Test Type: The Heavy Equipment Maintenance and Repair assessment is included in NOCTI's Job Ready assessment battery. Job Ready assessments measure technical skills at the occupational level and include items which gauge factual and theoretical knowledge. Job Ready assessments typically offer both a written and performance component and can be used at the secondary and post-secondary levels. Job Ready assessments can be delivered in an online or paper/pencil format.

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Written Assessment

NOCTI written assessments consist of questions to measure an individual’s factual theoretical knowledge.

**Administration Time:** 3 hours  
**Number of Questions:** 174  
**Number of Sessions:** This assessment may be administered in one, two, or three sessions.

**Areas Covered**

- Maintain and Repair Engine: 16%  
- Maintain and Repair Power Train: 10%  
- Maintain and Repair Electrical System: 12%  
- Maintain and Repair Brake System: 11%  
- Welding: 5%  
- Preventive Maintenance: 11%  
- Maintain and Repair Hydraulic System: 11%  
- General Shop Practices: 10%  
- Air Conditioning: 7%  
- Heavy Equipment Undercarriage: 7%
Specific Competencies and Skills Tested in this Assessment

**Maintain and Repair Engine**
- Change oil and filters
- Maintain fuel system
- Apply knowledge of 4-stroke engines
- Maintain cooling system
- Maintain intake and exhaust systems

**Maintain and Repair Power Train**
- Demonstrate knowledge of hydrostatic power train
- Service and repair final drives
- Service power shift transmissions
- Service and inspect drive lines
- Service and maintain mechanical transmissions

**Maintain and Repair Electrical System**
- Maintain/repair electronic controls
- Service and test starting system
- Service and test charging system
- Service and test battery
- Maintain basic electrical system (lighting accessories)

**Maintain and Repair Brake System**
- Inspect air brake systems
- Apply knowledge of wet brake systems
- Apply knowledge of hydraulic brake systems
- Identify brake components

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

Welding
• Identify various types and components of metals
• Apply knowledge of shielded metal arc welding
• Demonstrate safe use of welding and fabrication tools

Preventive Maintenance
• Inspect and maintain tire performance
• Monitor gauges and warning lights
• Inspect hydraulic system
• Adhere to maintenance schedules and manage record keeping
• Measure and maintain oil and fluid levels
• Perform oil sampling

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

Maintain and Repair Hydraulic System
• Identify basic hydraulic system components
• Describe operation of various hydraulic pumps
• Service and troubleshoot hydraulic system, valves, and pressure controls
• Apply knowledge of hydraulic schematic symbols
• Apply knowledge of hydraulic circuits
• Service and rebuild hydraulic cylinders

General Shop Practices
• Identify personal protective equipment (PPEs)
• Select proper fasteners
• Select and use sealants properly
• Perform drilling and tapping operations
• Describe proper use of hand tools
• Demonstrate safe use of jacks and lifting equipment

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Specific Competencies and Skills (continued)

**Air Conditioning**
- Identify air conditioning components
- Maintain air conditioning system
- Recover and recharge air conditioning systems
- Troubleshoot air conditioning malfunctions

**Heavy Equipment Undercarriage**
- Inspect undercarriage and components
- Demonstrate appropriate use of ground engaging equipment
- Perform track tension adjustments
- Demonstrate appropriate blocking/cribbing techniques
Sample Questions

**Insufficient valve clearance can cause**
- A. coolant leakage
- B. a burnt valve
- C. worn valve guides
- D. oil leakage

**Spur gears have teeth that are**
- A. curved
- B. straight
- C. herringboned
- D. beveled

**The electrolyte in a battery is a solution of water and**
- A. sulfuric acid
- B. baking soda
- C. viscous oil
- D. hydrogen sulfide

**One sign of a defective hydraulic brake system is**
- A. low gas mileage
- B. uneven tire wear
- C. non-operational stoplights
- D. low brake fluid level

**The resistance of a liquid to flow is**
- A. viscosity
- B. velocity
- C. reciprocity
- D. density

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Sample Questions (continued)

The lip on a wheel seal must face toward the
A. air
B. vehicle
C. fluid
D. brakes

When conducting a starter current-draw test, the maximum time an engine should be cranked is
A. 5 seconds
B. 30 seconds
C. 60 seconds
D. 90 seconds

When checking air-pressure drop, the technician should check with
A. the spring brake applied and the foot brake released
B. a maximum of 45 pounds
C. the spring brake released and the foot brake applied
D. the supply tank drained

The weld between two metal joints on the same plane is called a ________ weld.
A. pass
B. butt
C. bevel
D. tack

A hydrostatic circuit is considered to be a/an ________ system.
A. open center
B. closed center
C. closed loop
D. centrifugal flow
NOCTI performance assessments allow individuals to demonstrate their acquired skills by completing actual jobs using the tools, materials, machines, and equipment related to the technical area.

**Administration Time:** 2 hours and 25 minutes
**Number of Jobs:** 7

**Areas Covered:**

10% **Test Cooling System**
Perform a cap pressure test, diagnose system pressure loss, document leaks in system, and time to complete job 1.

19% **Electrical Testing**
Perform a battery discharge test, a starter draw test, an alternator maximum output test, and time to complete job 2.

12% **Adjust Valve Clearance**
Demonstrate accuracy of specifications, accuracy of positioning engine for valve adjustment, accuracy of initial measurement for valve clearance, accuracy of final measurement for valve clearance, and time to complete job 3.

14% **Set Carrier Bearing Ring and Pinion Backlash**
Set carrier ring and pinion backlash, measure and record backlash, and time to complete job 4.
Areas Covered (continued)

8%  Identify Brake Components
Identify various brake components, and time to complete job 5.

10%  Measure and Adjust Track
Lock-out/tag-out, record specifications, measure and record track measurement, circle corrective action needed, adjust track and record adjusted measurement, remove lock-out/tag-out, and time to complete job 6.

27%  Cut and Weld Steel
Setup and operation of oxyacetylene cutting, welder set-up, accuracy of cut, accuracy of weld, penetration, appearance of weld, quality of cut edges, and time to complete job 7.
Sample Job

Cut and Weld Steel

**Maximum Time:** 20 minutes

**Participant Activity:** The participant will use the proper tools and equipment to cut steel using the pattern provided. Attach the cut piece as shown in the drawing provided using a butt weld.