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EME 2103 : MATERIAL SCIENCE I

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: APRIL 2016

TIME: 2 HOURS

DATE: Pick Date May 2016

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt any **THREE** questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

Question ONE

- (a) Draw neat sketches of unit cells of simple cubic, body centred cubic and face centred cubic structures. In each case calculate the number of atoms in the cells. (6 marks)
- (b) Show that the atomic packing factor of a BCC crystal is 0.68. (6 marks)
- (c) (i) State **FIVE** crystal systems
- (ii) For the following cells, state the coordination number.
- Simple Cubic
 - Body Centred Cubic
 - Face Centred Cubic
- (8 marks)

Question TWO

- (a) A tensile test was conducted on a mild steel bar. The following data was obtained from the test:

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| Diameter of steel bar | = 16 mm |
| Gauge length of bar | = 80 mm |
| Load at proportionality limit | = 72KN |
| Extension at a load of 60KN | = 0.115 mm |
| Load at failure | = 80KN |
| Final gauge length of bar | = 104 mm |
| Diameter of load at failure | = 12 mm |

Determine:-

- (i) Young's Modulus of Elasticity
(ii) True breaking stress
(iii) Percentage elongation
(iv) Proportionality Limit (10 marks)
- (v) Given the following data in hardness test of specimen. Calculate the hardness number. Assume diameter of ball indicator is 10 mm. (10 marks)

| Material | Type | Load Kgf | Impression (mm) |
|----------|---------|----------|-----------------|
| A | Brinell | 500 | 4.6 |
| B | Vickers | 5 | 0.28 |

Question THREE

- (a) With the aid of diagrams show the planes that belong to the cubic family set of {100}. (6 marks)
- (b) On an FCC structure show the following directions (112), (101) and (001) (3 marks)
- (c) Calculate the largest diameter of an atom which could fit interstitially in a copper crystal without distorting it. The edge length of the FCC unit cell of copper is 3.61 Å. (5 marks)
- (d) Distinguish the following mechanisms.
- (i) Creep Fracture
(ii) Fatigue Fracture
(iii) Ductile
(vi) Brittle (6 marks)

Question FOUR

- (a) (i) Outline **FOUR** important objectives of Heat Treatment.
- (ii) State **FOUR** heat treatment processes. (6 marks)
- (b) Explain **THREE** major defects in a metal or alloy due to faulty heat treatment. (6 marks)
- (c) Briefly describe the following bonds.
- (i) Metallic bond
 - (ii) Covalent bond
 - (iii) Ionic bond (6 marks)
- (d) For the bonds in (c) above, state whether or not they are directional. (2Marks)

Question FIVE

- (a) (i) Describe the corrosion mechanism.
- (ii) State **THREE** different methods of preventing corrosion. (6 marks)
- (b) (i) State Bragg's law
- (ii) Assuming first order reflection, calculate the interplaner spacing when a beam of X-ray of wavelength 1.54\AA is directed towards the crystal at an angle 20.3° to the atomic plane. (6 marks)
- (c) Explain **THREE** types of crystal defects and for each provide an example. (6 marks)
- (d) Distinguish
- (i) Malleability
 - (ii) Castability
 - (iii) Weldability
 - (iv) Machinability (2 marks)