

U.S.C.G. Merchant Marine Exam

DDE – Unlimited HP

Q622 Gas Turbine Plants

(Sample Examination)

Choose the best answer to the following Multiple-Choice Questions:

1. The gas generating sections of marine gas turbine engines are based on which of the following?
- A. Aircraft jet engines
 - B. Radial piston engines
 - C. Oil-fired auxiliary boilers
 - D. Free piston engines

Correct answer: A

2. The Brayton Cycle is a series of events best described by which of the following statements?
- A. Intake, pressurization, ignition, exhaust
 - B. Intake, compression, combustion, expansion, exhaust
 - C. Intake, decompression, combustion, expansion, exhaust
 - D. Intake, compression, combustion, explosion, exhaust

Correct answer: B

3. Why is the cycle efficiency higher in the intercooled-recuperated cycle as compared to a simple cycle gas turbine? Illustration GT-0026
- A. The intercooler serves to reduce the required high-pressure compressor power while the recuperator utilizes waste heat from the exhaust to decrease turbine inlet temperature.
 - B. The intercooler serves to reduce the required high-pressure compressor power while the recuperator utilizes waste heat from the exhaust to decrease required fuel to achieve the turbine inlet temperature.
 - C. The intercooler serves to increase the required high-pressure compressor power while the recuperator utilizes waste heat from the exhaust to decrease turbine inlet temperature.
 - D. The intercooler serves to increase the required high-pressure compressor power while the recuperator utilizes waste heat from the exhaust to increase turbine inlet temperature.

Correct answer: B

4. An open cycle gas turbine engine is best described by which of the following statements?
- A. Energy is added externally.
 - B. Working fluids are taken in, transformed, and then discarded.
 - C. Energy is neither created nor destroyed and the cycle is therefore perpetual.
 - D. Working fluids are taken in, transformed, and then recuperated.

Correct answer: B

5. The thermal energy added to the gas as it flows through the combustion section has what effect on the gas?
- A. Increases pressure
 - B. Increases volume
 - C. Decreases pressure
 - D. Decreases volume

Correct answer: B

6. The acronym VSV represents which of the following?

- A. Variable stator vane
- B. Vibration stator vanes
- C. Variable speed valve
- D. Vibration shutdown valve

Correct answer: A

7. The acronym FOD stands for which of the following?

- A. Flow offset design
- B. Fuel oil discharge
- C. Fuel override demand
- D. Foreign object damage

Correct answer: D

8. Which of the following terms refers to thermal energy in transition?

- A. Horsepower
- B. Power
- C. Heat
- D. Foot-Pound

Correct answer: C

9. What is the term given to a process that occurs without a loss or gain of heat?

- A. Exothermic
- B. Endothermic
- C. Isothermal
- D. Adiabatic

Correct answer: D

10. A temperature of 69.5 degrees Fahrenheit converts to approximately what temperature in degrees Rankine?

- A. 529.5 degrees R.
- B. 203.5 degrees R.
- C. 342.5 degrees R.
- D. 590.5 degrees R.

Correct answer: A

11. A compressor is operating at an inlet pressure of 14.7 (atmospheric pressure at the time of measurement) and a compressor discharge pressure of 123 psig. Calculate the absolute pressure ratio across the compressor.

- A. 8.2:1
- B. 8.4:1
- C. 9.4:1
- D. 10.5:1

Correct answer: C

12. What is the disadvantage of a dual-entry centrifugal compressor compared to a single-entry centrifugal compressor?
- A. The dual-entry compressor utilizes a more complicated inlet ducting.
 - B. The dual-entry compressor has a greater efficiency.
 - C. The dual-entry compressor is larger in diameter.
 - D. The dual-entry compressor rotates at slower speeds.

Correct answer: A

13. A centrifugal compressor assembly consists of which of the following?
- A. A rotating impeller and a stationary diffuser
 - B. Stationary vanes and rotating blades
 - C. Rotating pistons and stationary liners
 - D. A stationary impeller and a rotating diffuser

Correct answer: A

14. Which of the following is the main advantage of a split-axial compressor case?
- A. Cheaper to manufacture
 - B. Simpler to disassemble
 - C. Easier to repair and inspect
 - D. Stronger construction

Correct answer: C

15. The purpose of the metal spray rub coating on the rotor and stator casing of an axial type compressor is which of the following?
- A. Provide close vane to rotor and blade to stator case clearances
 - B. Seal the circumferential dovetails
 - C. Ensure protection for the gearbox adapter when removing or replacing the bearings
 - D. Control air flow through the compressor

Correct answer: A

16. What is the function of the stator in an axial gas turbine compressor?
- A. To provide velocity energy
 - B. To increase volume
 - C. To convert velocity to pressure
 - D. To convert pressure to velocity

Correct answer: C

17. What is the term used to describe the stationary vanes preceding the first stage of an axial compressor?
- A. Variable inlet vanes
 - B. Variable stator vanes
 - C. Inlet guide vanes
 - D. First stage stator vanes

Correct answer: C

18. Two functions of the compressor stator vanes include which of the following?

- A. Direct air flow to each rotor stage at the correct angle and deliver air to the combustor at the correct velocity and pressure.
- B. Direct air flow to rotor blades at the correct angle and are shaped to maintain a constant velocity and produce a pressure increase.
- C. Direct air flow to rotor blades at the correct angle and are shaped to produce a velocity increase and maintain a constant pressure.
- D. Direct air flow to rotor blades at the correct angle and are shaped to cause a velocity increase and a pressure decrease.

Correct answer: A

19. Why are loose-fitting blades used on the first several stages of large axial compressors?

- A. To minimize vibration while the engine is passing through critical speed ranges
- B. To maintain close tolerances in the compressor
- C. To compensate for the abrasive action of the blade tips
- D. To compensate for a malfunctioning compressor support bearing

Correct answer: A

20. Which of the following statements is true concerning axial compressor disk-type rotors?

- A. Rotor consists of rings that are flanged to fit one against the other.
- B. Rotor discs are shrunk fit onto a steel shaft.
- C. Rotor discs are held together by through bolts.
- D. Rotor is only suitable for low-speed compressors.

Correct answer: B

21. In a gas turbine engine, the majority of the energy is added to the working fluid in which of the following components?

