

2003 HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
Engineering Studies

Section II (continued)

Marks

Question 13 — Personal and Public Transport (10 marks)

A railway track has rails made of 0.8% carbon steel.

- (a) The surface of the rails has been induction heated and water quenched. Describe the final structure and properties of the rail. 3

The grains of the structure will be equiaxed at the surface and then small toward the bottom of the rail. The final property of the rail will be a hard brittle surface with a more ductile core.

- (b) A suburban train weighing 400 tonnes has to climb a gradient of 1 in 50 at a constant velocity of 60 km per hour. 3

If the power required to overcome rolling resistance at this velocity is 450 kW, calculate the overall power needed to climb the gradient.

$$\begin{aligned} K_e &= \frac{1}{2}mv \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times 400 \times 60 \\ &= 12000 \end{aligned}$$

Power = 12 kJ

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Question 13 (continued)

- (c) (i) Describe how an electric motor is used to convert electricity into rotary motion. 2

A electric motor turns a magnet in between a series of copper wires. This rotary motion, converts electrical energy into kinetic energy.

- (ii) Describe TWO different applications of electrical motors that are used in transport systems. 2

Electric motors are used in all modern trains, which are very economical.
Modern lifts in high rise buildings also are powered by any electrical motor.

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