

37.75 A four stroke 12-cylinder backup diesel generator rotates at 1800rpm. Each cylinder has a stroke of 6.5in and a bore of 5.5in. The indicated mean effective pressure is 300psi. How much power does the generator produce?

- A. 160KW
- B. 210KW
- C. 940KW
- D. 1890KW

Use the formula for **Internal Combustion Engines** to calculate the horsepower produced by the engine.

$$hp = (MEP) \frac{Lan}{K}$$

Start by calculating n which is a function of the rotational speed in rpm, the number of cylinders, and the number of strokes per cycle.

$$n = \frac{2N \times \text{Number of cylinders}}{\text{Number of strokes per cycle}}$$

$$n = \frac{2(1800)(12)}{4} = 10,800$$

The mean effective pressure is given in the required units, psi.

$$MEP_{[psi]} = 300$$

Convert the stroke length to ft.

$$L_{[ft]} = 6.5in \left(\frac{1ft}{12in} \right) = 0.542$$

Determine the area of the cylinder by calculating the area of a circle with the given bore (diameter).

$$a_{[in^2]} = \frac{\pi}{4} (5.5in)^2 = 23.758$$

For imperial units, select the appropriate value for K .

$$K = 33,000$$

Substitute values into the equation and solve for the horsepower of the engine.

$$hp = \frac{(300)(0.542)(23.758)(10,800)}{33,000} = 1264.3hp$$

Convert units to KW.

$$P_{[KW]} = (1264.3hp) \left(0.7457 \frac{KW}{hp} \right) = 942.8KW$$

Answer C