

**DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
(DME) / ADVANCED LEVEL CERTIFICATE
COURSE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
(DMEVI / ACMEVI)**

Term-End Examination

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BME-052 : BASICS OF THERMAL ENGINEERING

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

*Note : Attempt **all** questions. Internal choices are given.
All questions carry equal marks. Use of scientific
calculator and steam tables is permitted.*

1. Choose the correct alternative for the following objective type questions : $7 \times 2 = 14$
- (a) Which of the following is the basis of temperature measurement ?
- (i) Zeroth law of thermodynamics
 - (ii) First law of thermodynamics
 - (iii) Second law of thermodynamics
 - (iv) Law of stable equilibrium

- (b) The Kelvin temperature of a system can be measured by a
- (i) mercury-in-glass thermometer
 - (ii) thermocouple
 - (iii) constant-volume gas thermometer
 - (iv) resistance thermometer
- (c) Heat transferred to a closed stationary system at constant volume is equal to
- (i) work transfer
 - (ii) increase in internal energy
 - (iii) increase in enthalpy
 - (iv) None of the above
- (d) Which of the following does *not* change during a throttling process ?
- (i) Enthalpy
 - (ii) Entropy
 - (iii) Volume
 - (iv) Pressure

- (e) Match List 1 with List 2 and choose the correct answer from the code :

List 1

List 2

(Law of thermodynamics)

(Defines)

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| (A) First | I. Internal energy |
| (B) Second | II. Temperature |
| (C) Zeroth | III. Entropy |

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| (i) | I | II | III |
| (ii) | II | III | I |
| (iii) | III | I | II |
| (iv) | I | III | II |

- (f) If the thermal efficiency of a Carnot engine is $1/5$, the COP of a Carnot refrigerator is

- (i) 5
- (ii) 4
- (iii) 6
- (iv) 3

- (g) The entropy of a system

- (i) can never decrease
- (ii) can never increase
- (iii) may increase or decrease
- (iv) will always remain constant

2. Answer any *two* of the following questions : $2 \times 7 = 14$

(a) In a cyclic process, heat transfers are + 14.7 kJ, - 25.2 kJ, - 3.56 kJ and + 31.5 kJ. What is the net work for this cyclic process ?

(b) A mass of gas is compressed from 80 kPa, 0.1 m^3 to 0.4 MPa, 0.03 m^3 . Assuming that the pressure and volume are related by

$$pv^n = \text{constant},$$

find the work done by the gas system.

(c) A stationary mass of gas is compressed without friction from an initial state of 0.3 m^3 and 0.105 MPa to a final state of 0.15 m^3 and 0.105 MPa, the pressure remaining constant during the process. There is a transfer of 37.6 kJ of heat from the gas during the process. How much does the internal energy of the gas change ?

3. Answer any *two* of the following questions : $2 \times 7 = 14$

(a) Explain Clausius' statement of the second law of thermodynamics.

(b) Define Entropy. What are the causes of entropy increase ?

(c) Steam initially at 1.5 MPa, 300°C expands reversibly and adiabatically in a steam turbine to 40°C. Determine the ideal work output of the turbine per kg of steam.

4. Answer any *two* of the following questions : $2 \times 7 = 14$

(a) Show that the COP of a heat pump is greater than the COP of a refrigerator by unity.

(b) A rigid vessel of volume 0.86 m³ contains 1 kg of steam at a pressure of 2 bar. Evaluate the specific volume, temperature, dryness fraction, internal energy and enthalpy of steam.

(c) What is the effect of regeneration on the specific output and cycle efficiency of a steam power plant ?

5. Write short notes on any *four* of the following : $4 \times 3 \frac{1}{2} = 14$

- (a) Nozzles
 - (b) Impulse Turbine
 - (c) Cooling Towers
 - (d) Black Body
 - (e) Stefan-Boltzmann Law
 - (f) Geothermal Energy
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