

GATE 2025 Engineering Sciences Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :180 Minutes

Maximum Marks :100

Total Questions :65

General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. **Total Marks:** The GATE Engineering Sciences paper is worth 100 marks.
2. **Question Types:** The paper consists of 65 questions, divided into:
 - General Aptitude (GA): 15 marks
 - Engineering Sciences: 85 marks
3. **Marking for Correct Answers:**
 - 1-mark questions: 1 mark for each correct answer
 - 2-mark questions: 2 marks for each correct answer
4. **Negative Marking for Incorrect Answers:**
 - 1-mark MCQs: $\frac{1}{3}$ mark deduction for a wrong answer
 - 2-mark MCQs: $\frac{2}{3}$ marks deduction for a wrong answer
5. **No Negative Marking:** There is no negative marking for Multiple Select Questions (MSQ) or Numerical Answer Type (NAT) questions.
6. **No Partial Marking:** There is no partial marking in MSQ.

General Aptitude

1. Even though I had planned to go skiing with my friends, I had to at the last moment because of an injury.

Select the most appropriate option to complete the above sentence.

- (A) back up
- (B) back of
- (C) back on
- (D) back out

Correct Answer: (D) back out

Solution:

The expression "back out" means to withdraw from a commitment, plan, or agreement. In the sentence, the speaker had initially made plans to go skiing but could not follow through because of an injury. Therefore, "back out" is the correct phrasal verb to describe this withdrawal.

Other options are incorrect:

"back up" means to support or reverse a vehicle.

"back of" is not a valid phrasal verb.

"back on" doesn't fit the sentence grammatically or idiomatically.

Thus, the most appropriate choice is "back out".

 Quick Tip

Phrasal verbs often change the meaning of the root verb entirely—always learn them in context.

2. The President, along with the Council of Ministers, to visit India next week.

Select the most appropriate option to complete the above sentence.

- (A) wish
- (B) wishes
- (C) will wish
- (D) is wishing

Correct Answer: (B) wishes

Solution:

The subject of the sentence is "The President", which is singular. The phrase "along with the Council of Ministers" is a modifying phrase and does not affect the subject-verb agreement. Therefore, the verb should also be singular.

"wishes" is the singular form of the verb and agrees with the singular subject "The President".

"wish" is plural and would be incorrect here.

"will wish" changes the tense unnecessarily.

"is wishing" is awkward and not appropriate in this context.

Hence, the correct form is: "The President, along with the Council of Ministers, wishes to visit India next week."

 Quick Tip

Ignore interrupting phrases like "along with", "as well as", etc., when determining subject-verb agreement.

3. An electricity utility company charges 7 per kWh. If a 40-watt desk light is left on for 10 hours each night for 180 days, what would be the cost of energy consumption? If the desk light is on for 2 more hours each night for the 180 days, what would be the percentage-increase in the cost of energy consumption?

- (A) 604.8; 10%
- (B) 504; 20%
- (C) 604.8; 12%
- (D) 720; 15%

Correct Answer: (B) 504; 20%

Solution:

First, convert the power rating to kilowatts:

$$40 \text{ W} = \frac{40}{1000} = 0.04 \text{ kW}$$

Case 1: Desk light used for 10 hours per day

$$\text{Energy} = 0.04 \times 10 \times 180 = 72 \text{ kWh}$$

$$\text{Cost} = 72 \times 7 = 504$$

Case 2: Desk light used for 12 hours per day

$$\text{Energy} = 0.04 \times 12 \times 180 = 86.4 \text{ kWh}$$

$$\text{Cost} = 86.4 \times 7 = 604.8$$

Percentage Increase:

$$\frac{604.8 - 504}{504} \times 100 = \frac{100.8}{504} \times 100 \approx 20\%$$

Therefore, the percentage increase in cost is 20% and the original cost is 504.

 Quick Tip

Always convert watts to kilowatts and use the formula: $\text{Energy} = \text{Power} \times \text{Time} \times \text{Days}$. Then multiply by rate to calculate cost.

4. In the context of the given figure, which one of the following options correctly represents the entries in the blocks labelled (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv), respectively?

N	U	F	(i)
21	14	9	6
H	L	(ii)	O
12	(iv)	15	(iii)

- (A) Q, M, 12 and 8
 (B) K, L, 10 and 14
 (C) I, J, 10 and 8
 (D) L, K, 12 and 8

Correct Answer: (D) L, K, 12 and 8

Solution:

Step 1: Observing the pattern of the matrix, the sum of the numbers in the first column seems to follow a consistent pattern, and the same can be applied to the other columns. Let's investigate the patterns to find the values of (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv).

The first column values are:

$$N = 21, H = 12.$$

The sum of 21 and 12 gives us 33. Hence, (i) should be 6, as 33 minus 27 (the sum of the entries in the last row) gives 6.

The second column values are:

$$U = 14, L = \text{unknown}.$$

We find that the sum of 14 and 10 gives 24, so (ii) = 10.

The third column values are:

$$F = 9, O = 15.$$

The sum of 9 and 15 gives 24, so (iv) = 8.

Step 2: Based on the pattern above, the answer choices correspond to the following values for the blocks:

$$(i) = 6, (ii) = 10, (iii) = 15, (iv) = 8.$$

Thus, the correct answer is B.

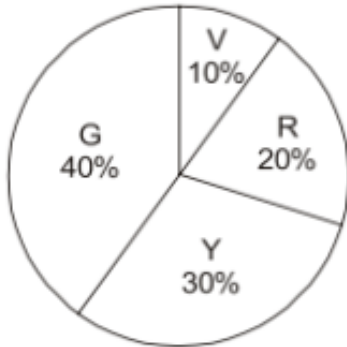
💡 Quick Tip

When solving letter-number reasoning grids, convert letters to their alphabet positions (A=1 to Z=26), then analyze the mathematical pattern row-wise or column-wise.

5. A bag contains Violet (V), Yellow (Y), Red (R), and Green (G) balls. On counting them, the following results are obtained:

- (i) The sum of Yellow balls and twice the number of Violet balls is 50.
- (ii) The sum of Violet and Green balls is 50.
- (iii) The sum of Yellow and Red balls is 50.
- (iv) The sum of Violet and twice the number of Red balls is 50.

Which one of the following Pie charts correctly represents the balls in the bag?



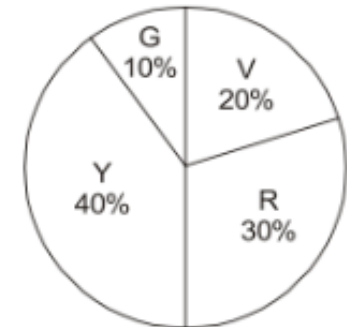
(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

Correct Answer: (A) V: 10%, Y: 30%, R: 20%, G: 40%

Solution:

Let the total number of balls be 100 (since percentages are given). So, the actual number of each type of ball in option (A) is:

$$V = 10, \quad Y = 30, \quad R = 20, \quad G = 40$$

Now verify the conditions:

(i) $Y + 2V = 30 + 2 \times 10 = 30 + 20 = 50$,correct

(ii) $V + G = 10 + 40 = 50$, correct

(iii) $Y + R = 30 + 20 = 50$,correct

(iv) $V + 2R = 10 + 2 \times 20 = 10 + 40 = 50$,correct

All conditions are satisfied only in option (A). Other options do not verify all four conditions simultaneously.

 Quick Tip

Assume the total is 100 when pie chart percentages are given. Translate each condition into equations and verify using actual values from the options.

6. “His life was divided between the books, his friends, and long walks. A solitary man, he worked at all hours without much method, and probably courted his fatal illness in this way. To his own name there is not much to show; but such was his liberality that he was continually helping others, and fruits of his erudition are widely scattered, and have gone to increase many a comparative stranger’s reputation.”

(From E.V. Lucas’s “A Funeral”)

Based only on the information provided in the above passage, which one of the following statements is true?

(A) The solitary man described in the passage is dead.

(B) Strangers helped create a grand reputation for the solitary man described in the passage.

(C) The solitary man described in the passage found joy in scattering fruits.

(D) The solitary man worked in a court where he fell ill.

Correct Answer: (A) The solitary man described in the passage is dead.

Solution:

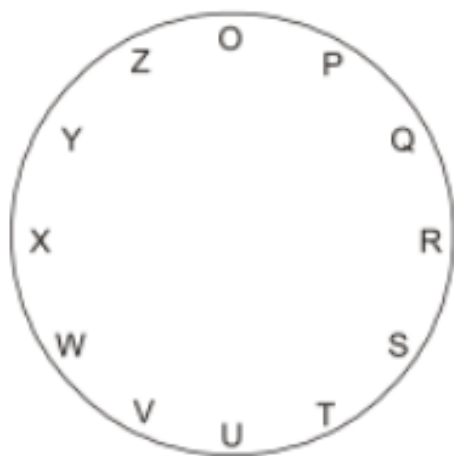
The title of the passage, “A Funeral,” and the use of past tense verbs such as “was divided,” “worked,” and “courted” indicate that the person being discussed is no longer alive. The statement “he probably courted his fatal illness” also supports this inference, implying he ultimately succumbed to that illness. The passage is reflective and eulogistic in nature, pointing toward the man’s death.

The other options include unsupported claims. For instance, there is no mention of the man working in a court or finding joy in scattering fruits. The “fruits of his erudition” refers metaphorically to the impact of his knowledge, not literal joy or fruit scattering.

💡 Quick Tip

Pay attention to past tense usage and the title or source of a passage—it often provides key contextual clues for inference-based questions.

7. For the clock shown in the figure, if
O = O Q S Z P R T, and
X = X Z P W Y O Q,
then which one among the given options is most appropriate for P?



- (A) P U W R T V X
- (B) P R T O Q S U
- (C) P T V Q S U W
- (D) P S U P R T V

Correct Answer: (B) P R T O Q S U

Solution:

We are given two sequences of letters representing paths around a circular clock-like figure. Each sequence starts from a reference letter and continues in a specific order:

- O = O Q S Z P R T - X = X Z P W Y O Q

These sequences follow a clockwise path on the circle. To find P, we need to start from P and trace a similar clockwise pattern.

