Prince of Songkla University Faculty of Engineering

Midterm examination: Semester 1

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Time: 13.30-16.30

Subject: 226-304 Welding processes

Room: R 200

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Instructions:

- 1. Attempt all questions, totaling 100 marks.
- 2. All materials are allowed.
- 1. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of welding as compared to other joining processes, such as mechanical joints or adhesive joints. (10 marks)
- 2. Compare the advantages and disadvantages between manual metal arc (MMA) welding and oxy-acetylene gas welding. (10 marks)
- 3. Referring to figure 1.14 on page 8 of the Welding processes handbook by Klas Weman, explain the reason why each of the four different welding methods yields such a different penetration profile. (10 marks)
- 4. Give a critical comparison between the gas tungsten arc welding (or TIG) and the plasma welding. (10 marks)
- 5. One of the well-known problems of arc welding is the magnetic arc blow. Explain the possible causes, the defective results and the recommended measures. (10 marks)
- 6. Describe the drooping characteristic of power source in arc welding, and explain the reason that it is most suited for the manual metal arc (MMA) welding. (10 marks)
- 7. Discuss the main characteristics of submerged arc welding, its limitations, as well as the effect of the welding parameters. (10 marks)
- 8. Give concise discussion on the following topics: (30 marks, 6 marks each)
 - 8.1 Arc types for different current and voltage conditions.
 - 8.2 Benefits and drawbacks of welding with flux cored wire.
 - 8.3 Common weld defects in manual metal arc welding (MMA).
 - 8.4 Shielding gases employed in TIG and MIG welding.
 - 8.5 Inverter as the increasingly popular welding power unit.

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