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EME 2201 THERMODYNAMICS I

YEAR II SEMESTER I SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: OCTOBER, 2011

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination:

- Scientific Calculator
- Steam/Vapour Table
- Mathematical Tables

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions.

Answer Question **ONE** and any other **TWO** Questions.

This paper consists of **4 printed pages**.

Question ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Define the following with reference to thermodynamic:

- (I) Working substance
- (II) Cycle
- (III) Homogeneous system

(6 Marks)

(b) Define the following **THREE** types of properties giving **TWO** examples of each property:

- (I) Intensive properties
- (II) Extensive properties
- (III) Specific properties

(6 Marks)

(c) (i) Derive the steady flow energy equation from first principles.

(ii) A turbine uses steam whose velocity at the carry is 16m/sec and specific enthalpy 2990kJ/kg. Heat lost to the surroundings as the steam passes through the turbine is 25kJ/kg. The steam flow rate is 34000kg/hr. Calculate the work done (output) from the turbine.

(18 Marks)

Question TWO

(a) Define the following processes:

- (i) Hyperbolic process
- (ii) Isobaric process
- (iii) Adiabatic process

(3 Marks)

(b) In a closed system, 1kg of air initially at 100kN/m² and 27°C is compressed adiabatically to 3mN/m², and then expanded isothermally back to the original volume. Determine the excess of work done by the gas over work done on the gas.

$$12 = 287J / kgk \quad \text{and} \quad \gamma = 1.4$$

Take _____ for air. Sketch a PV diagram for the process.

(10 Marks)

(c) 1kg of gas expands adiabatically in a closed system until its pressure is halved. _____
240°C to 145°C.

During the expansion its temperature falls from _____ Calculate the value of the adiabatic index.

(7 Marks)

Question THREE

- (a) Show that for a closed system going through a non flow process:

$$Q = \frac{\gamma - n}{\gamma - 1} \times \text{Poly tropic work}$$

Where:

- Q = Heat label in or rejected
 γ = Adiabatic index
 n = Polytropic index

- (b) A spark ignition engine has a cylinder diameter of 95mm and a stroke of 127mm, clearance volume 230cm³. The temperature at the beginning of compression is 57°C. Calculate:
- (i) The temperature at the end of stroke
 (ii) Work done during the compression stroke. Take $PV^{1.3} = C$ and initial pressure as 100kN/m².

(20 Marks)

Question FOUR

- (a) Show that for a polytropic process of steam, heat transfer for unit mass is given by:

$$Q = (h_2 - h_1) + \frac{n}{n - 1} (P_1 V_1 - P_2 V_2)$$

Where:

- Q = Heat transfer
 h_2 = Fuel enthalpy
 h_1 = Initial enthalpy
 η = Polytropic index
 P_1 = Initial pressure
 v_1 = Initial volume
 v_2 = Final Volume

(10

Marks)

- (b) (i) Calculate the volume of steam occupied by 1kg of steam at a

pressure of 0.85MN/m^2 and having a dryness fraction of 0.95.

(ii) The steam in (i) above is expanded to a pressure of 0.17MN/m^2 , according to

the law of expansion being $PV^{1.13} = C$. Calculate:

(I) Final dryness fraction of steam.

(II) The change of internal energy of the steam during the expansion.

**(10
Marks)**

Question FIVE

(a) 1kg of steam is compressed in a closed system according to the law $PV^{1.2} = C$

from a pressure of 100kN/m^2 and dryness fraction 0.80 to a final pressure of 220kN/m^2 . Calculate:

(i) The final condition of steam.

(ii) The external work done on the steam.

(iii) The heat flow across the boundaries of the system.

**(10
Marks)**

(b) 1.5kg of steam originally at a pressure of 1Mn/m^2 and temperature 225°C is

expanded until the pressure becomes 0.28Mn/m^2 . The dryness fraction of the

steam is then 0.9. Calculate the change of internal energy.

(5

Marks)

(c) 1kg of steam initially 0.8 dry is throttled from a pressure of 600kN/m^2 to a pressure of 100kN/m^2 . Calculate the dryness fraction of steam after throttling. **(5 Marks)**