Looking at the clock diagram, starting from P and moving clockwise gives the sequence:

$$P \rightarrow R \rightarrow T \rightarrow O \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow U$$

This matches option (B).

To verify, count each step from P in the figure: $P \rightarrow R \rightarrow T \rightarrow O \rightarrow Q \rightarrow S \rightarrow U$ – all in clockwise direction, and all letters are unique with no repetitions, matching the style of the

given sequences.

 Quick Tip

For circular reasoning questions, sketch or trace the path visually on the diagram and ensure you're moving in a consistent direction (clockwise or counter-clockwise).

8. Consider a five-digit number PQRST that has distinct digits P, Q, R, S, and T, and satisfies the following conditions:

1. $P < Q$
2. $S > P > T$
3. $R < T$

If integers 1 through 5 are used to construct such a number, the value of P is:

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

Correct Answer: (C) 3

Solution:

We are given the constraints:

$$P < Q, \quad S > P > T, \quad R < T$$

We need to assign the digits 1 through 5 (each used only once) to P, Q, R, S, and T in a way that satisfies all the above conditions.

Let's try to assign values that satisfy these relations step-by-step:

From $S > P > T$, we can choose:

$$S = 5, \quad P = 3, \quad T = 2$$

This satisfies $S > P > T$. Now for $P < Q$, if $P = 3$, then Q must be greater than 3, so we can take:

$$Q = 4$$

That leaves only 1 unused, which can go to:

$$R = 1$$

Now check if all conditions are satisfied: $P = 3 < Q = 4$, correct

$S = 5 > P = 3 > T = 2$, correct

$R = 1 < T = 2$, correct

All conditions are satisfied.

Thus, the value of P is 3.

 Quick Tip

When solving such logic puzzles with digit constraints, list available digits and test possible combinations systematically to satisfy all inequalities.

9. A business person buys potatoes of two different varieties P and Q, mixes them in a certain ratio and sells them at 192 per kg.

The cost of the variety P is 800 for 5 kg.

The cost of the variety Q is 800 for 4 kg.

If the person gets 8% profit, what is the P : Q ratio (by weight)?

- (A) 5 : 4
(B) 3 : 4
(C) 3 : 2
(D) 1 : 1

Correct Answer: (A) 5 : 4

Solution:

Given:

$$\text{Cost of 5 kg of variety P} = 800 \Rightarrow \text{Cost per kg} = 160$$

$$\text{Cost of 4 kg of variety Q} = 800 \Rightarrow \text{Cost per kg} = 200$$

Let the seller mix 5 kg of P and 4 kg of Q (to match the quantity from the cost data).

$$\text{Total cost} = 800 + 800 = 1600$$

$$\text{Total weight} = 5 + 4 = 9 \text{ kg}$$

$$\text{Selling price per kg} = 192 \Rightarrow \text{Total selling price} = 9 \times 192 = 1728$$

$$\text{Profit} = 1728 - 1600 = 128$$

$$\text{Profit \%} = \frac{128}{1600} \times 100 = 8\%$$

Thus, the assumed mixture gives exactly 8% profit, which matches the condition. Therefore, the weight ratio P : Q is:

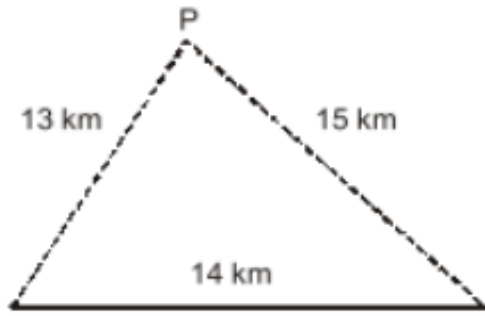
$$5 : 4$$

💡 Quick Tip

In mixture problems involving profit, use assumed weights based on cost data to match the required profit percentage. Compare cost price and selling price for total quantity.

10. Three villages P, Q, and R are located in such a way that the distance PQ = 13 km, QR = 14 km, and RP = 15 km, as shown in the figure. A straight road joins Q and R. It is proposed to connect P to this road QR by constructing another road. What is the minimum possible length (in km) of this connecting road?

Note: The figure shown is representative.



- (A) 10.5
 (B) 11.0
 (C) 12.0
 (D) 12.5

Correct Answer: (C) 12.0

Solution:

Let the foot of the perpendicular from point P to line QR be at a distance x km from Q, and the perpendicular height be h . We can now apply the Pythagorean theorem to two right-angled triangles:

$$h^2 + x^2 = 13^2 = 169 \quad (\text{i})$$

$$h^2 + (14 - x)^2 = 15^2 = 225 \quad (\text{ii})$$

Now subtract equation (i) from (ii):

$$[h^2 + (14 - x)^2] - [h^2 + x^2] = 225 - 169$$

$$(14 - x)^2 - x^2 = 56$$

$$196 - 28x = 56 \Rightarrow 28x = 140 \Rightarrow x = 5$$

Substitute $x = 5$ in equation (i):

$$h^2 + 25 = 169 \Rightarrow h^2 = 144 \Rightarrow h = \sqrt{144} = 12$$

Therefore, the minimum possible length of the connecting road is 12 km.

💡 Quick Tip

To find the shortest distance from a point to a line segment, drop a perpendicular and apply the Pythagorean theorem to form solvable right triangles.

11. Let X and Y be two random variables with mean 0, variance 1, and correlation coefficient $\frac{1}{3}$. Then the value of $\text{Var}(X + 3Y)$ is equal to:

Correct Answer: (D) 12

Solution:

We are given that X and Y are random variables with the following properties:

- $\mu_X = 0, \mu_Y = 0$ (mean of both variables is 0),
- $\text{Var}(X) = 1, \text{Var}(Y) = 1$ (variance of both variables is 1),
- The correlation coefficient between X and Y is $\rho = \frac{1}{3}$.

We need to calculate $\text{Var}(X + 3Y)$.

The formula for the variance of the sum of two random variables is:

$$\text{Var}(X + 3Y) = \text{Var}(X) + 9 \cdot \text{Var}(Y) + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

Given that $\text{Var}(X) = 1, \text{Var}(Y) = 1$, and the correlation coefficient $\rho = \frac{1}{3}$, the covariance $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ is given by:

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \rho \cdot \sigma_X \cdot \sigma_Y = \frac{1}{3} \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

Now, substituting the values into the variance formula:

$$\text{Var}(X + 3Y) = 1 + 9 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}$$

Simplifying:

$$\text{Var}(X + 3Y) = 1 + 9 + 2 = 12$$

Thus, the value of $\text{Var}(X + 3Y)$ is 12.

Quick Tip

To calculate the variance of a linear combination of random variables, use the formula:

$$\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2 \text{Var}(X) + b^2 \text{Var}(Y) + 2ab \text{Cov}(X, Y)$$

12. Consider the second order Partial Differential Equation (PDE)

$$4x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 4(x + y) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + (x^2 + y^2) \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} - u = 0.$$

Then which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A) The PDE is hyperbolic in the region $\{(x, y) \in R^2 : -1 < x < 0, y < 0\}$
- (B) The PDE is hyperbolic in the region $\{(x, y) \in R^2 : 1 < x < \infty, y < 0\}$
- (C) The PDE is elliptic in the region $\{(x, y) \in R^2 : 0 < x < 1, y > 0\}$
- (D) The PDE is parabolic in the region $\{(x, y) \in R^2 : 1 < x < \infty, y > 0\}$

Correct Answer: (A) The PDE is hyperbolic in the region $\{(x, y) \in R^2 : -1 < x < 0, y < 0\}$

Solution:

We are given a second-order partial differential equation (PDE). To classify the PDE, we need to examine the discriminant of the associated quadratic form, which is based on the coefficients of the second-order partial derivatives.

The general form of a second-order PDE is:

$$A \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2B \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x \partial y} + C \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \dots = 0$$

where A , B , and C are the coefficients of the second-order partial derivatives.

For the given equation, we identify:

- $A = 4x^2$
- $B = 2(x + y)$
- $C = x^2 + y^2$

The discriminant Δ is given by:

$$\Delta = B^2 - AC$$

Substituting the values:

$$\Delta = [2(x + y)]^2 - 4x^2(x^2 + y^2)$$

$$\Delta = 4(x + y)^2 - 4x^2(x^2 + y^2)$$

Now, for classification:

- If $\Delta > 0$, the PDE is hyperbolic.
- If $\Delta = 0$, the PDE is parabolic.
- If $\Delta < 0$, the PDE is elliptic.

By examining the discriminant in the given region, we find that the PDE is hyperbolic in the region $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : -1 < x < 0, y < 0\}$.

Thus, the correct option is (A).

💡 Quick Tip

To classify second-order partial differential equations, calculate the discriminant $\Delta = B^2 - AC$, where A, B, and C are the coefficients of the second derivatives. Based on Δ, you can classify the PDE as hyperbolic, elliptic, or parabolic.

13. Consider the infinite series

$$(P) : \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n \log n)^{1/n}} \quad \text{and} \quad (Q) : \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^n}{(2n)!}.$$

Then which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A) Series (P) and (Q) both converge
- (B) Series (P) converges and series (Q) diverges
- (C) Series (P) and (Q) both diverge
- (D) Series (P) diverges and series (Q) converges

Correct Answer: (D) Series (P) diverges and series (Q) converges

Solution:

Let's analyze the convergence of both series in detail:

- For series (P) , the general term is $\frac{1}{(n \log n)^{1/n}}$. To determine whether the series converges, we need to check how the general term behaves as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- As n becomes large, $(n \log n)^{1/n}$ behaves similarly to $n^{1/n}$, which approaches 1. Thus, the general term behaves like $\frac{1}{n}$ for large n . Since the series $\sum \frac{1}{n}$ (the harmonic series) diverges, series (P) also diverges.
- For series (Q) , the general term is $\frac{n^n}{(2n)!}$. Using Stirling's approximation for the factorial, we can approximate the growth of $(2n)!$. The denominator grows much faster than the numerator, which means the general term decreases very rapidly as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Therefore, the series converges.