- A. Compressor
- B. Power turbine
- C. Combustor
- D. High-pressure turbine

Correct answer: C

22. The three most common types of combustors used in gas turbine engines are which of the following?

- A. Can, annular, and can-annular.
- B. Can, derivative, and can-derivative.
- C. Can, vortex, and can-vortex.
- D. Can, angular, and can-angular.

Correct answer: A

23. A centrifugal flow gas turbine uses what type of combustion chamber?

- A. Can
- B. Can-annular
- C. Double-annular
- D. Annular

Correct answer: A

24. The turbine nozzles convert heat and pressure energy to velocity energy by means of which of the following?

- A. Convergent-Divergent process
- B. Convergent process
- C. Divergent process
- D. Deflection process

Correct answer: B

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

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

Correct answer: D

26. The turbine nozzles function to direct the gases in what direction?

- A. Radial to the turbine axis
- B. Parallel to the turbine axis
- C. In the direction of turbine rotation
- D. In the direction opposite of turbine rotation

Correct answer: C

27. What method is utilized to allow turbine nozzle blades to withstand high inlet temperatures?

- A. Water cooling
- B. Laser cooling
- C. Thermoelectric cooling
- D. Air cooling

Correct answer: D

28. Which of the following designs is the most satisfactory method for attaching turbine blades to the rotor disk?

- A. Locking tab design
- B. Fir-tree design
- C. Pinning design
- D. Retaining ring design

Correct answer: B

29. HP turbine blades are generally cooled by which of the following methods?

- A. Cooling water entering the tip and exiting the root
- B. Compressed air entering the root and exiting the tip
- C. Compressed air entering the tip and exiting the root
- D. Cooling water entering the root and exiting the tip

Correct answer: B

30. Aboard ship, single-shaft gas turbines are used mostly as prime movers for which of the following applications?

- A. Auxiliary power units
- B. Generators
- C. Multi-screw ships
- D. Single-screw ships

Correct answer: B

31. What type of seal is used in the gearbox of a gas turbine engine?

- A. Labyrinth-Windback
- B. Lip-type
- C. Carbon ring
- D. Fishmouth

Correct answer: C

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

- A. Pneumatic carbon ring
- B. Lip-type
- C. Fishmouth
- D. Labyrinth-Honeycomb

Correct answer: D

33. Which of the following components removes the oil from the transfer gearbox?

- A. Lube oil storage and conditioning assembly
- B. Air/Oil separator
- C. Lube and scavenge pump
- D. Duplex filter assembly

Correct answer: C

34. Accelerating the compressor to the self-sustaining speed of the engine is the function of which of the following components?

- A. Starter
- B. PT shaft
- C. Compressor extension shaft
- D. Mechanical drive shaft

Correct answer: A

35. What is the most common type of spark igniter used on a gas turbine engine?

- A. Suppression gap
- B. Delayed gap
- C. Annular gap
- D. Resistive gap

Correct answer: C

36. For the gas turbine engine lube oil system shown in the illustration, what is the purpose of the lube oil supply check valves? Illustration GT-0024
- A. keep the lube oil lines in the engine primed
 - B. prevent the lube oil and scavenge pump from losing its prime
 - C. prevent lube oil contained in the LO storage and conditioning tank from draining into gearboxes and sumps
 - D. All of the above

Correct answer: C

37. The electrostatic vent fog precipitator removes oil mist from which of the following areas?
- A. Synchronous self-shifting clutch
 - B. Main reduction gear
 - C. Lube oil storage tank
 - D. Gas turbine engine

Correct answer: B

38. How is the lube oil supplied to each bearing in a gas turbine engine controlled?
- A. Calibrated orifice
 - B. Regulating valve
 - C. Flow divider
 - D. Lube oil pump

Correct answer: A

39. The main lubrication system utilized by the gas turbine engine shown in the illustration is what type? Illustration GT-0017
- A. Dry sump
 - B. Wet sump
 - C. Oil mist recovery sump
 - D. Common drain sump

Correct answer: A

40. The lube oil system shown in the illustration, consists of which of the following sub-systems? Illustration GT-0024
- A. Sump venting
 - B. Lube oil supply
 - C. Lube oil scavenging
 - D. All of the above

Correct answer: D

41. On the marine gas turbine engine shown in the illustration, the 8th stage bleed air is used for which of the following? Illustration GT-0017
- A. High-pressure turbine 2nd stage nozzle cooling
 - B. Power turbine blade cooling
 - C. Lube oil sump pressurization and cooling
 - D. Power turbine balance piston cavity pressurization

Correct answer: C

42. Air used to cool the combustion liners and turbine components is referred to as which of the following?
- A. Secondary air
 - B. Primary air
 - C. Control air
 - D. None of the above

Correct answer: A

43. The fuel oil system of a gas turbine engine provides all EXCEPT which of the following?
- A. Controls the angle of the variable stator vanes
 - B. Acts as a cooling medium for the lube oil cooler
 - C. Acts as a hydraulic medium to actuate the fuel control
 - D. Provides accurately metered fuel for combustion

Correct answer: B

44. Assuming at least a 500 rpm for the input shaft speed from the power turbine, as shown in the illustration, the synchronous self-shifting (SSS) clutch used on marine gas turbine main propulsion gears, requires which of the following inputs or conditions to make engagement possible? Illustration GT-0018
- A. Availability of low-pressure air to provide control air pressure for engagement
 - B. Availability of high-pressure air to provide clutch air inflation pressure
 - C. When the input shaft speed from the power turbine falls below the output shaft speed
 - D. When the input shaft speed from the power turbine rises to the output shaft speed

Correct answer: D

45. How is the clutch shown in the attached illustration engaged? Illustration GT-0018
- A. Clutch engages automatically once the output assembly begins rotating.
 - B. Clutch is engaged manually prior to start up.
 - C. Clutch engages automatically when input shaft flange is rotating faster than the output assembly.
 - D. Pneumatic pressure from the compressor engages the clutch.

Correct answer: C

46. What feature is commonly used on articulated reduction gear arrangements for the correction of misalignment between the 1st reduction gear and the 2nd reduction pinions?
- A. Quill shafts
 - B. Fixed block pads
 - C. Locked train shims
 - D. Torsion pads

Correct answer: A

47. The purpose of the main reduction gear in a marine gas turbine propulsion installation is which of the following?
- A. Transfer low-speed gas turbine rotation to high-speed propeller rotation.
 - B. Increase gas turbine speed to engage the clutch.
 - C. Transfer high-speed gas turbine rotation to low-speed propeller rotation.
 - D. Reduce gas turbine speed to engage the clutch.

