
- Semi-open cycle engine
- Open cycle engine

Note:

A regenerative cycle engine utilizes a heat exchanger to transfer exhaust gas heat to the air charge before combustion, as described in the question. This process recovers waste heat, reducing fuel consumption, and distinguishes it from open, closed, or semi-open cycle engines, which do not incorporate this heat recovery mechanism.

8. Which of the following is an advantage of a single-shaft gas turbine engine compared to a split-shaft gas turbine engine?

- Reversible
- **Fewer moving parts**
- Lower starting torque
- Better fuel economy

Note:

Single-shaft gas turbines have fewer moving parts than split-shaft engines because they combine the compressor and power turbine on a single shaft, eliminating the additional shafts and components found in split-shaft designs.

9. In a twin-spool turbine, secondary air is most essential for cooling in what section?

- HP compressor.
- LP compressor.
- LP turbine.
- **HP turbine.**

Note:

Secondary air primarily cools the HP turbine, where gas temperatures are highest and blade cooling is critical.

10. What type of air seal is used in the sump and turbine areas of a gas turbine engine?

- Pneumatic carbon ring
- Fishmouth
- Lip-type
- **Labyrinth-Honeycomb**

Note:

Labyrinth-honeycomb seals are the standard air seal for gas turbine sump and turbine areas, minimizing leakage through multiple pressure drops with minimal mechanical contact.