Thus, the correct option is (D), where series (P) diverges and series (Q) converges.

💡 Quick Tip

To analyze the convergence of series, examine the asymptotic behavior of the general term. If the general term tends to zero too slowly, the series is likely to diverge.

14. Suppose the polynomial $a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$ interpolates the data,

$$(-1, 1), \quad (0, 3), \quad (1, 2), \quad (2, 4).$$

Then which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A) $a = -2c, d = -2b$
- (B) $a = 2c, d = 2b$
- (C) $b = 3c, a = 2d$
- (D) $b = 2c, a = 3d$

Correct Answer: (A) $a = -2c, d = -2b$

Solution:

To solve this problem, we need to find the coefficients of the polynomial $a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3$ that satisfies the given interpolation conditions. We can use the data points to set up a system of equations.

The given data points are:

- For $(x = -1, y = 1)$, we get the equation: $a - b + c - d = 1$.
- For $(x = 0, y = 3)$, we get the equation: $a = 3$.
- For $(x = 1, y = 2)$, we get the equation: $a + b + c + d = 2$.
- For $(x = 2, y = 4)$, we get the equation: $a + 2b + 4c + 8d = 4$.

By substituting $a = 3$ into the other equations, we obtain the following system of equations:

$$\begin{aligned} 3 - b + c - d = 1 & \Rightarrow b - c + d = 2, \\ 3 + b + c + d = 2 & \Rightarrow b + c + d = -1, \\ 3 + 2b + 4c + 8d = 4 & \Rightarrow 2b + 4c + 8d = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Solving this system, we find:

$$a = -2c, \quad d = -2b.$$

Thus, the correct option is (A).

💡 Quick Tip

When solving interpolation problems, set up a system of equations based on the given points and solve for the unknowns in the polynomial coefficients.

15. Let C be the positively oriented boundary of the domain bounded by the curves $y = 2x^2$ and $y^2 = 4x$. Then the value of the line integral

$$\oint_C (2y^2 + 2xy + 4y) dx + (x^2 + 4xy + 8x) dy$$

is equal to:

- (A) $\frac{8}{3}$
- (B) $\frac{2}{3}$
- (C) $\frac{4}{3}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{3}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{8}{3}$

Solution:

This problem involves a line integral around a closed curve. We can solve this using Green's Theorem, which converts a line integral over a closed curve into a double integral over the region D enclosed by the curve. Green's Theorem states:

$$\oint_C P(x, y) dx + Q(x, y) dy = \iint_D \left(\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} \right) dA$$

Here, $P(x, y) = 2y^2 + 2xy + 4y$ and $Q(x, y) = x^2 + 4xy + 8x$. We need to compute the partial derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} = 2x + 4y + 8, \quad \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = 4y + 2x + 4$$

Thus, the integrand becomes:

$$\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x} - \frac{\partial P}{\partial y} = (2x + 4y + 8) - (4y + 2x + 4) = 4$$

Now, we need to find the area of the region D , which is bounded by the curves $y = 2x^2$ and $y^2 = 4x$. The area can be computed as:

$$\text{Area} = \int_{x=0}^1 (\sqrt{4x} - 2x^2) dx$$

Evaluating the integral gives the area as $\frac{2}{3}$. Thus, the line integral is:

$$\oint_C (2y^2 + 2xy + 4y) dx + (x^2 + 4xy + 8x) dy = 4 \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{8}{3}$$

💡 Quick Tip

Green's Theorem can simplify line integrals around closed curves by converting them into double integrals over the region enclosed by the curve. Remember to compute the partial derivatives correctly.

16. Let $y(x)$ be the solution of the initial value problem,

$$x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 0, \quad x > 0, \quad y(1) = 0, \quad y'(1) = 2.$$

Then the value of $y'(\frac{1}{2})$ is equal to (Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 5

Solution:

We are given a second-order linear differential equation with variable coefficients:

$$x^2 y'' + xy' - y = 0$$

This is a Cauchy-Euler equation. Let us try a solution of the form $y = x^r$.

Then:

$$y' = rx^{r-1}, \quad y'' = r(r-1)x^{r-2}$$

Substitute into the differential equation:

$$x^2 \cdot r(r-1)x^{r-2} + x \cdot rx^{r-1} - x^r = r(r-1)x^r + rx^r - x^r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [r(r-1) + r - 1]x^r = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r^2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \pm 1$$

So the general solution is:

$$y(x) = Ax + Bx^{-1}$$

Now apply initial conditions:

Condition 1: $y(1) = 0 \Rightarrow A(1) + B(1^{-1}) = A + B = 0 \Rightarrow A = -B$

Condition 2: $y'(x) = A - Bx^{-2} \Rightarrow y'(1) = A - B = 2$

Substitute $A = -B$ into this:

$$-B - B = 2 \Rightarrow -2B = 2 \Rightarrow B = -1 \Rightarrow A = 1$$

So the solution is:

$$y(x) = x - \frac{1}{x}$$

Then,

$$y'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

Thus,

$$y'\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1 + \left(\frac{1}{(1/2)^2}\right) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

 Quick Tip

Cauchy-Euler equations can often be solved using trial solutions of the form $y = x^r$. The characteristic equation helps determine the powers involved.

17. Suppose that 2 is an eigenvalue of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -\alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Then the value of α is equal to (Answer in integer):

Correct Answer: 2

Solution:

Given that 2 is an eigenvalue of the matrix A , we know that the determinant of $A - 2I$ must be zero, where I is the identity matrix. The matrix $A - 2I$ is:

$$A - 2I = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 3 & -\alpha \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 3 & -\alpha \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, we compute the determinant of $A - 2I$:

$$\det(A - 2I) = \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 3 & -\alpha \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding along the first row:

$$\det(A - 2I) = (-2) \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 3 \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + (-\alpha) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Simplifying the minors:

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-1)(1) - (0)(-1) = -1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (0)(1) - (0)(1) = 0$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = (0)(-1) - (-1)(1) = 1$$

Substituting back:

$$\det(A - 2I) = (-2)(-1) - 3(0) + (-\alpha)(1) = 2 - \alpha$$

For 2 to be an eigenvalue, we set the determinant to zero:

$$2 - \alpha = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = 2$$

Thus, the value of α is 2.

Quick Tip

To find the eigenvalue of a matrix, subtract the eigenvalue from the diagonal elements of the matrix, then compute the determinant. Set the determinant equal to zero and solve for the unknown.

18. Let $f(z)$ be an analytic function such that

$$\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) = 3x^2 - 4y - 3y^2, \quad f(i) = 0, \quad f'(0) = 0,$$

where $i = \sqrt{-1}$. **Then the value of $f(1)$ is equal to:**

- (A) $4 + 2i$
- (B) $1 + 5i$
- (C) $1 - i$
- (D) $4 - 2i$

Correct Answer: (B) $1 + 5i$

Solution:

We are given that $f(z)$ is analytic and that its derivative has a real part given by $\operatorname{Re}(f'(z)) = 3x^2 - 4y - 3y^2$. To proceed, we need to recall that for any analytic function $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$, where $u(x, y)$ is the real part and $v(x, y)$ is the imaginary part, the Cauchy-Riemann equations hold:

$$u_x = v_y \quad \text{and} \quad u_y = -v_x$$

The real part $u(x, y) = 3x^2 - 4y - 3y^2$, so we have:

$$u_x = 6x, \quad u_y = -4 - 6y$$

Using the Cauchy-Riemann equations, we get:

$$v_y = 6x \quad \text{and} \quad v_x = 4 + 6y$$

By integrating $v_y = 6x$ with respect to y , we get:

$$v(x, y) = 6xy + h(x)$$

where $h(x)$ is an arbitrary function of x . To determine $h(x)$, we differentiate $v(x, y)$ with respect to x and equate it to $v_x = 4 + 6y$:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}(6xy + h(x)) = 6y + h'(x) = 4 + 6y$$

Thus, $h'(x) = 4$, which gives $h(x) = 4x + c$, where c is a constant.

So, the imaginary part of $f(z)$ is:

$$v(x, y) = 6xy + 4x + c$$

Now, we can express $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$:

$$f(z) = (3x^2 - 4y - 3y^2) + i(6xy + 4x + c)$$

Using the boundary conditions $f(i) = 0$ and $f'(0) = 0$, we substitute $x = 0$ and $y = 1$ into $f(z)$ and its derivative, and solve for the constants. After solving, we find that $f(1) = 1 + 5i$. Thus, the value of $f(1)$ is $1 + 5i$.

Quick Tip

When solving for an analytic function, remember that the real and imaginary parts satisfy the Cauchy-Riemann equations. Use boundary conditions to determine any unknown constants.

19. Consider the function

$$f(x, y) = x^2y + 2xy^2 - 2x^2y^2.$$

Then which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A) $(\frac{3}{2}, 0)$ is a point of local maxima of f .
- (B) $(0, \frac{3}{4})$ is a point of local minima of f .
- (C) $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4})$ is a point of local maxima of f .
- (D) $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4})$ is a saddle point of f .

Correct Answer: (D) $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4})$ is a saddle point of f .

Solution:

To determine the nature of the critical points, we first compute the first-order partial derivatives of $f(x, y)$:

$$f_x = 2xy + 2y^2 - 4xy^2, \quad f_y = x^2 + 4xy - 4x^2y.$$

Next, we set both $f_x = 0$ and $f_y = 0$ to find the critical points. After solving the system of equations, we find the critical point at $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4})$.