Correct answer: C

48. What is the purpose of the Controllable-Pitch Propeller (CPP) hydraulic oil power system?
- A. Supplies high-pressure oil for blade actuation and control oil for propeller pitch control
 - B. Supplies low-pressure oil for both pitch control and stern tube sealing
 - C. Supplies low-pressure oil for propeller blade actuation and control oil for propeller pitch control
 - D. Supplies high-pressure oil for both propeller blade actuation and stern tube sealing

Correct answer: A

49. A magnet pickup typically produces what type of signal output?
- A. high current
 - B. steady DC voltage
 - C. voltage pulse
 - D. pure sine wave

Correct answer: C

50. Which of the following conditions permits a gas turbine to produce 100% power?
- A. Minimum air inlet temperature
 - B. Maximum fuel flow
 - C. Maximum combustion temperature
 - D. Minimum air mass/weight flow

Correct answer: A

51. Accelerometers are generally used on gas turbine engines to sense which of the following?
- A. Gas generator speed with respect to power turbine speed
 - B. High frequency vibration
 - C. Rate of rotor speed changes
 - D. PLARA rate limited feedback to the FSEE

Correct answer: B

52. Which of the following are the principle factors that affect the performance of a gas turbine compressor?
- A. Bleed pressure, fuel pressure, exhaust temperature
 - B. Pressure ratio, air flow, rotational speed
 - C. Fuel flow, air flow, exhaust temperature
 - D. None of the above

Correct answer: B

53. What are the two primary sources of deposits that build up on compressor blades?

- A. Lube oil mist and carbon residue
- B. Salt spray and carbon residue
- C. Lube oil mist and dry particulate matter
- D. Salt spray and lube oil mist

Correct answer: D

54. The only hand tools that should be used on gas turbine engines are chrome plated, nickel plated, or which of the following?

- A. Unplated
- B. Silver plated
- C. Bronze plated
- D. Cadmium plated

Correct answer: A

55. Which of the following wrenches should NOT be used while working on a gas turbine?

- A. Flare nut wrench
- B. Adjustable wrench
- C. Box wrench
- D. Crowfoot wrench

Correct answer: B

56. When conducting a borescope inspection, you must be aware of all of the following factors EXCEPT which?

- A. The internal reference points
- B. The inspection areas and ports
- C. The engineer's experience
- D. The limitations of your equipment

Correct answer: C

57. Which of the following could cause compressor stall?

- A. Air flow over the lower foil section becomes turbulent and destroys the pressure zone.
- B. The angle at which the air strikes the compressor rotor blades is too high.
- C. The angle at which the air strikes the compressor rotor blades is too low.
- D. The angle at which the hot gases strike the turbine rotor blades is too high.

Correct answer: B

58. What is the term given to the condition in which cyclic pressure changes result in a repetitive failure and recovery of compressor air flow?

- A. Surge
- B. Laminar
- C. Stall
- D. Turbulence

Correct answer: A

59. Compressor surge is caused by which of the following factors?

- A. Increased demand for secondary air
- B. Interrupted air flow
- C. Maximum fuel pressure
- D. Low ambient air temperature

Correct answer: B

60. While standing watch underway on a ship with the gas turbine shown in the illustration, a fire emergency stop is initiated when which of the following occurs? Illustration GT-0017

- A. One of the UV flame detectors is activated.
- B. The fire emergency shutdown switch located on the gas turbine module is activated.
- C. Either the primary or reserve gas turbine module CO₂ system activates.
- D. All of the above

Correct answer: D

61. When a compressor is in a stall condition, what will happen to the combustor and turbine temperatures?

- A. Slowly decrease
- B. Slowly increase
- C. Rapidly decrease
- D. Rapidly increase

Correct answer: D

62. How is the HP turbine rotor of the GE LM2500 gas turbine cooled?

- A. By an air-to-air heat exchanger
- B. By the ship's service sea water cooling system
- C. By synthetic lube oil
- D. By a continuous flow of compressor discharge air

Correct answer: D

63. What is the primary purpose of the diffuser and distributor on the GE LM2500 gas turbine?

- A. To provide uniform air flow to the compressor
- B. To provide even temperature distribution at the compressor
- C. To provide uniform air flow to the combustor
- D. To provide uniform air flow to the turbine

Correct answer: C

64. Which of the following components prevent(s) objects smaller than 1/4 inch from entering the GE LM2500 gas turbine?

- A. Inlet louvers
- B. Centerbody
- C. FOD screens
- D. Demister pads

Correct answer: C

65. The gas generator section of the GE LM2500 gas turbine is composed of all of the following components EXCEPT which of the following?

- A. Bellmouth
- B. FOD screen
- C. Two-stage HP turbine
- D. Six-stage LP turbine

Correct answer: D

66. Which of the following statements is true concerning the fuel oil ignition system of the gas turbine engine shown in the illustration? Illustration GT-0017

- A. The igniters will de-energize when the power turbine exceeds a preset RPM.
- B. The igniters will de-energize when the gas generator exceeds a preset RPM.
- C. The igniters remain energized throughout the normal operation of the engine.
- D. The igniters will only energize if the exhaust gas temperature falls below a preset value.

Correct answer: B

67. Marine GTE fuel oil systems, as shown in the illustration, require fuel oil shutdown valves to be _____. Illustration GT-0021

- A. manually operated from MPCMS
- B. piped in series
- C. piped in parallel
- D. piped in series-parallel

Correct answer: B

68. For the GE LM2500 gas turbine engine shown in the illustration, the HP turbine 2nd stage nozzle vanes are cooled by which of the following? Illustration GT-0020

- A. 9th stage compressor air
- B. 13th stage compressor air
- C. 16th stage compressor air
- D. Frame vent bleed air

Correct answer: B

69. For the GE LM2500 gas turbine engine shown in the illustration, the 13th stage bleed air is used for which of the following? Illustration GT-0017

- A. High-pressure turbine 2nd stage nozzle cooling
- B. Power turbine balance piston cavity pressurization
- C. Power turbine cooling
- D. Sump pressurization and cooling

