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END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

YEAR 1 SEMESTER 2

SERIES: DECEMBER, 2013

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. You should have the following for this examination:
 - Answer Booklet
 - Scientific Calculator
 - Drawing Instrumentation
2. This paper consists of **FIVE** Questions.
3. Answer **ANY THREE** Questions.
4. All Questions carry equal marks.
5. **This paper consists of THREE printed pages.**

Question ONE

- (a) (i) With the aid of a suitable neat sketches explain the **THREE** main states in which substances can exist.
- (ii) Differentiate between the **TWO** main classifications of substances. **(8 marks)**
- (b) (i) Describe with neat sketches the **THREE** main space lattice patterns of metallic materials.
- (ii) State any **TWO** metals that possess each lattice given in (bi) above. **(6 marks)**
- (c) Explain using a neat line diagram the stages undergone by a pure metal cooling from a liquid into a crystalline solid. **(6 marks)**

Question TWO

- (a) Discuss the **THREE** main materials engineering properties and state **TWO** examples of each type. **(9 marks)**
- (b) Differentiate between the **TWO** main types of metals and give **TWO** examples for each type. **(6 marks)**
- (c) With the aid of suitable sketches explain any **FIVE** forms of supply of engineering materials. **(5 marks)**

Question THREE

- (a) (i) State any **FOUR** common types of iron ores used for the production of iron and steel.
- (ii) Describe the **THREE** main additional charging materials added into the blast furnace and their main functions. **(8 marks)**
- (b) Illustrate using a block diagram the production process of iron and steel from its ore into its **FOUR** main ferrous metals. **(6 marks)**
- (c) (i) Clearly describe the construction features of the blast furnace.
- (ii) Explain how the steel ingot and the slag are removed from the blast furnace. **(6 marks)**

Question FOUR

- (a) Describe the following **TWO** types of ferrous metals and state the **TWO** properties and **TWO** applications of each.
- (i) Grey Cast Iron
 - (ii) White Cast Iron
- (8 marks)**
- (b) (i) Define the term plain carbon steel.
- (ii) Explain the **FOUR** main classifications according to their carbon content for (bi) above.
- (6 marks)**
- (c) (i) Define the term alloy steels and state **FOUR** common alloying elements added to steel.
- (ii) Differentiate between heat resistance and corrosion resistance steels.
- (6 marks)**

Question FIVE

- (a) (i) Describe the production process of Aluminium or copper by the Electrolysis method.
- (ii) State **FOUR** properties and any **FOUR** forms of supply for any of metal stated in (ai) above.
- (8 marks)**
- (b) (i) Describe the purpose of Destructive Testing (DT) and state any **FOUR** common tests carried out on metallic materials.
- (ii) Describe how a metallic material can be tensile tested.
- (8 marks)**
- (c) Differentiate clearly between the **TWO** impact testing methods. **(4 marks)**