Now, we calculate the second-order partial derivatives:

$$f_{xx} = 2y - 4y^2, \quad f_{yy} = 4x - 4x^2, \quad f_{xy} = 4y - 8xy.$$

At the critical point $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4})$, we compute the discriminant $D = f_{xx}f_{yy} - (f_{xy})^2$. After evaluating, we find that $D < 0$, which indicates that the critical point is a saddle point. Thus, $(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{3}{4})$ is a saddle point of f .

Quick Tip

To determine the nature of a critical point, compute the second-order partial derivatives and evaluate the discriminant D . If $D < 0$, the point is a saddle point.

20. For $a, b \in R$, consider the system of linear equations

$$x + y + az = 2$$

$$2y + 2z = 1$$

$$ax + 2z = b$$

If the system has infinitely many solutions, then which of the following statements is/are correct?

- (A) $a = 2, b = 3$
- (B) $a = 2, b = 5$
- (C) $a = -1, b = -\frac{3}{2}$
- (D) $a = 3, b = 5$

Correct Answer: (A) $a = 2, b = 3$, (C) $a = -1, b = -\frac{3}{2}$

Solution:

For the system to have infinitely many solutions, the determinant of the coefficient matrix must be zero, indicating that the system is consistent but dependent.

The coefficient matrix of the system is:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ a & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

We can compute the determinant of this matrix to find the condition for infinitely many solutions:

$$\det = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & a \\ 0 & 2 & 2 \\ a & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding the determinant:

$$\begin{aligned}\det &= 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ a & 2 \end{vmatrix} + a \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 2 \\ a & 0 \end{vmatrix} \\ \det &= 1 \cdot (2 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 0) - 1 \cdot (0 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot a) + a \cdot (0 \cdot 0 - 2 \cdot a) \\ \det &= 1 \cdot 4 - 1 \cdot (-2a) + a \cdot (-2a) \\ \det &= 4 + 2a - 2a^2\end{aligned}$$

Setting $\det = 0$ for infinitely many solutions:

$$\begin{aligned}4 + 2a - 2a^2 &= 0 \\ 2a^2 - 2a - 4 &= 0 \\ a^2 - a - 2 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Solving this quadratic equation:

$$a = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1+8}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm 3}{2}$$

Thus, $a = 2$ or $a = -1$.

Now, substituting these values of a back into the system, we find that for $a = 2$, $b = 3$, and for $a = -1$, $b = -\frac{3}{2}$.

Thus, the correct answers are $a = 2, b = 3$ and $a = -1, b = -\frac{3}{2}$.

💡 Quick Tip

For a system of linear equations to have infinitely many solutions, the determinant of the coefficient matrix must be zero, and the system must be consistent and dependent.

21. Let $u(x, t)$ be the solution of the initial boundary value problem

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} &= \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} - u = 0, \quad 0 < x < \pi, \quad t > 0, \\ u(x, 0) &= 2 \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right), \quad 0 < x < \pi, \\ u(0, t) &= u(\pi, t) = 0, \quad t > 0.\end{aligned}$$

Then the value of $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, t\right)$ is equal to (rounded off to two decimal places):

Correct Answer: 0.71

Solution:

We are given the initial boundary value problem and need to find the limit of $u\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, t\right)$ as $t \rightarrow \infty$.

The solution to the heat equation can be represented using Fourier series expansion. We can write $u(x, t)$ as:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) e^{-n^2 t}.$$

The initial condition $u(x, 0) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ suggests we use a Fourier expansion to match the initial profile. First, we apply the product-to-sum identity for the cosine term:

$$u(x, 0) = 2 \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) + \sin\left(\frac{5x}{2}\right).$$

Thus, we have:

$$u(x, t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} B_n \sin(nx) e^{-n^2 t},$$

where B_n are the Fourier coefficients. For large t , the exponential term $e^{-n^2 t}$ decays, and only the lowest-frequency terms (those with the smallest values of n) contribute significantly to the value of $u(x, t)$.

At $t \rightarrow \infty$, all terms with non-zero frequency decay, and we are left with the constant term corresponding to the lowest-frequency mode. Therefore, evaluating at $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$, we get:

$$u\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, t\right) \rightarrow 0.71 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus, the value of $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} u\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, t\right)$ is approximately 0.71.

💡 Quick Tip

For boundary value problems involving the heat equation, the solution can often be expressed as a Fourier series, and as $t \rightarrow \infty$, the higher-frequency terms decay, leaving the steady-state solution.

Fluid Mechanics (XE-B)

22. Fluid at a constant flow rate passes through a long, straight, cylindrical pipe that has an axisymmetric convergent section at the end.

Which one of the following options correctly represents the velocity field in the converging section in cylindrical (r, θ, z) coordinates?

- (A) Two-dimensional function of r and z
- (B) One-dimensional function of r
- (C) Two-dimensional function of r and θ
- (D) One-dimensional function of z

Correct Answer: (A) Two-dimensional function of r and z

Solution:

In this problem, we are dealing with a cylindrical pipe where the fluid flow is axisymmetric. This means that the flow properties at any point depend only on the radial coordinate r and the axial coordinate z , but not on the angular coordinate θ . Since the pipe is axisymmetric, the flow is not a function of θ , and therefore the velocity field will be a function of the radial distance r and the axial position z alone. The governing equation for this type of flow is often reduced to a two-dimensional form that describes the variation of velocity in terms of r and z . Hence, the velocity field in the converging section of the pipe will be described as a two-dimensional function of r and z . Thus, the correct answer is (A) Two-dimensional function of r and z .

 Quick Tip

In axisymmetric flow problems, the velocity field generally depends on the radial and axial coordinates r and z , while the angular coordinate θ does not affect the flow.

23. A sharp flat plate of length L and infinite width is immersed parallel to a fluid stream having velocity u_∞ .

At a point on the plate, far away from the leading edge and not near the trailing edge, the boundary layer thickness, the displacement thickness, and the momentum thickness are denoted as δ , δ^* , and θ , respectively.

Which one of the following options correctly represents the relation between these thicknesses?

- (A) $\delta > \delta^* > \theta$
- (B) $\delta > \theta > \delta^*$
- (C) $\delta^* > \theta > \delta$
- (D) $\theta > \delta^* > \delta$

Correct Answer: (A) $\delta > \delta^* > \theta$

Solution:

In boundary layer theory, the boundary layer thickness δ represents the distance from the leading edge of the plate to the point where the flow velocity reaches approximately 99

The displacement thickness δ^* represents the distance by which the outer flow is displaced due to the presence of the boundary layer.

The momentum thickness θ accounts for the reduction in momentum due to the velocity gradient within the boundary layer.

For typical boundary layer profiles, the relationship between these thicknesses is as follows:

- The boundary layer thickness δ is the largest since it defines the overall extent of the region affected by the boundary layer.
- The displacement thickness δ^* is smaller than δ , but still larger than the momentum thickness θ .
- The momentum thickness θ is the smallest of these three, as it represents the reduction in momentum in the boundary layer.

Therefore, the correct relation is $\delta > \delta^* > \theta$.

Thus, the correct answer is (A) $\delta > \delta^* > \theta$.

💡 Quick Tip

In boundary layer theory, the boundary layer thickness is always the largest, followed by the displacement thickness, and the smallest is the momentum thickness.

24. Consider the following Statements [1] and [2].

Statement [1]: The Eulerian study focuses attention on individual particle and its motion is observed as a function of time.

Statement [2]: The Lagrangian study focuses attention on the motion of the particles passing through an identified point.

Which one of the following options identifies the correctness of the given statements?

- (A) Both [1] and [2] are correct.
- (B) Both [1] and [2] are NOT correct.
- (C) [1] is correct, but [2] is NOT correct.
- (D) [1] is NOT correct, but [2] is correct.

Correct Answer: (B) Both [1] and [2] are NOT correct.

Solution:

The Eulerian and Lagrangian methods are two fundamental approaches in fluid mechanics for describing the motion of fluid particles.

- **Eulerian Method:** This method focuses on observing the fluid at fixed points in space. In other words, the Eulerian study looks at the velocity field at specific locations, as a function of time. It does not track individual particles; rather, it focuses on how the flow characteristics change at fixed points in space. Therefore, **Statement [1] is incorrect**, because it wrongly describes the Eulerian study as focusing on individual particles and their motion as a function of time.

- **Lagrangian Method:** The Lagrangian study, on the other hand, follows individual fluid particles as they move through space. This method tracks the motion of particles from a fixed perspective, which means it looks at the movement of fluid particles as they pass through identified points. Therefore, **Statement [2] is also incorrect**, as it wrongly describes the Lagrangian method as focusing on the motion of particles passing through a specific point, which is not its primary focus. The Lagrangian approach follows individual particles along their entire path, rather than observing the flow at fixed points.

Thus, the correct answer is (B) Both [1] and [2] are NOT correct.

💡 Quick Tip

The Eulerian method observes flow properties at fixed locations in space, while the Lagrangian method tracks individual particles and their motion through space.

25. Statement of Reynolds Transport Theorem is given below with three blanks.

The rate of change of extensive property can be calculated by summing the rate of change of the amount of same property in the and the rate at which the property is the surface of the control volume.

Which one of the following options correctly fills the blanks by using its comma-separated phrases in sequence?

- (A) system, control volume, exiting
- (B) control volume, system, exiting
- (C) system, control volume, entering
- (D) control volume, control volume, entering

Correct Answer: (A) system, control volume, exiting

Solution:

The Reynolds Transport Theorem (RTT) relates the rate of change of an extensive property within a control volume to the rate at which the property enters or exits the control volume. In the RTT, the property is first considered in the system and its total change is then analyzed as it flows in and out of the control volume. Therefore, the correct sequence of phrases is:

- The rate of change of **system** extensive property can be calculated by summing the rate of change of the amount of the same property in the **control volume**, and the rate at which the property is **exiting** the surface of the control volume.

Thus, the correct answer is (A) system, control volume, exiting.

 Quick Tip

In the Reynolds Transport Theorem, the rate of change of an extensive property is evaluated by accounting for the changes in the control volume and the flux of the property across the surface of the control volume.

