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**BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN  
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING  
(COMPUTER INTEGRATED  
MANUFACTURING)**

**Term-End Examination**

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**BME-027 : HEAT AND MASS TRANSFER**

*Time : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 70*

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*Note : Attempt any seven questions. All questions carry equal marks. Use of calculator is permitted.*

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- (a) Differentiate thermal conductivity, thermal diffusivity and momentum diffusivity. 5+5
- (b) An ice box has a composite wall made up of 1mm thick aluminium sheet on the inside surface, 3 cm thick wooden board on the outside and 5 cm cork insulation between the two. Ice at  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  is in contact with the aluminium surface. The unit surface conductance on the outside the box is  $11.61 \text{ W/m}^2\text{k}$ . The thermal conductivities of wood, cork and aluminium are  $0.209 \text{ W/mk}$ ,  $4.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W/mk}$ ,  $205.83 \text{ W/mk}$  respectively. The outside temperature is  $27^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Calculate
- (i) The thermal resistance of the composite wall.
  - (ii) The overall thermal resistance, and
  - (iii) the rate of heat transfer per unit area.

2. (a) Discuss the critical thickness of insulation and its importance in reference to a spherical geometry. 5+5
- (b) A reactor's wall 320 mm thick, is made up of an inner layer of fire brick ( $k=0.84 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ) covered with a layer of insulation ( $k=0.16 \text{ W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ). The reactor operates at a temperature of  $1325^\circ\text{C}$  and the ambient temperature is  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .
- (i) Determine the thickness of fire brick and insulation which gives minimum heat loss.
- (ii) Calculate the heat loss presuming that the insulating material has a maximum temperature of  $1200^\circ\text{C}$ .
3. (a) Draw the temperature gradient through a plane wall when the thermal conductivity 5+5
- (i) remains constant with increase in temperature
- (ii) increases with increase in temperature
- (iii) decreases with decrease in temperature
- (b) An exterior wall of a house may be approximated by a 0.1 m layer of common brick ( $k=0.7\text{W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ) followed by a 0.04m layer of gypsum plaster ( $k=0.48\text{W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ). What thickness of loosely packed rock wool insulation ( $k=0.065\text{W/m}^\circ\text{C}$ ) should be added to reduce the heat loss or (gain) through the wall by 80 percent ?

4. (a) Distinguish between the natural and forced convection heat transfer with suitable applications. 5+5
- (b) A mild steel tank of wall thickness 12 mm contains water at 95°C. The thermal conductivity of mild steel is 50 W/m°C, and the heat transfer coefficient for the inside and outside the tank are 2850 W/m<sup>2</sup> °C, respectively. If the atmospheric temperature is 15°C, Calculate:
- (i) The rate of heat loss per m<sup>2</sup> of the tank surface area;
- (ii) The temperature of the outside surface of the tank.
5. (a) Explain the concept of black body and grey body in radiation terminology. 5+5
- (b) In a counter-flow double pipe heat exchanger, water is heated from 25° C to 65° C by an oil with a specific heat of 1.45 KJ/kg K and mass flow rate of 0.9 kg/sec. The oil is cooled from 230° C to 160° C. If the overall heat transfer coefficient is 420 W/m<sup>2</sup> °C, Calculate the following:
- (i) The rate of heat transfer, and
- (ii) The mass flow rate of water.
6. (a) Define absorptivity, reflectivity and transmissivity. 5+5
- (b) Prove that the shape factor of a cylindrical cavity of diameter D and height H with respect to itself is

$$F_{1 \rightarrow 1} = \frac{4H}{4H+D}$$

7. (a) Express the rate of heat flow in terms of a convective heat transfer coefficient by an equation and write the analogous equation for mass transfer. **5+5**
- (b) Determine the mass transfer coefficient of a certain vapour flowing over a flat plate 300 mm long at a Reynolds number of  $2.15 \times 10^5$ , when the kinematic viscosity and mass diffusivity are  $1.68 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and  $2.173 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$  respectively.
8. (a) Define the Fourier number and Biot number for mass transfer. **5+5**
- (b) Air at  $35^\circ \text{C}$  and 1 atm flow at a velocity of 30m/sec over a flat plate of 0.5m long. Calculate average mass transfer coefficient of water vapour in air. Assume concentration of vapour in air as very very small. Take diffusion coefficient of water vapour in air as  $D=0.256 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{sec}$ . Properties of air at  $35^\circ \text{C}$ ,  $\rho=1.146 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ,  $C_p=1.006 \text{ KJ/kg K}$ ,  $\mu = 2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/m sec}$
9. (a) Show by Rayleigh's method that in forced convection heat transfer, the Nusselt number is a function of Reynolds' number and Prandtl number. **5+5**
- (b) Define Fick's first and second law of diffusion. Describe the various mechanism of mass transfer.

10. (a) Insulation boards are made up of three 5+5  
layers of materials of conductivities  $k_1$ ,  $k_2$ ,  
and  $k_3$  of thickness  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  respectively.  
They are bolted together by metal bolts of  
cross-section area  $A_1$   $m^2$  per  $m^2$  of board  
area. Metal conductivity is  $k_4$ . If the  
temperature on either side of board are  $t_1$   
and  $t_4$ , determine an expression to find the  
heat flow per  $m^2$  of area of board. (Use  
thermal circuit analysis)
- (b) For convective mass transfer, name the non  
dimensional number that plays the same role  
in mass transfer as that of Prandtl number  
in heat transfer, and write down an  
expression and physical significance for the  
same.
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