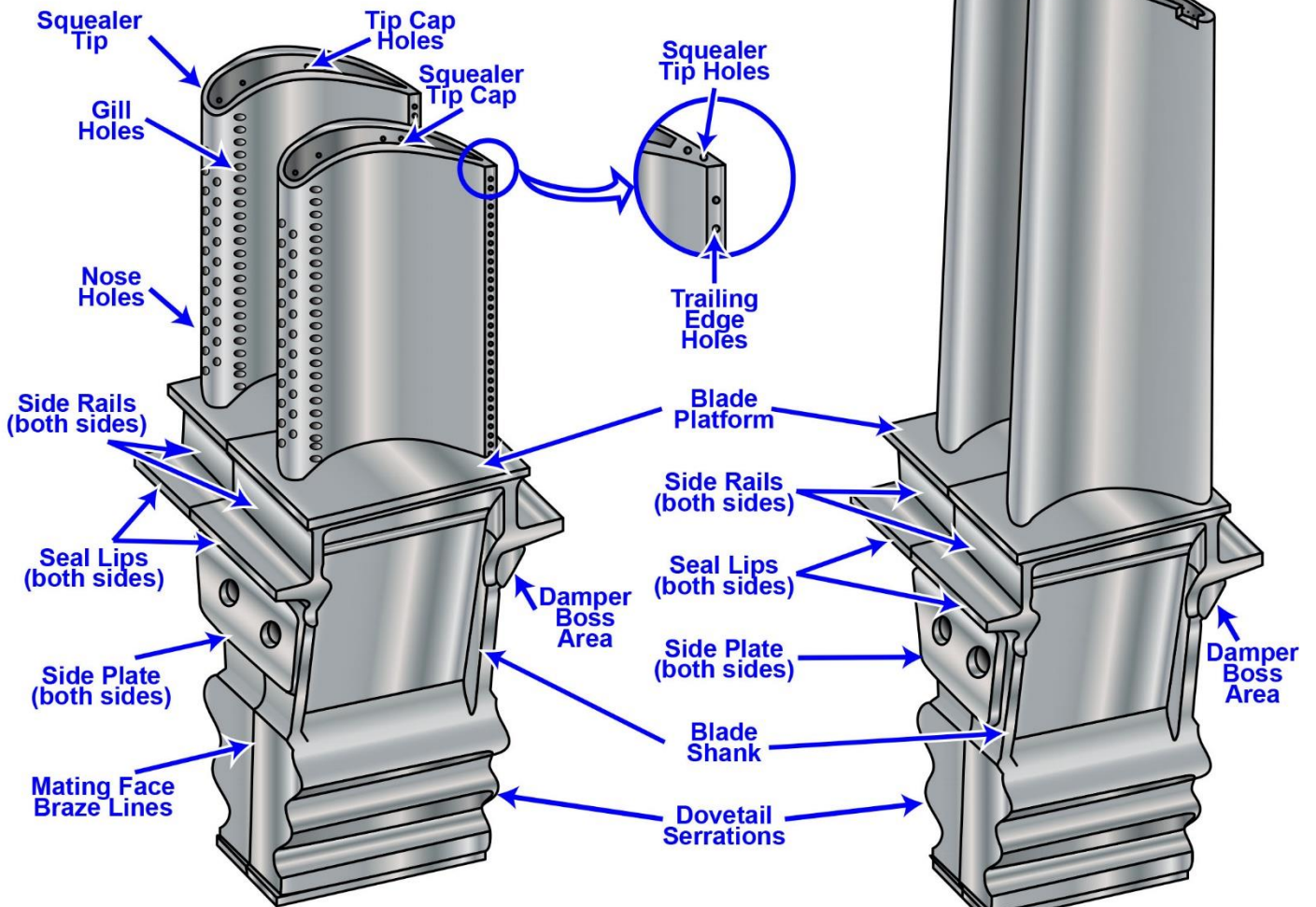
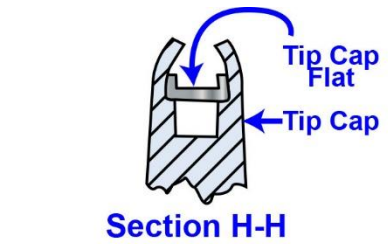
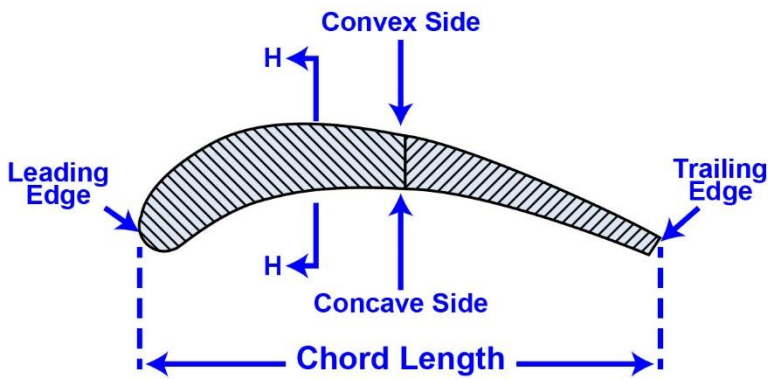
Correct answer: A

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70. For the GE LM2500 gas turbine engine shown in the illustration, the HP turbine 2nd stage blades are cooled by convection, with the cooling air being discharged where? Illustration GT-0011
- A. Trailing edge slots
 - B. Nose holes on the leading edge
 - C. Gill holes on the side
 - D. Blade tips

