

**U.G. 3rd Semester Examination - 2021**

**PHYSICS**

**[HONOURS]**

**Course Code : PHY-H-CC-T-06**

**( Thermal Physics)**

Full Marks : 40

Time : 2½ Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*

**GROUP-A**

1. Answer any **five** questions: 2×5=10
- a) Why is it necessary to introduce the concept of quasi-static process in thermodynamics?
  - b) Prove that the adiabatic elasticity of a gas is  $\gamma$  times the isothermal elasticity.
  - c) At what temperature will root mean square speed of oxygen molecule be double its value at N.T.P., while pressure remaining constant?

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- d) Prove the relation.

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_T = T\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V - P$$

- e) Find the ratio of the coefficient of viscosity of two gas molecules A and B if the diameter of A is twice that of B while the molecular weight is thrice.
- f) Define enthalpy and cite an example of an isenthalpic process.
- g) A certain system has Gibbs free energy given by

$$G(p,T) = RT \ln \left[ \frac{ap}{(RT)^{5/2}} \right]$$

where  $a$  and  $R$  are constants. Find out  $CP$ , the specific heat at constant pressure.

- h) What is the order of the phase transition in ferromagnetic to paramagnetic transition of a metal and why?

**GROUP-B**

Answer any **three** questions: 10×3=30

2. a) Calculate the probability that the speed of an  $O_2$  molecule will lie between 200 and 201  $ms^{-1}$  at 300K (mass of oxygen molecule is 32 units).

b) Using Maxwell's distribution for speed of molecules in a gas, establish that  $v_{rms} > \bar{v} > v_p$  where  $\bar{v}$  and  $v_p$  are the average and most probable speeds respectively. Why do the velocities increase with temperature? Is the distribution symmetric about  $v_p$ ? 3+(4+2+1)

3. a) Show that the probability of a gas molecule traversing a distance  $x$ . without collision, is  $e^{-x/\lambda}$ , where  $\lambda$ , is the mean free path of the gas molecule.

b) Find the number of degrees of freedom for (i)  $H_2O$  and (ii)  $CO_2$  molecule, assuming linear configuration of the molecules.

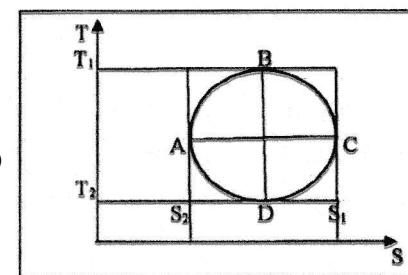
c) State law of equipartition of energy. Hence establish the relation between degrees of freedom and the ratio of two specific heats of a gas. 4+3+(2+1)

4. a) A Carnot engine operates between temperatures  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  with a gas as working substance whose equation of state is given by  $P(V-b)=RT$ . Work out the expression for the heat absorbed and the work done in each part of the cycle and show that the efficiency of the cycle is  $\left(1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)$ .

b) Give the Kelvin-Planck statement and Clausius statement of the second law of thermodynamics. Establish the equivalence of the above two statements.

c) Show that the efficiency of the cycle ABCDA

$$\text{is given by } \eta = \frac{2\pi(T_1 - T_2)}{\pi(T_1 - T_2) + 4(T_1 + T_2)}$$



Given AC=BD

3+3+4

5. a) Establish the relation for the rate of change of temperature with pressure in a Joule-Thomson process:

$$\mu_{JT} = \left( \frac{\partial T}{\partial P} \right)_H = \frac{V}{C_p} (\alpha T - 1)$$

What is the value of  $\mu_{JT}$  for an ideal gas? What do you mean by the inversion temperature?

- b) Using the fact that  $dS$  is an exact differential, derive the following relation:

$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_T = T\left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V - P$$

(4+1+1)+4

6. a) Using the Clausius theorem, show that for any process where the symbols  $S_f - S_i \geq \int_i^f \frac{dQ}{T}$  have their usual meanings.

- b) The specific volume of water at 0°C increases by 9.1% on freezing and the latent heat of fusion of ice is 80 cal/gm at atmospheric pressure. Calculate the pressure needed to lower the melting point of ice by 1°C.

- c) Show that the  $H = \left[ \frac{\partial(G/T)}{\partial(1/T)} \right]_V$  enthalpy, where

$G$  is the Gibbs energy. 3+4+3

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