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## UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION  
(SCIENCE) , BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

PHYS 161: HEAT AND THERMODYNAMICS

STREAMS:BED(SCI),BSC

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 4/12/2017

11.30 A.M – 1.30 P.M

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### INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question one in section A and any other two questions in section B
- Do not write on the question paper
- This is a closed book exam, no reference materials are allowed in the examination room
- There will be no use of mobile phones or any other unauthorized materials
- Write your answers legibly and use your time wisely

Useful constants

Universal gas constant  $R = 8.31 \text{ JK}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$

### SECTION A

1. Differentiate between the following pairs of terms
  - (i) Temperature and heat [2marks]
  - (ii) Heat capacity and specific heat capacity. [2marks]
  - (iii) Heat engine and reservoir . [2marks]
  - (iv) Heat of fusion and specific heat transfer. [2marks]

(b) Explain the three methods of heat transfer. [6marks]

(c) State the three law of thermodynamics. [3marks]

(d) Explain any four thermodynamic processes. [4marks]

(e) A gas at a pressure of  $2.22 \times 10^5$  pa occupies a volume of  $0.116 \text{ m}^3$  at a temperature of 284K. If the gas is ideal, how many models are present? [2marks]

(f) Convert the following temperature units into the units indicated in brackets.

(i)  $37^\circ\text{C}$  (K) [1mark]

(ii)  $212^\circ\text{F}$  (K) [1mark]

(iii)  $98^\circ$  (K) [1mark]

(g) Two moles of a gas are in a container whose volume can be adjusted with a movable piston. When the volume is 3.2 L, the temperature is  $25^\circ$ . With constant pressure maintained, heat is added to the gas and the piston is allowed to move until the volume is 5.1L find the final temperature. [4marks]

2. (a) In each of the following thermometers, what is the thermometric property used to measure temperature?

(i) Mercury –in –glass thermometer [1mark]

(ii) Thermistor thermometer [1mark]

(iii) Constant volume gas thermometer [1mark]

(iv) Thermocouple thermometer [1mark]

(b) Consider a system with a temperature dependent property X such that the temperature  $\theta$  is a linear function of X given by the function,  $X(\theta) = a\theta$  where a is a constant to be determined . Show that the Celsius scale can be determined by this system where,

$$\theta = \frac{(x - x_{fp})}{(X_{bp} - X_{fp})} \times 100^\circ \text{ C and all the symbols have their usual meanings. [9marks]}$$

(c) Celsius temperature on a scale determined by a platinum resistance thermometer is called platinum temperature, where  $R_i, R_s$  and R are the resistances of the thermometer at the ice point, the steam (boiling) point, and the platinum temperature  $\theta$ . The resistance of a certain thermometer is  $10 \Omega$  at the freezing (ice) point  $13.861 \Omega$  at the boiling point, and  $26.27 \Omega$  at the boiling point of sulfur.

(i) Find the temperature at the boiling point of sulfur. [3marks]

(ii) If the platinum temperature has a value of  $284.9^{\circ}\text{C}$ , determine the resistance at this temperature as determined by this thermometer. [4marks]

3. (a) A gas undergoes a series of pressure and volume changes as shown below,

Where  $P_f$  and  $P_i$  are  $2 \times 10^5$  and  $10^5$  pa respectively while  $V_i$  and  $V_f$  is  $m^3$  and  $4 m^3$  respectively.

- (i) Identify the thermodynamic processes labeled A,B,C and D [4marks]
- (ii) How much work is done by the gas along the path abc. [3marks]
- (iii) How much work is done along the path cda? [3marks]
- (iv) How much heat enters the gas during the full cycle? [2marks]

(b) Paraffin and water are both liquids. It requires different amount of heat to rise the temperature of 1kg of paraffin from  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$  as required by 1 kg of water to raise the same temperature change. Explain? [2marks]

(c) At what temperature is the Fahrenheit scale reading equal to ;

- (i) The reading on the Celsius scale. [3marks]
- (ii) Half that of the Celsius scale. [2marks]

4. (a) One mole of monoatomic ideal gas is brought through a cycle A to B to C to D to A as shown in the diagram. All processes are performed slowly. Respond to the following in terms of  $p_0$ ,  $V_0$  and R.

- (i) find the temperature at each vertex. [2marks]
- (ii) Find the heat added to the gas for the process A to B. [2marks]

(iii) Find the work done on the gas for the process C and D. [2marks]

(iv) Find the heat added to the gas for the process D to A. [2marks]

(v) Find the change in internal energy for the process B to C. [2marks]

(b) 25g of  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  ice is to be converted into  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$  steam (use: heat of fusion of water = 334 J/g, latent heat of vaporization of water = 2257 J/g, specific heat capacity of ice =  $2.09\text{ J/g}^{\circ}\text{C}$ , *specific* heat capacity of water =  $4.2\text{ J/g}^{\circ}\text{C}$ , specific heat capacity of steam =  $2.09\text{ J/g}^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Determine the heat required to convert the 25g of  $-10^{\circ}$  ice into  $150^{\circ}\text{C}$  steam in joules. [5marks]

(c) 4.0 moles of argon gas is contained in a cylinder at 300K. How much heat must be added to the gas to raise its temperature to 600K at:

(i) Constant volume [3marks]

(ii) Constant pressure [2marks]

5. (a) It was unanimously passed by the MCAs of Matongue county that each member to have a modern office in which one of the walls have to be designed to have a permanent window made of glass of thickness 0.64 cm and measures 5m x 4.5m. During the cold season temperatures outside are  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The inside is kept warm by electrical heating and maintained at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$

(i) How much heat is lost per hour through the glass? Use thermal conductivity of glass,  $k = 0.8\text{ Js}^{-1}\text{m}^{-1}\text{C}^{-1}$ . [5marks]

(ii) How much electrical power in W is used to maintain the temperature at  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ ?  
[5marks]

(b) The outer zone of the sun called photosphere is at a temperature  $5.8 \times 10^3\text{K}$ . Assuming the sun to be spherical body having a radius  $R = 700 \times 10^6\text{ km}$ . Using Stefan law of radiation, calculate the total power radiated by the sun ( $\epsilon = 1$  and  $\sigma = 5.671 \times 10^{-8}$ ).  
[5marks]

(c) A gas is heated and allowed to expand so that it does  $1.01 \times 10^5\text{J}$  of work. If  $3 \times 10^5\text{J}$  of heat enters the system during expansion, what is the change in internal energy of the gas?  
[5marks]

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