

Refer to *Important Safety Precautions* on page 33.

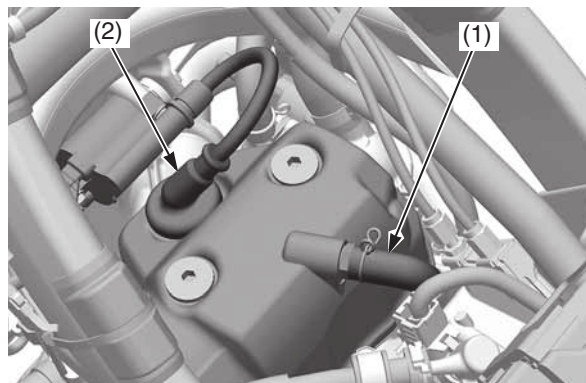
Excessive valve clearance will cause noise and eventual engine damage. Little or no clearance will prevent the valve from closing and cause valve damage and power loss. Check valve clearance when the engine is cold at the intervals specified in the Maintenance Schedule (pages 36, 37).

The checking or adjusting of the valve clearance should be performed while the engine is cold. The valve clearance will change as engine temperature rises.

Cylinder Head Cover Removal

Before inspection, clean the engine thoroughly to keep dirt from entering the engine.

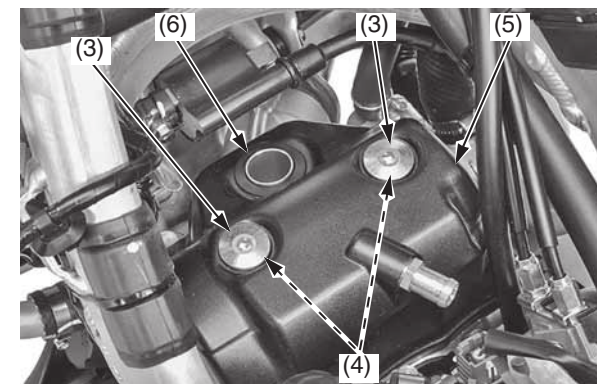
1. Remove the seat and fuel tank (pages 46, 48).
2. Disconnect the breather tube (1) and spark plug cap (2).



(1) breather tube

(2) spark plug cap

3. Remove the cylinder head cover socket bolts (3), rubber seals (4), cylinder head cover (5) and spark plug hole packing (6).



- (3) cylinder head cover socket bolts
(4) cylinder head cover rubber seals
(5) cylinder head cover
(6) spark plug hole packing