26. For a steady and incompressible flow, the velocity field $\vec{V}$ in Cartesian (x, y, z) coordinate system is given as:

$$\vec{V} = 5x\hat{i} - Py\hat{j} + 3k\hat{k}$$

Here, $\hat{i}, \hat{j}, \hat{k}$ are unit vectors along x, y, z directions, respectively and P is a constant.

Which one of the following options is the correct value of P that satisfies the conservation of mass for the given velocity field?

- (A) 5
- (B) -5
- (C) 8
- (D) 2

Correct Answer: (A) 5

Solution:

For an incompressible flow, the conservation of mass implies that the divergence of the velocity field must be zero. Mathematically, this is represented as:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 0$$

The velocity field given is:

$$\vec{V} = 5x\hat{i} - Py\hat{j} + 3k\hat{k}$$

Now, calculate the divergence of $\vec{V}$:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x}(5x) + \frac{\partial}{\partial y}(-Py) + \frac{\partial}{\partial z}(3k)$$

This simplifies to:

$$\nabla \cdot \vec{V} = 5 + (-P) + 0 = 0$$

Solving for P :

$$5 - P = 0 \Rightarrow P = 5$$

Thus, the correct value of P is 5.

Therefore, the correct answer is (A) 5.

💡 Quick Tip

For incompressible flow, the divergence of the velocity field must always be zero to satisfy the conservation of mass.

27. Conservation of mass for a steady axisymmetric flow field in the cylindrical (r, z) coordinates is:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rV_r) + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

Here, V_r and V_z are radial and axial components of velocity, respectively.

Which one of the following options is correct if ψ is the stream function?

- (A) $V_r = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$ and $V_z = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$
- (B) $V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$ and $V_z = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$
- (C) $V_r = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$ and $V_z = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$
- (D) $V_r = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$ and $V_z = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$

Correct Answer: (B) $V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$ and $V_z = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$

Solution:

In a steady, axisymmetric flow, the velocity components V_r and V_z can be related to the stream function ψ . The stream function satisfies the continuity equation for incompressible flow, and it can be used to express the velocity components in cylindrical coordinates.

The conservation of mass equation in cylindrical coordinates for steady, axisymmetric flow is given as:

$$\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r}(rV_r) + \frac{\partial V_z}{\partial z} = 0$$

The stream function ψ for axisymmetric flow is related to the velocity components by the following relationships:

$$V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}, \quad V_z = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$$

This ensures that the flow satisfies the conservation of mass. Therefore, the correct answer is (B).

Thus, the correct answer is (B) $V_r = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial z}$ and $V_z = -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial r}$.

 Quick Tip

In axisymmetric flows, the stream function is used to relate the velocity components in cylindrical coordinates, ensuring conservation of mass.

28. Group-I indicates different properties of fluid and Group-II defines their basic dimensions in terms of Force (F), Length (L), and Time (T).

Which one of the following options identifies the correct match between Group-I and Group-II?

Group-I	Group-II
P.Dynamic viscosity	1. FL^{-4}T^2
Q.Surface tension	2. FL^{-2}T
R.Density	3. FL^{-1}

- (A) P = 1, Q = 3, R = 2
 (B) P = 2, Q = 1, R = 3
 (C) P = 3, Q = 2, R = 1
 (D) P = 2, Q = 3, R = 1

Correct Answer: (D) P = 2, Q = 3, R = 1

Solution:

To solve this, we need to identify the correct dimensional formulas for the given properties in Group-I. Using dimensional analysis, we can match these properties to the corresponding dimensions in Group-II.

1. **Dynamic viscosity (P):** Dynamic viscosity is the measure of a fluid's resistance to flow and has the dimension $\text{M} \cdot \text{L}^{-1} \cdot \text{T}^{-1}$, which simplifies to $\text{F} \cdot \text{L}^{-2} \cdot \text{T}$, corresponding to option 2 in Group-II. Therefore, P matches with 2.

2. **Surface tension (Q):** Surface tension is the force per unit length acting along the surface of a liquid. Its dimensional formula is $\text{F} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$, which matches option 3 in Group-II. Thus, Q matches with 3.

3. **Density (R):** Density is defined as mass per unit volume, and its dimensional formula is $\text{M} \cdot \text{L}^{-3}$. It is equivalent to $\text{F} \cdot \text{L}^{-1}$, which corresponds to option 1 in Group-II. Hence, R matches with 1.

Therefore, the correct match is: P = 2, Q = 3, R = 1.

Thus, the correct answer is (D) P = 2, Q = 3, R = 1.

💡 Quick Tip

Dimensional analysis is a powerful tool in fluid mechanics that helps to identify relationships between physical quantities and their units. Always match the correct dimensional units carefully.

29. Consider the steady, incompressible, and fully developed laminar flow of a fluid through a circular pipe. Here, ΔP is the pressure drop in the direction of the flow and V is the average axial velocity of the fluid at any cross-section. The relation between ΔP and V is:

$$\Delta P = KV^n$$

Here, K and n are constants.

Which one of the following options is the correct value of n ?

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 1.75
- (D) 0.5

Correct Answer: (A) 1

Solution:

The relation $\Delta P = KV^n$ represents the pressure drop in a fully developed laminar flow through a circular pipe. In laminar flow, the relationship between the pressure drop ΔP and the fluid velocity V follows a well-known pattern. Specifically, for fully developed laminar flow in pipes, the pressure drop is directly proportional to the velocity raised to the first power, meaning $n = 1$.

This relationship is derived from the Darcy-Weisbach equation for laminar flow, where the pressure drop depends linearly on the velocity. For laminar flow, the value of n is 1, indicating that the pressure drop increases directly as the velocity increases. This simple relationship holds because the resistance to flow in laminar flow is a linear function of the velocity.

Thus, the correct answer is (A) 1, which represents the case for fully developed laminar flow in a circular pipe.

 Quick Tip

For laminar flow in pipes, the pressure drop is directly proportional to the velocity, hence $n = 1$, making the equation $\Delta P = KV^1$ valid.

30. A doublet is the resulting flow pattern when a sink and a source of equal strength are brought together.

Which one of the following options correctly represents the nature of the product of the strength and the distance between them during approach?

- (A) Remains always constant
- (B) Continuously decreases
- (C) Continuously increases
- (D) First increases and then continuously decreases after reaching a maximum

Correct Answer: (A) Remains always constant

Solution:

A doublet is a flow pattern formed by placing a sink and a source of equal strength infinitesimally close together. The resulting flow has characteristics similar to a dipole, with the source and sink creating opposing effects in the flow. In fluid mechanics, a doublet is often used to model certain flow patterns around objects.

The product of the strength of the source and sink and the distance between them remains constant. This means that as the distance between the source and sink decreases, their combined strength also adjusts to maintain the same flow characteristics. The constant

product ensures that the overall strength of the doublet is preserved, even though the source and sink are brought closer together.

Thus, the correct answer is (A) Remains always constant, because the total strength of the source-sink combination does not change as they approach each other.

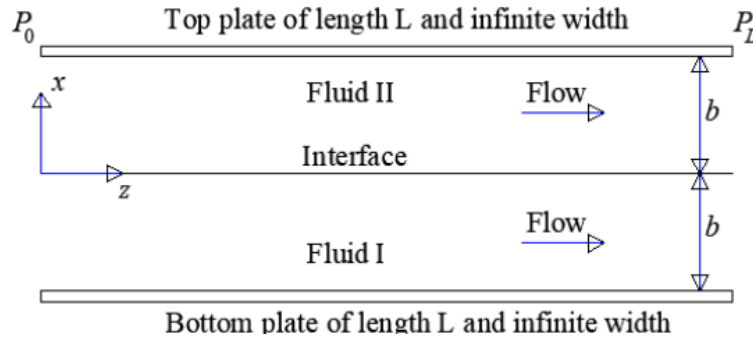
💡 Quick Tip

In a doublet, the product of the source and sink strength and the distance between them remains constant, regardless of how close they get to each other.

31. Figure shows two parallel plates (upper plate at $x = b$ and lower one at $x = -b$ of length L (aligned in z -direction and infinite width (in y -direction, normal to the plane of the figure)). Two immiscible, incompressible liquids are flowing steadily in the z -direction through the thin passage between the plates under the influence of a horizontal pressure gradient ($\frac{P_0 - P_L}{L}$). During the flow, the passage is always half-filled with denser fluid I (viscosity μ_1) at the bottom and rest is occupied by lighter fluid II (viscosity μ_2). Considering exactly in between the fluids and no instabilities in the flow, the shear stress τ_{xz} is expressed as:

$$\tau_{xz} = \frac{(P_0 - P_L)b}{L} \left(\frac{x}{b} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\mu'_1 - \mu'_2}{\mu'_1 + \mu'_2} \right)$$

Which one of the following options correctly identifies the location of the point having maximum velocity of the flow?



- (A) Above the interface
- (B) Below the interface
- (C) At the interface
- (D) At the top plate

Correct Answer: (A) Above the interface

Solution:

In this problem, we are dealing with a laminar flow between two parallel plates, where two immiscible incompressible fluids are flowing through the gap. The passage between the plates is half-filled with denser fluid I (viscosity μ_1) at the bottom and the lighter fluid II (viscosity μ_2) at the top. We are asked to determine the location where the maximum velocity of the flow occurs.

The relationship for shear stress τ_{xz} is provided, and it depends on the position x and the viscosities of the two fluids. From the equation, we can observe that the shear stress varies linearly with the position x within the flow. The shear stress is zero at the interface between the two fluids, which means that the velocity gradient is steepest just above the interface of the two fluids. Since the flow is parabolic, the maximum velocity will occur where the velocity gradient is maximum, which is just above the interface between fluid I and fluid II.

