Automotive Electrical and Engine Performance 9th Edition Chapter 6 – Digital Storage Oscilloscopes (DSOs) Multiple Choice Questions Quiz B

1. A digital storage oscilloscope (DSO) differs from an analog oscilloscope primarily because it:

- a) Uses a cathode ray tube to display continuous voltage patterns
- b) Stores voltage levels over time as digital data points
- c) Only captures alternating current signals
- d) Requires an external power source to function

2. Technician A states that a DSO can record intermittent issues in circuits. Technician B claims DSOs cannot display faults that occur faster than the sampling rate. Who is correct?

- a) Technician A only
- b) Technician B only
- c) Both Technicians A and B
- d) Neither Technician A nor B
- 3. The purpose of setting the time base on an oscilloscope is to:
- a) Determine the amount of time displayed across the screen
- b) Control the sampling rate of the waveform
- c) Adjust the voltage per division
- d) Set the reference level for voltage measurements
- 4. In a pulse train waveform, duty cycle represents:
- a) The frequency of the signal in hertz
- b) The on-time percentage of the total cycle
- c) The period of off-time during each pulse
- d) The average voltage over multiple cycles



5. Technician A says DC coupling allows both AC and DC components of a signal to be displayed. Technician B says AC coupling blocks DC voltage signals. Who is correct?

- a) Technician A only
- b) Technician B only
- c) Both Technicians A and B
- d) Neither Technician A nor B
- 6. When setting up a scope, the volts per division setting is critical because it:
- a) Controls the horizontal time displayed
- b) Adjusts the screen brightness for better clarity
- c) Reduces the sampling rate
- d) Ensures the entire expected voltage range is viewable
- 7. A "graticule" on an oscilloscope display refers to:
- a) The grid of divisions used for measurement reference
- b) The input channel selection
- c) The high-voltage warning indicator
- d) The scale calibration for voltage

8. Technician A states that a positive trigger slope is selected when observing an increasing voltage signal. Technician B claims a negative slope is used for signals with decreasing voltage levels. Who is correct?

- a) Technician A only
- b) Technician B only
- c) Both Technicians A and B
- d) Neither Technician A nor B



9. Which of the following components allows an oscilloscope to measure current without disconnecting any circuit wires?

- a) Pressure transducer
- b) Voltage probe
- c) Current clamp (amp clamp)
- d) Frequency analyzer
- 10. In a DSO, the term "sampling rate" refers to:
- a) The speed at which the scope captures voltage changes
- b) The number of divisions displayed on the graticule
- c) The total number of signals processed per second
- d) The maximum voltage range the scope can measure



Automotive Electrical and Engine Performance 9th Edition Chapter 6 – Digital Storage Oscilloscopes (DSOs) Answer Key Quiz B

Correct Answers:

- 1. b
- 2. c
- 3. a
- 4. b
- 5. c
- 6. d
- 7. a
- 8. c
- 9. c
- 10. a