Correct answer: D

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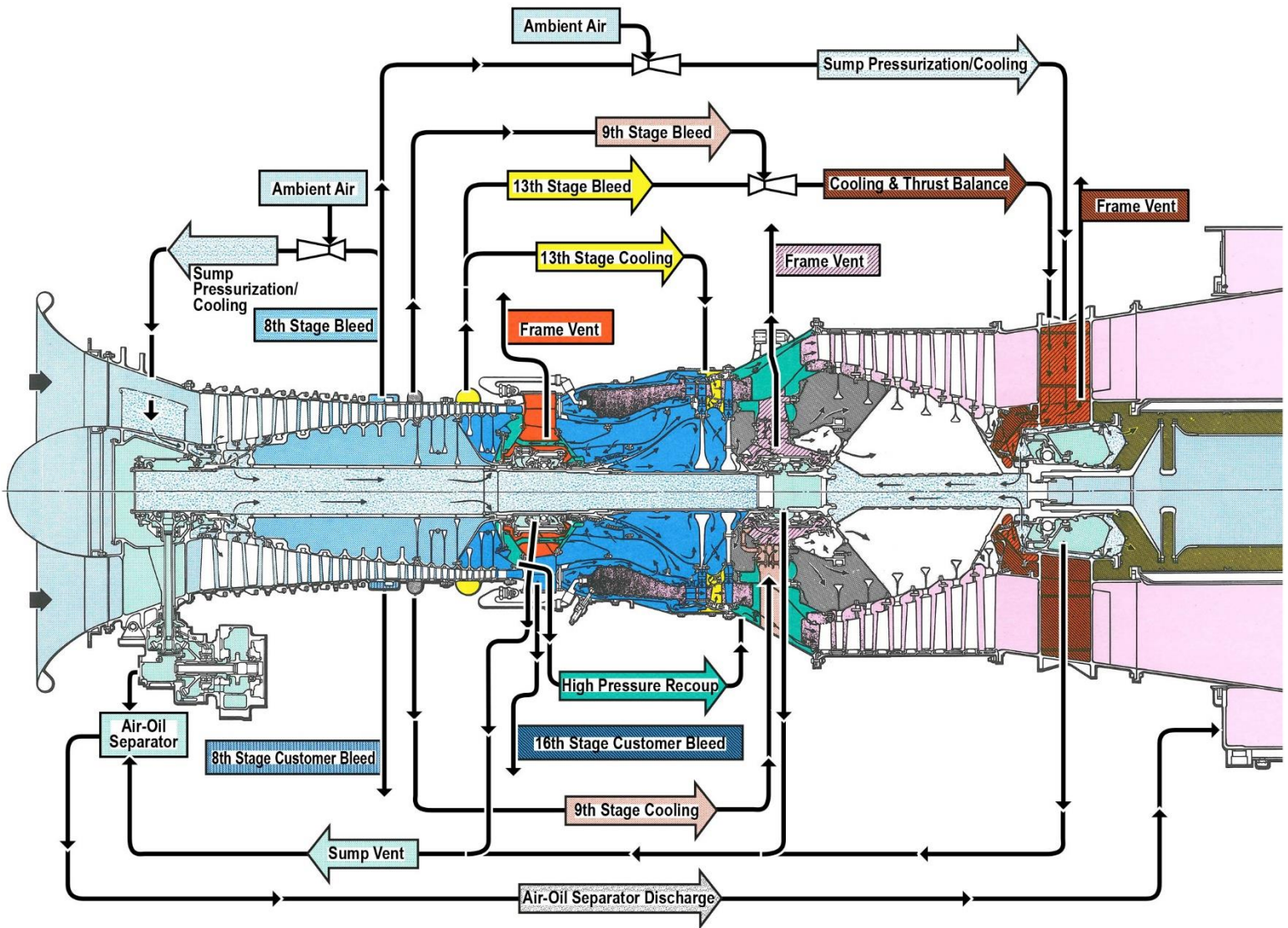
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