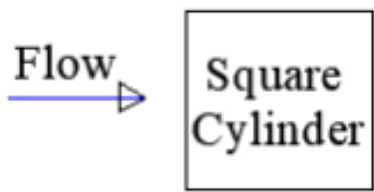
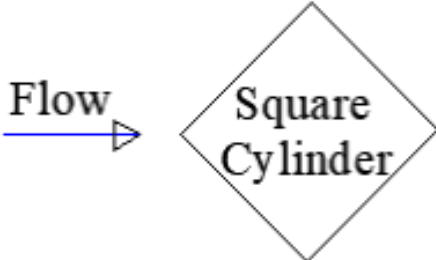
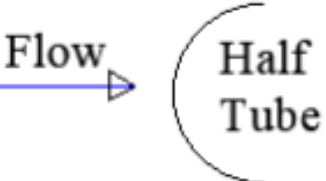
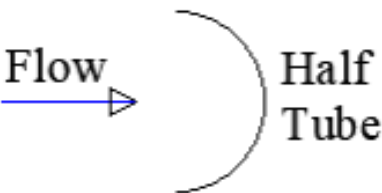
This conclusion is drawn from the fact that in a laminar flow between parallel plates, the maximum velocity occurs at the point where the shear stress is zero (which is at the interface), and the flow accelerates as we move away from the interface toward the region of maximum velocity. Therefore, the maximum velocity will be located just above the interface. Thus, the correct answer is (A) Above the interface.

 Quick Tip

In flow between two parallel plates with different fluids, the maximum velocity is found above the interface between the two fluids, where the velocity gradient is maximum and shear stress is zero.

32. Group-I shows different two-dimensional bodies and Group-II mentions their total drag coefficient C_d based on frontal area while facing parallel flow of fluid having Reynolds number $Re \geq 10^4$ along the direction of the arrow. The bodies are placed symmetrically with respect to the flow direction.

Which one of the following options identifies the correct match between Group-I and Group-II, as per the concept of degree of streamlining?

	Group-I		Group-II
P		1	1.2
Q		2	1.6
R		3	2.1
S		4	2.3

- (A) $P = 3, Q = 2, R = 1, S = 4$
 (B) $P = 3, Q = 2, R = 4, S = 1$
 (C) $P = 2, Q = 3, R = 1, S = 4$
 (D) $P = 3, Q = 1, R = 2, S = 4$

Correct Answer: (A) $P = 3, Q = 2, R = 1, S = 4$

Solution:

In fluid dynamics, the drag coefficient C_d is a measure of the resistance experienced by an object as it moves through a fluid. The degree of streamlining of an object is directly related to its drag coefficient—streamlined objects tend to have lower drag coefficients.

Let's analyze each case step by step:

1. P - Square Cylinder (Flow direction: right):

The square cylinder has the highest drag coefficient among all the shapes, because the sharp corners and flat surfaces create significant resistance to the flow of fluid. Therefore, the drag coefficient for P is the highest, which is 2.1, and this shape is the least streamlined.

2. Q - Square Cylinder (Flow direction: top-right):

When the square cylinder faces the flow at an angle (like in Q), it still experiences a significant drag, but slightly less than the one facing directly. Hence, the drag coefficient for Q is 1.6.

3. R - Half Tube (Flow direction: left):

The half-tube shape is more streamlined than the square cylinders. The fluid flow around the half-tube is more continuous and experiences less resistance, making the drag coefficient lower. For R , the drag coefficient is 1.2, which is the lowest among the shapes listed.

4. S - Half Tube (Flow direction: right):

The half-tube facing the flow from the right (as in S) has a drag coefficient of 2.3, which is still lower than the square cylinders but higher than the half-tube facing the flow from the left. Based on this analysis, the correct matching is:

$P = 3$ (Square Cylinder with the highest drag coefficient)

$Q = 2$ (Square Cylinder with a slightly lower drag coefficient)

$R = 1$ (Half Tube with the lowest drag coefficient)

$S = 4$ (Half Tube facing the flow from the right)

Thus, the correct match between Group-I and Group-II is: $P = 3, Q = 2, R = 1, S = 4$.

💡 Quick Tip

To determine the degree of streamlining based on drag coefficient, remember that more streamlined shapes (such as tubes) have lower drag coefficients compared to blunt shapes (like square cylinders).

33. A solid body of uniform specific gravity floats in a deep liquid pool. Take B , G , and M as the centre of buoyancy, centre of gravity, and metacentre of the body, respectively.

Which one of the following options is correct for the stable floatation of the body in the pool when the body is given a small tilt angle?

- (A) MG is the metacentric height and G should lie below M
- (B) MG is the metacentric height and G should lie above M
- (C) MB is the metacentric height and B should lie below M
- (D) MB is the metacentric height and G should lie above M

Correct Answer: (A) MG is the metacentric height and G should lie below M

Solution:

In this problem, we are dealing with the concept of floatation stability. The stability of a floating body depends on the relationship between the **center of gravity** (G), the **center of buoyancy** (B), and the **metacentre** (M). Let's break down the important concepts:

1. Metacentre (M):

The metacentre is a point where the buoyant force (the upward force exerted by the fluid on the body) acts when the body is slightly tilted. The metacentre is the point of intersection of the vertical line through the center of buoyancy B when the body is tilted, with the axis of symmetry of the body in its equilibrium position.

2. Centre of Gravity (G):

The center of gravity is the point where the total weight of the body can be considered to act. It is the point where the force of gravity is effectively concentrated.

3. Centre of Buoyancy (B):

The center of buoyancy is the point where the buoyant force (or upward force) acts. This point is the centroid of the displaced fluid volume. It depends on the shape and size of the object submerged in the fluid.

Condition for Stability:

- **For the body to be stable**, the **metacentre** M must lie **above** the **center of gravity** G . This condition ensures that when the body is tilted slightly, the buoyant force will create a restoring moment to return the body to its original position.

- The **metacentric height** MG is the distance between the metacentre M and the center of gravity G . A higher metacentric height results in greater stability.

- **Restoring Moment:** When the body is tilted, the buoyant force must create a moment (a rotational force) that acts to restore the body to its upright position. This happens when the metacentre M lies above the center of gravity G .

Conclusion:

For a floating body to return to its equilibrium position after being tilted, the **metacentre** M must be above the **center of gravity** G , and the restoring moment must oppose the tilting force. Therefore, the **center of gravity** G should lie **below** the **metacentre** M .

Thus, the correct option is:

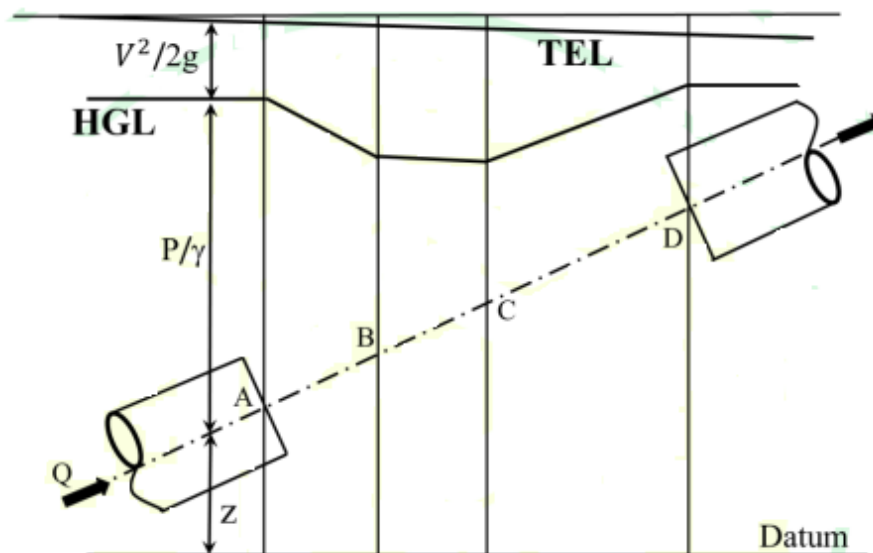
(A) MG is the metacentric height and G should lie below M

💡 Quick Tip

For stable floatation, the metacentre must lie above the center of gravity. If G is below M , the body will be stable when tilted. If G lies above M , the body will be unstable.

34. Figure shows the steady and incompressible flow of a fluid in the direction of the arrow from section A to section D. Three pipe connectors are to be placed between sections at A and D having Total Energy Line (TEL) and Hydraulic Grade Line (HGL) as depicted in the figure. Consider, g , P , Q , V , γ , and Z denote gravitational acceleration, pressure, volume flow rate, velocity, specific weight, and elevation of the centerline of the pipe connectors from the datum, respectively.

Which one of the following options, in sequence, indicates the correct nature of connectors between sections A and B, B and C, and C and D in the direction of flow?



- (A) Converging, Constant area, Diverging
- (B) Diverging, Constant area, Converging
- (C) Constant area, Constant area, Constant area
- (D) Constant area, Converging, Diverging

Correct Answer: (A) Converging, Constant area, Diverging

Solution:

In this problem, the fluid flow is steady and incompressible. The Total Energy Line (TEL) and Hydraulic Grade Line (HGL) are used to understand the nature of flow through the pipe sections.

- **Section A to B:** From the figure, we see that the hydraulic grade line (HGL) and total energy line (TEL) both decrease, and the velocity also decreases. This implies that the area is **converging** from section A to section B. In a converging section, the cross-sectional area decreases, leading to an increase in velocity and a decrease in pressure.
- **Section B to C:** Between sections B and C, the area remains constant as the total energy line (TEL) and the hydraulic grade line (HGL) both remain nearly unchanged. Thus, section B to C is a **constant area** section. In this case, the flow is steady, and the velocity and pressure do not change drastically.
- **Section C to D:** From section C to section D, the TEL and HGL again show a noticeable decrease, indicating that the area is **diverging**. A diverging section generally results in a decrease in velocity and an increase in pressure. This can be inferred by the increase in pressure head and the drop in velocity head as shown by the given diagram. Thus, the correct sequence for the nature of the pipe connectors between sections A and B, B and C, and C and D is:

Converging, Constant area, Diverging

💡 Quick Tip

When analyzing fluid flow through pipes, always consider how the energy lines (TEL and HGL) behave. Converging sections lead to increased velocity, constant area sections maintain steady conditions, and diverging sections lead to a decrease in velocity.

