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**COURSE TITLE: THERMAL PHYSICS**

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**Instructions:**

- 1. Answer question 1 (Compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

### **Useful Constants**

Specific heat capacity of water  $c_w = 4200 \text{ J kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$

Boltzmann's constant  $k_B = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$

Mass of oxygen molecule =  $0.032 \text{ kg}$

Stefan's constant  $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

Latent heat of fusion of water =  $334 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$

Latent heat of vaporization of water =  $2256 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1}$

### **SECTION A**

#### **QUESTION 1(30 MARKS)**

- (a) Distinguish between heat and temperature. **(2 marks)**
- (b) Explain the following terms.
- (i) Thermal equilibrium **(1 mark)**
  - (ii) Triple point of water **(1 mark)**
  - (iii) Convection **(1 mark)**
  - (iv) The Zeroth law of thermodynamics **(1 mark)**
- (c) Consider a temperature scale called the Z scale in which the boiling point of water is  $65^\circ \text{Z}$  and the freezing point is  $-14.0^\circ \text{Z}$ . Assuming the Z scale is linear, determine the temperature on the Fahrenheit scale that corresponds to  $-98.0^\circ \text{Z}$  **(4 marks)**
- (d) Calculate the quantity of heat conducted through  $2 \text{ m}^2$  of a brick wall  $12 \text{ cm}$  thick in 1 hour if the temperature on one side is  $8^\circ \text{C}$  and on the other side is  $28^\circ \text{C}$ . (Thermal conductivity of brick =  $0.13 \text{ W m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ ) **(3 marks)**
- (e) A metal of mass  $200 \text{ g}$  at  $100^\circ \text{C}$  is dropped into  $80 \text{ g}$  of water at  $15^\circ \text{C}$  contained in a calorimeter of mass  $120 \text{ g}$  and specific heat capacity  $0.4 \text{ kJ kg}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . The final temperature reached is  $35^\circ \text{C}$ . Determine the specific heat capacity of the metal. **(3 marks)**
- (f) Show that the work done by a gas confined to a cylinder is given by  $W = \int_{V_i}^{V_f} P dV$  where the symbols have their usual meanings. **(3 marks)**

- (g) State Charles' and Boyle's laws. **(2 marks)**
- (h) One mole of ideal gas expands at a constant temperature of  $310K$  from an initial volume of  $12l$  to a final volume of  $19l$ . Determine the work done by the gas during the expansion. **(3 marks)**
- (i) Calculate the root mean square speed for oxygen molecule at  $300K$ . **(3 marks)**
- (j) When a gas is compressed, it is found that its pressure increases. Explain this phenomenon of increase in pressure in terms of motion of molecules of the gas. **(3 marks)**

### SECTION B

*Answer any TWO questions in this section*

#### **QUESTION 2 (20 MARKS)**

- (a) Derive the mathematical relationship between the coefficient of volume expansion and the coefficient of linear expansion. **(7 marks)**
- (b) In order to make connection to the carbon anode of a transmitting valve, it is necessary to thread a copper wire of diameter  $2mm$  at a temperature of  $20^{\circ}C$  through a smaller hole in the carbon block. If the process is just carried out by immersing both specimens in dry ice at  $-80^{\circ}C$  and the coefficient of linear expansion of copper and carbon are  $1.7 \times 10^{-5} K^{-1}$  and  $5 \times 10^{-6} K^{-1}$ , calculate the size of the hole at  $20^{\circ}C$ . **(7 marks)**
- (c) Determine the heat lost through radiation in 10 minutes from the human body of surface area  $1m^2$  and temperature  $37^{\circ}C$  to the environment at a temperature of  $23^{\circ}C$ . Take the emissivity of the body as 0.7 **(6 marks)**

#### **QUESTION 3 (20 MARKS)**

- (a) (i) State the difference between heat capacity and specific heat capacity **(2 marks)**  
 (ii) Calculate the amount of heat required to convert  $12.0g$  of ice at  $-10^{\circ}C$  to steam at  $100^{\circ}C$  **(9 marks)**
- (b) Explain the following quasistatic processes and write down the mathematical form that each reduces the first law of thermodynamics to.
- (i) Adiabatic process **(2 marks)**
- (ii) Isochoric process **(2 marks)**

- (iii) Cyclical process (2 marks)
- (iv) Free expansion (2 marks)
- (c) State Dalton's law of partial pressures. (1 mark)

**QUESTION 4 (20 MARKS)**

- (a) State **any FOUR** assumptions in the study of kinetic theory of gases. (4 marks)
- (b) Derive the equation for the root mean square velocity of an ideal gas in the form

$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{3RT}{M}}$$

where the symbols have their usual meanings that must be stated in the derivation.

(11 marks)

- (c) Using the result in 4 (b), obtain the equation for the average translational kinetic energy of the gas. (5 marks)

**QUESTION 5 (20 MARKS)**

- (a) By starting with a composite slab consisting of two materials having different thickness  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  and different thermal conductivities  $k_1$  and  $k_2$ , show that if each face of the slab has an area  $A$  and the outer surfaces of the slab are at temperature  $T_H$  and  $T_C$ , then for  $n$  such

materials the rate of conduction of heat is given by  $P_{cond} = \frac{A(T_H - T_C)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{L_i}{k_i} \right)}$  (10 marks)

- (b) A sheet of rubber and a sheet of cardboard each 2mm thick are pressed together and their outer faces are maintained respectively at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . If the thermal conductivities of rubber and cardboard are respectively  $0.13$  and  $0.05\text{Wm}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$ , find the quantity of heat which flows in 1 hour across a piece of composite sheet of area. (10 marks)