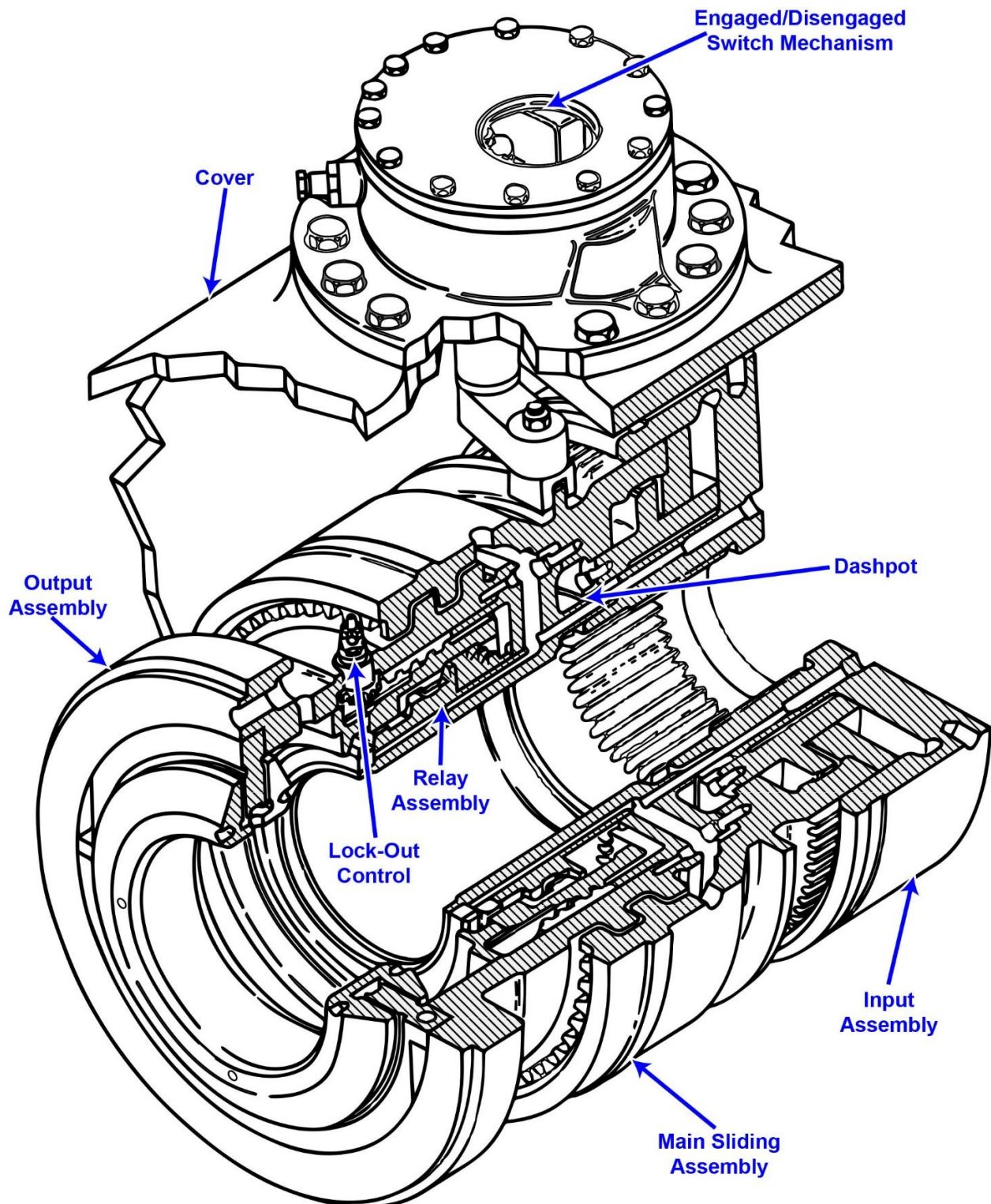
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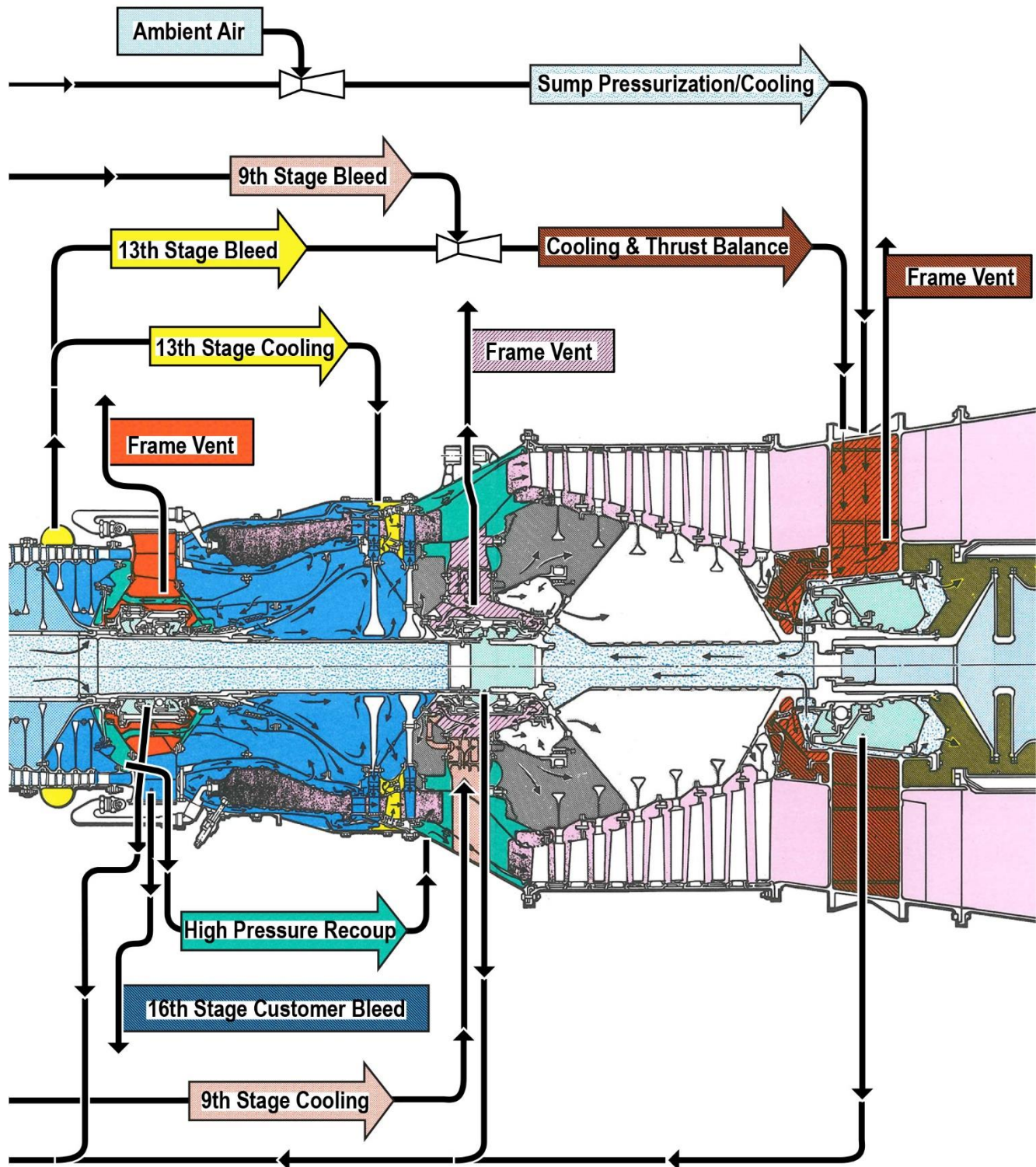
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