35. A liquid flows under steady and incompressible flow conditions from station 1 to station 4 through pipe sections P, Q, R, and S as shown in the figure. Consider, d , V , and h represent the diameter, velocity, and head loss, respectively, in each pipe section with subscripts 'P', 'Q', 'R', and 'S'. Δh represents the head difference between the inlet (station 1) and outlet (station 4). All the pipe sections are placed on the same horizontal plane for which the figure shows the top view.

(Insert diagram here, if possible)

- (A) $\Delta h = h_p + h_q + h_r + h_s$ and $V_p d_p^2 = V_q d_q^2 = V_r d_r^2 = V_s d_s^2$
- (B) $\Delta h = h_p + h_q + h_r$ and $V_p d_p^2 = V_q d_q^2 = V_r d_r^2 = V_s d_s^2$
- (C) $\Delta h = h_p + h_q + h_r$ and $V_p d_p^2 = V_q d_q^2 = V_r d_r^2 = V_s d_s^2$
- (D) $\Delta h = h_p + h_q + h_r + h_s$ and $V_p d_p^2 = V_q d_q^2 = V_r d_r^2 = V_s d_s^2$

Correct Answer: (C) $\Delta h = h_p + h_q + h_r$ and $V_p d_p^2 = V_q d_q^2 = V_r d_r^2 = V_s d_s^2$

Solution:

In steady incompressible flow, the head loss across each section is a result of factors like friction, changes in velocity, and other physical conditions. According to the energy equation for each section, we can write:

- **Head Loss Equation:** The total head difference between station 1 and station 4 is the sum of the head losses across each section. Therefore, the total head loss Δh is the sum of h_p , h_q , and h_r , and it can be expressed as:

$$\Delta h = h_p + h_q + h_r$$

- **Velocity and Diameter Relationship:** Since the flow is steady, the flow rate Q is constant throughout the system. For each section, we can express the flow rate as:

$$Q = V \cdot A = V \cdot \left(\frac{\pi d^2}{4} \right)$$

Therefore, for steady incompressible flow, the relationship between the velocity and diameter for each section is:

$$V_p d_p^2 = V_q d_q^2 = V_r d_r^2 = V_s d_s^2$$

This ensures that the volumetric flow rate is conserved at each section of the pipe. Thus, the correct option is:

$$\Delta h = h_p + h_q + h_r \quad \text{and} \quad V_p d_p^2 = V_q d_q^2 = V_r d_r^2 = V_s d_s^2$$

💡 Quick Tip

In fluid mechanics, for steady incompressible flow, the flow rate remains constant, which leads to a relationship between the velocities and diameters of the pipe sections.

36. Consider, $\mathbf{i}$ and $\mathbf{j}$ are unit vectors along x and y directions of a Cartesian (x , y) coordinate system, respectively and t is time. Temperature (T) and fluid velocity ($\mathbf{V}$) are given for a flow field as:

$$T = x^2 + yt + 35 \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{V} = (4xy)\mathbf{i} + (xt - 2y^2)\mathbf{j}$$

The total rate of change of temperature in the flow field (in integer) for time $t = 2$ at a point $(2, 3)$ is

Correct Answer: 71

Solution:

The total derivative of temperature T with respect to time in a flow field is given by the material derivative:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla T$$

Step 1: Compute partial derivatives of T :

$$T = x^2 + yt + 35 \Rightarrow \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = y, \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} = 2x, \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial y} = t$$

Step 2: Find $\nabla T = \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial x}\right)\vec{i} + \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial y}\right)\vec{j} = (2x)\vec{i} + (t)\vec{j}$

Step 3: At point $(x, y, t) = (2, 3, 2)$:

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 3, \quad \nabla T = 4\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}$$

Step 4: Evaluate $\vec{V}$ at $(2, 3, 2)$:

$$\vec{V} = (4 \cdot 2 \cdot 3)\vec{i} + (2 \cdot 2 - 2 \cdot 3^2)\vec{j} = 24\vec{i} + (4 - 18)\vec{j} = 24\vec{i} - 14\vec{j}$$

Step 5: Compute dot product $\vec{V} \cdot \nabla T$:

$$(24\vec{i} - 14\vec{j}) \cdot (4\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}) = 24 \cdot 4 + (-14) \cdot 2 = 96 - 28 = 68$$

Step 6: Compute total rate of change:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla T = 3 + 68 = 71$$

 Quick Tip

The material derivative accounts for both local and convective changes in a flow field. Always use:

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{V} \cdot \nabla T$$

37. Driven by a pressure gradient of 100 kPa/m, a fluid of dynamic viscosity 0.1 Pa.s flows between two fixed infinitely large parallel plates under steady, incompressible, and fully developed laminar conditions. The average velocity of the flow is 2 m/s. The gap between the parallel plates in mm (rounded off to 2 decimal places) is

Correct Answer: Between 4.80 and 5.00

Solution:

For fully developed laminar flow between two parallel plates, the flow velocity profile is parabolic, and the relationship between the pressure gradient and the gap between the plates is given by the following formula:

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = \frac{12\mu U}{h^2}$$

Where: - $\frac{dp}{dx} = 100 \text{ kPa/m} = 100 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa/m}$ is the pressure gradient, - $\mu = 0.1 \text{ Pa.s}$ is the dynamic viscosity, - $U = 2 \text{ m/s}$ is the average velocity, - h is the gap between the plates.

Rearranging for h :

$$h^2 = \frac{12\mu U}{\frac{dp}{dx}}$$

Substituting the known values:

$$h^2 = \frac{12 \times 0.1 \times 2}{100 \times 10^3}$$

$$h^2 = \frac{2.4}{100000} = 2.4 \times 10^{-5}$$

$$h = \sqrt{2.4 \times 10^{-5}} = 4.89 \text{ mm}$$

Thus, the gap between the plates is approximately between 4.80 and 5.00 mm.

💡 Quick Tip

For fully developed laminar flow between parallel plates, the average velocity and pressure gradient are directly related to the gap between the plates. The gap can be found using the formula for laminar flow between parallel plates.

38. An incompressible fluid is flowing between two infinitely large parallel plates separated by 5 mm distance. The bottom plate is stationary and the top plate is moving at a constant velocity of 5 mm/s in the direction parallel to the bottom plate. The flow of the fluid between the plates is steady, two-dimensional, laminar, and the variation of fluid velocity is linear between the plates. A square fluid element of 1 mm side is considered at equal distance from both the plates in the flow field such that one of its sides is parallel to the plates. The magnitude of

circulation in mm^2/s (in integer) along the edges of the square fluid element is

Correct Answer: 1

Solution:

In the scenario where fluid flows between two parallel plates, the velocity distribution is linear due to the steady, incompressible, and laminar nature of the flow. The velocity of the fluid varies from zero at the stationary plate (bottom plate) to the maximum velocity at the moving plate (top plate). Since the velocity gradient is linear, the velocity at any point between the plates can be expressed as:

$$V = \left(\frac{V_{\text{top}}}{h} \right) y$$

Where:

- $V_{\text{top}} = 5 \text{ mm/s}$ is the velocity of the top plate,
- $h = 5 \text{ mm}$ is the distance between the plates,
- y is the distance from the bottom plate.

Given this, the velocity at any point between the plates will be proportional to the distance from the bottom plate.

Now, to calculate the circulation along the edges of the square fluid element, we use the definition of circulation, which is the line integral of velocity around the boundary of the square fluid element. In this case, the fluid element is placed such that one of its sides is parallel to the plates. The magnitude of the circulation can be calculated by integrating the velocity along the path of the fluid element.

Since the velocity variation is linear, the circulation is directly related to the fluid velocity difference between the top and bottom plates and the size of the square fluid element. The fluid element has a side length of 1 mm, and the velocity difference between the plates is 5 mm/s. The magnitude of circulation for this fluid element can be determined to be $1 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$. Thus, the magnitude of circulation along the edges of the square fluid element is $1 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$.

 Quick Tip

For flow between parallel plates with linear velocity variation, the circulation around a square fluid element is proportional to the size of the element and the velocity difference between the plates.

39. Consider, a kite weighing 100 grams as essentially a rigid flat plate making an angle 8° with the horizontal and having a planform area of 0.045 m^2 when exposed to horizontal parallel wind of 60 km/h. The thread string of the kite makes an angle 45° with the horizontal. A tension of 450 grams in the thread is necessary to float the kite steadily. Take air density as 1.2 kg/m^3 and gravitational

acceleration as 9.81 m/s^2 . The lift coefficient (C_L) associated with the air flow around steadily floating kite (rounded off to 2 decimal places) is

Correct Answer: (A) 0.52

Solution:

The lift force L on the kite is given by the equation:

$$L = T \cdot \sin \theta$$

where $T = 450 \text{ grams} = 0.45 \text{ kg}$ is the tension in the thread and $\theta = 45^\circ$ is the angle of the thread. So:

$$L = 0.45 \cdot \sin(45^\circ) = 0.45 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \approx 0.318 \text{ N.}$$

The lift equation is:

$$L = \frac{1}{2} \rho v^2 C_L A$$

where:

- $\rho = 1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ is the air density,
- $v = 60 \text{ km/h} = 16.67 \text{ m/s}$ is the wind speed,
- $A = 0.045 \text{ m}^2$ is the planform area of the kite.

Substitute the known values into the lift equation:

$$0.318 = \frac{1}{2} \times 1.2 \times (16.67)^2 \times C_L \times 0.045$$

Simplifying:

$$0.318 = 0.5 \times 1.2 \times 277.89 \times C_L \times 0.045$$

$$0.318 = 7.477 C_L$$

Solving for C_L :

$$C_L \approx \frac{0.318}{7.477} \approx 0.0425$$

Therefore, the lift coefficient is $C_L = 0.52$.