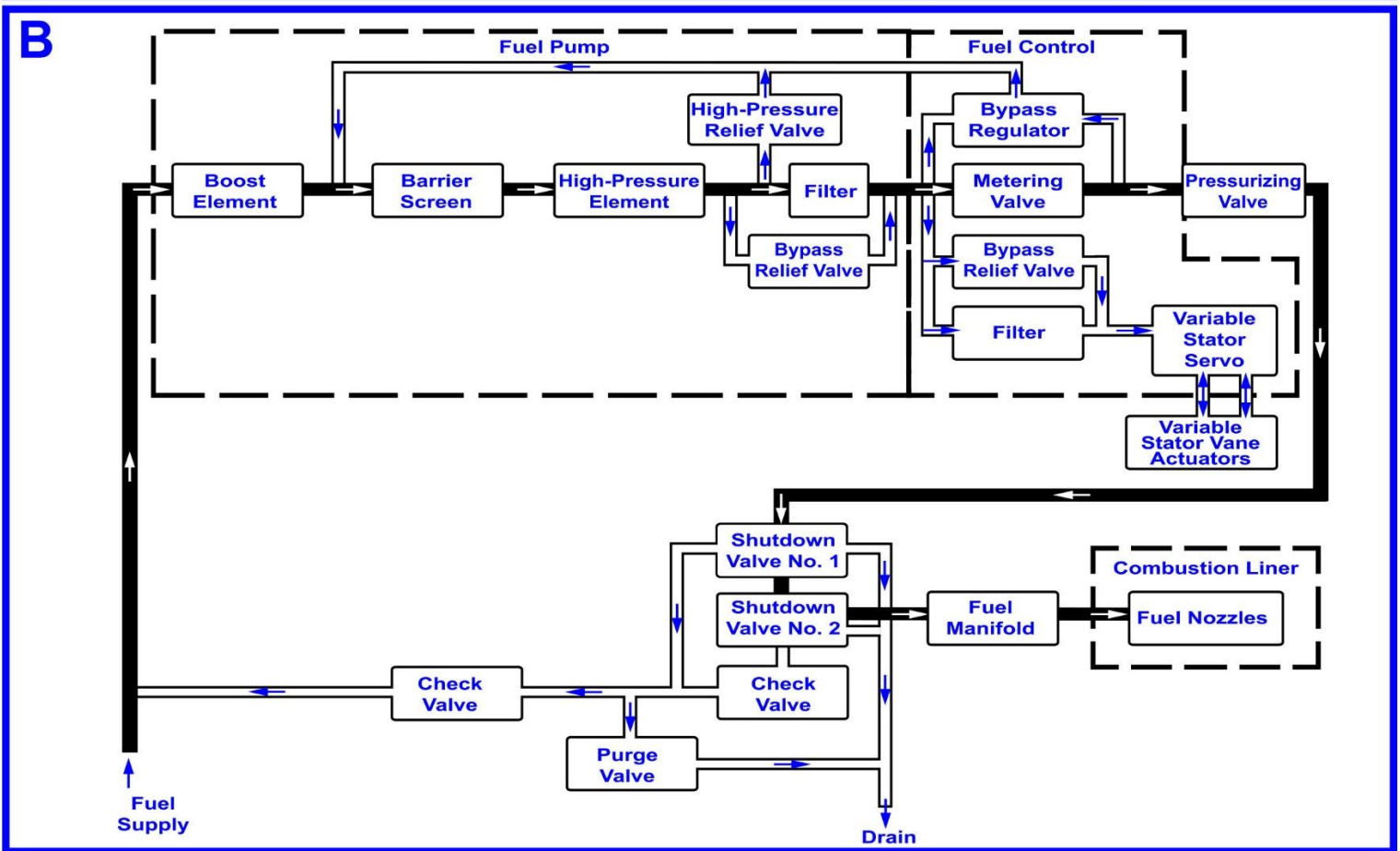
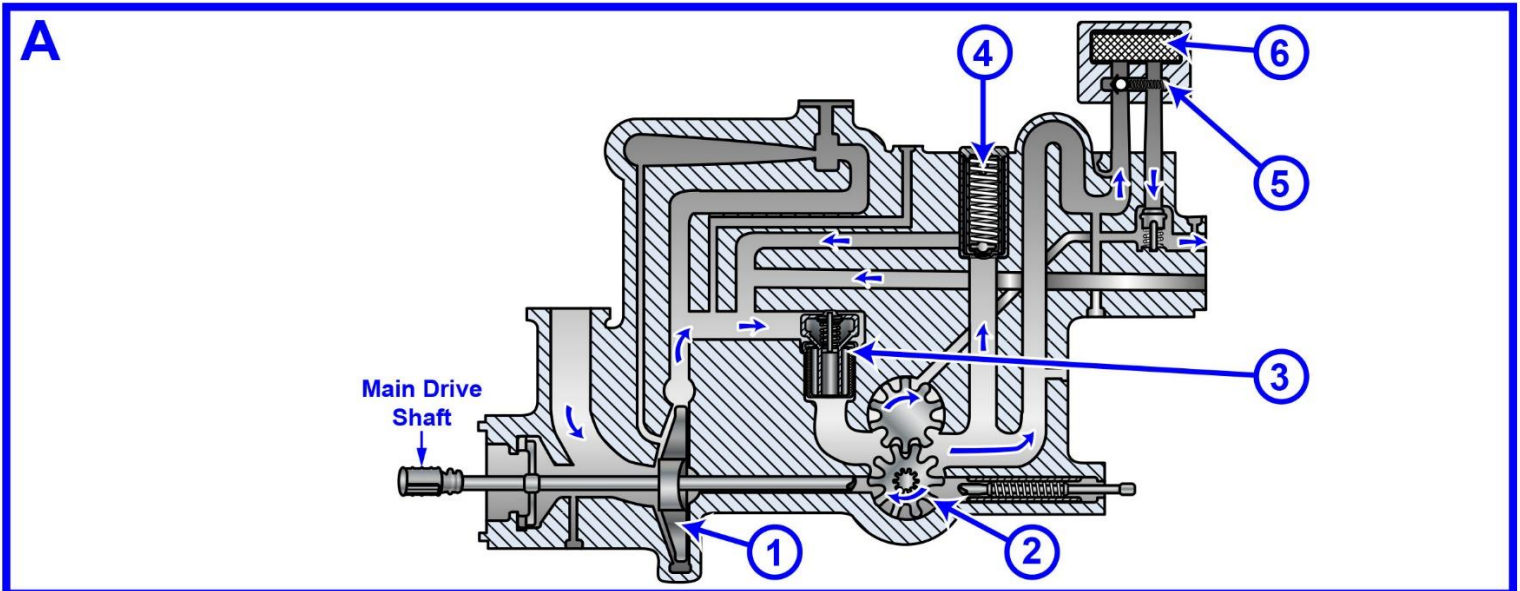
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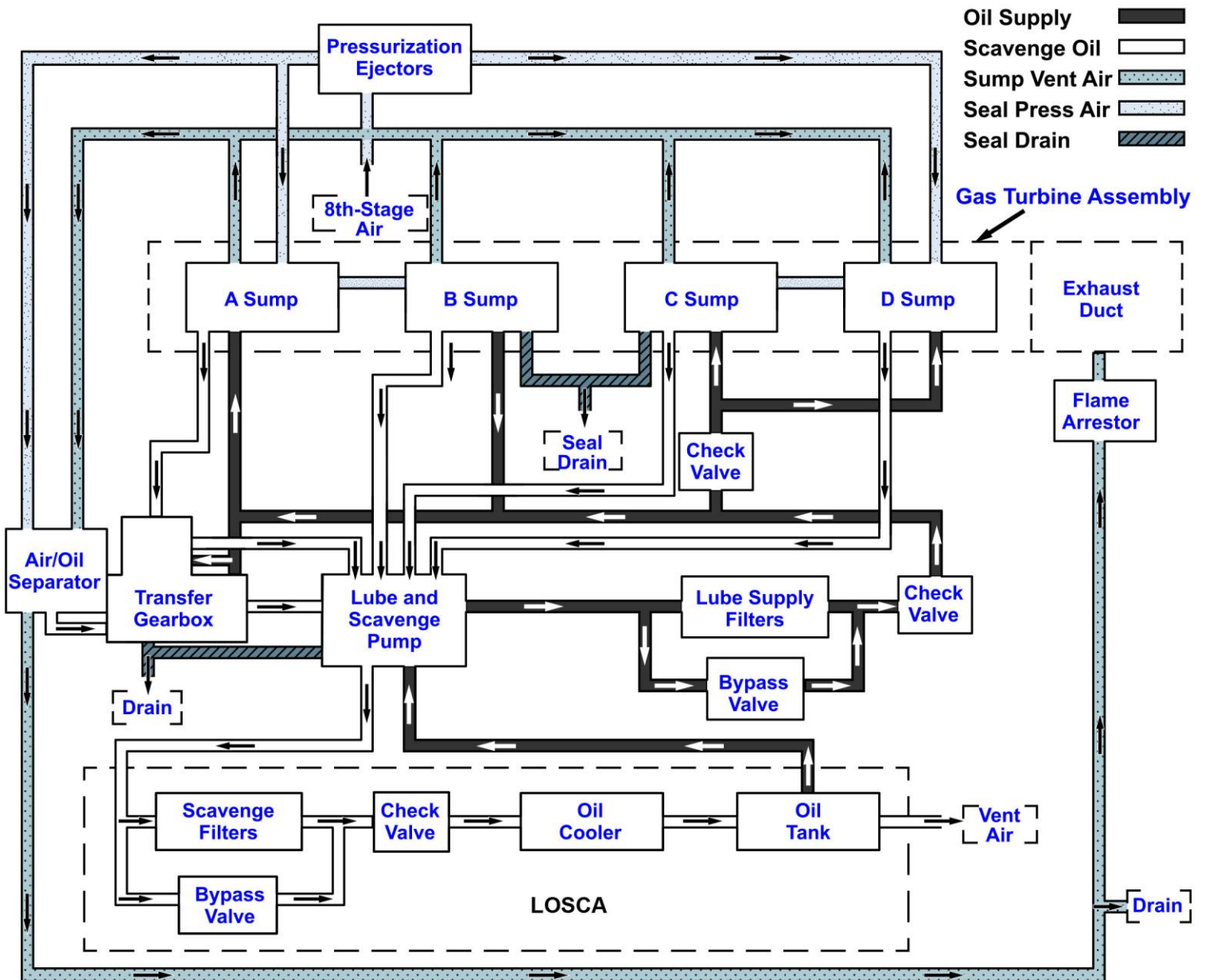
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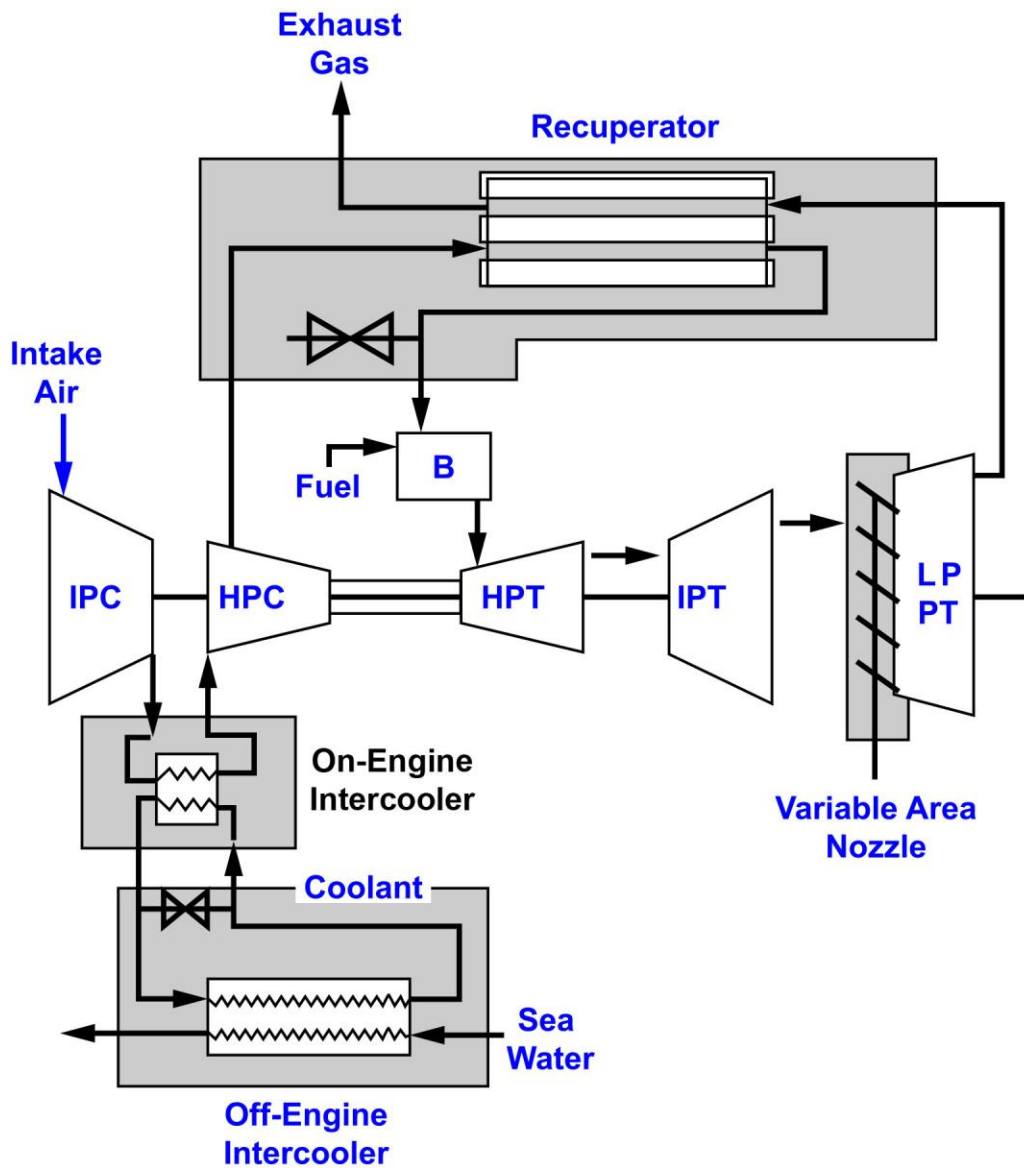
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