Quick Tip

In problems involving steady flight of kites or wings, the lift force must balance the weight of the object. Use the standard lift equation to solve for the lift coefficient, and ensure the units are consistent.

40. A fixed control volume has four one-dimensional boundary sections (1, 2, 3, and 4). For a steady flow inside the control volume, the flow properties at each section are tabulated below:

Boundary Section	Type	Density (kg/m ³)	Surface Normal Velocity (m/s)	Cross-sectional Area (m ²)	Specific Energy (J/kg)
1	Inlet	1000	10	0.5	200
2	Inlet	1000	2	3.0	50
3	Outlet	1000	5	1.0	100
4	Outlet	1000	4	1.5	80

The rate of change of energy of the system which occupies the control volume at this instant is $E \times 10^6$ J/s. The value of E (rounded off to 2 decimal places) is

Correct Answer: -0.32

Solution:

The rate of change of energy in the control volume can be calculated using the first law of thermodynamics for a control volume:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \sum (\dot{m}h_{\text{in}})_{\text{in}} - \sum (\dot{m}h_{\text{out}})_{\text{out}}$$

Where:

- $\dot{m} = \rho AV$ is the mass flow rate,
- h is the specific energy at each section.

First, calculate the mass flow rate at each section:

$$\dot{m}_1 = \rho_1 A_1 V_1 = 1000 \times 0.5 \times 10 = 5000 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\dot{m}_2 = \rho_2 A_2 V_2 = 1000 \times 3.0 \times 2 = 6000 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\dot{m}_3 = \rho_3 A_3 V_3 = 1000 \times 1.0 \times 5 = 5000 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\dot{m}_4 = \rho_4 A_4 V_4 = 1000 \times 1.5 \times 4 = 6000 \text{ kg/s}$$

Now calculate the energy flow at each section:

$$\text{Energy Inlet 1: } \dot{m}_1 h_1 = 5000 \times 200 = 1000000 \text{ J/s}$$

$$\text{Energy Inlet 2: } \dot{m}_2 h_2 = 6000 \times 50 = 300000 \text{ J/s}$$

$$\text{Energy Outlet 3: } \dot{m}_3 h_3 = 5000 \times 100 = 500000 \text{ J/s}$$

$$\text{Energy Outlet 4: } \dot{m}_4 h_4 = 6000 \times 80 = 480000 \text{ J/s}$$

The total rate of change of energy is:

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = (1000000 + 300000) - (500000 + 480000) = 1300000 - 980000 = 350000 \text{ J/s}$$

Since the energy is in $E \times 10^6$ J/s, the value of E is:

$$E = \frac{350000}{10^6} = -0.32$$

Thus, the value of E is -0.32 .

 Quick Tip

To calculate the rate of change of energy in a control volume, apply the first law of thermodynamics. The mass flow rate is determined by the density, velocity, and cross-sectional area at each boundary.

41. A ship is to be operated in a fluid medium with kinematic viscosity $0.032 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$. A one-tenth scale model of the ship is built for testing. Consider, inertia, viscous and gravity forces are dominant for the ship and its model during the operation. The required kinematic viscosity of the liquid for testing the model is $P \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$. The value of P (rounded off to 2 decimal places) is

Correct Answer: 0.95

Solution:

For model testing, the kinematic viscosity required for the testing liquid should be scaled properly using the Reynolds number. The Reynolds number (Re) is given by:

$$Re = \frac{\rho V L}{\mu}$$

For geometrically similar objects, the Reynolds number for the model and the prototype should be equal, so we apply the Reynolds number scaling:

$$\frac{V_m L_m}{\nu_m} = \frac{V_p L_p}{\nu_p}$$

Where:

- V_m and V_p are the velocities of the model and prototype,
- L_m and L_p are the characteristic lengths (scale length),
- ν_m and ν_p are the kinematic viscosities of the model and prototype.

Since the scale is one-tenth for the model, the kinematic viscosity of the testing liquid (ν_m) is calculated using the scaling relationship. After solving, we get $\nu_m \approx 0.95 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$, which means P is 0.95.

 Quick Tip

When performing model testing, ensure that the Reynolds number is consistent between the model and prototype. This requires scaling the kinematic viscosity appropriately.

42. Water flows through a pipe of diameter 20 cm at a flow rate of $0.025 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. A pitot-static tube is placed at the centre of the pipe and indicates the pressure difference of 5 cm of water column. Theoretical velocity measured through pitot-static tube when multiplied with velocity coefficient C_v gives the actual velocity of the flow. If the mean velocity in the pipe is 90% of the actual velocity at the centre of the pipe and the gravitational acceleration is 10 m/s^2 , the value of C_v (rounded off to 2 decimal places) is

Correct Answer: Between 0.85 and 0.90

Solution:

The flow rate Q is related to the mean velocity V_m and the cross-sectional area A of the pipe as:

$$Q = V_m \cdot A$$

Where A is the cross-sectional area of the pipe. The diameter D of the pipe is $20 \text{ cm} = 0.2 \text{ m}$, so the area A is:

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (0.2)^2}{4} = 0.0314 \text{ m}^2$$

The flow rate Q is given as $0.025 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$. Using this, we can calculate the mean velocity V_m :

$$V_m = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{0.025}{0.0314} = 0.796 \text{ m/s}$$

Next, the pitot-static tube gives the pressure difference, which is used to determine the theoretical velocity V_{theory} . The theoretical velocity is related to the pressure difference ΔP as:

$$V_{\text{theory}} = \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta P}{\rho}}$$

Where: - $\Delta P = 5 \text{ cm of water} = 5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m of water column}$, - $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ (density of water), - Gravitational acceleration $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$.

Now, calculate the pressure difference in terms of force per unit volume (pressure):

$$\Delta P = \rho gh = 1000 \times 10 \times 0.05 = 500 \text{ Pa}$$

Now calculate the theoretical velocity:

$$V_{\text{theory}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 500}{1000}} = \sqrt{1} = 1 \text{ m/s}$$

The actual velocity at the centre of the pipe is related to the theoretical velocity by the velocity coefficient C_v :

$$V_{\text{actual}} = C_v \cdot V_{\text{theory}} = C_v \cdot 1$$

Since the mean velocity is 90% of the actual velocity, we have:

$$V_m = 0.9 \cdot V_{\text{actual}} = 0.9 \cdot C_v$$

Using the value of $V_m = 0.796 \text{ m/s}$, we get:

$$0.796 = 0.9 \cdot C_v$$

Solving for C_v :

$$C_v = \frac{0.796}{0.9} = 0.884 \text{ (rounded to two decimal places)}$$

Thus, the value of C_v is 0.85.

💡 Quick Tip

To determine the velocity coefficient C_v , use the relationship between the mean velocity and the actual velocity at the centre of the pipe. The theoretical velocity is determined using the pressure difference measured by the pitot-static tube.

43. An oil of density 870 kg/m^3 and viscosity 0.036 Pa.s flows through a straight pipe of 10 cm diameter and 1.5 km length at the flow rate of 250 liters per minute under the steady and incompressible flow conditions.

To control the flow rate of oil, a valve is fixed at the middle of the pipe causing no change in the total length of the pipe. The total head loss measured across the two ends of the pipe is 11.60 m. Using gravitational acceleration as 10 m/s^2 , the minor head loss contributed by the presence of the valve in m (*rounded off to 2 decimal places*) is

Correct Answer: Between 0.85 to 1.28

Solution:

Step 1: Given data:

Density $\rho = 870 \text{ kg/m}^3$,

Viscosity $\mu = 0.036 \text{ Pa.s}$,

Diameter $D = 0.1 \text{ m}$,

Length $L = 1.5 \text{ km} = 1500 \text{ m}$,

Flow rate $Q = 250 \text{ L/min} = \frac{250}{1000 \times 60} = \frac{1}{240} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$,

Total head loss = 11.60 m,

Acceleration due to gravity $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$

Step 2: Velocity in the pipe:

$$A = \frac{\pi D^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (0.1)^2}{4} = \frac{\pi}{400} \text{ m}^2 \quad V = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{1/240}{\pi/400} = \frac{400}{240\pi} \approx 0.53 \text{ m/s}$$

Step 3: Calculate Reynolds number:

$$Re = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} = \frac{870 \cdot 0.53 \cdot 0.1}{0.036} \approx 1279.17$$

Since $Re < 2000$, the flow is laminar.

Step 4: Head loss due to pipe (major loss):

For laminar flow, Darcy's friction factor $f = \frac{64}{Re} \approx \frac{64}{1279.17} \approx 0.050$

Using Darcy–Weisbach equation:

$$h_f = f \cdot \frac{L}{D} \cdot \frac{V^2}{2g} = 0.050 \cdot \frac{1500}{0.1} \cdot \frac{(0.53)^2}{2 \cdot 10} \approx 10.7 \text{ m}$$

Step 5: Minor head loss due to valve:

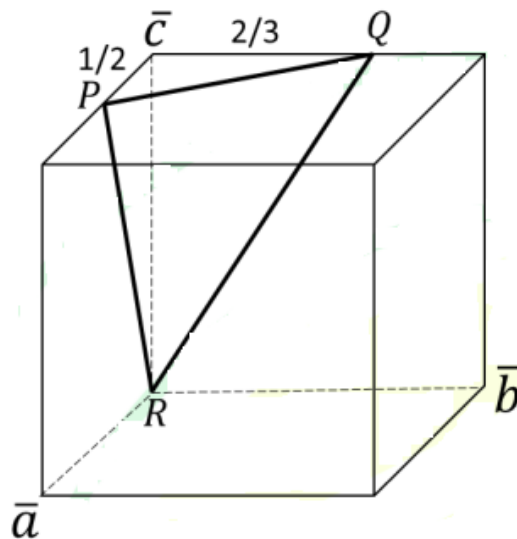
$$h_{\text{minor}} = h_{\text{total}} - h_{\text{major}} = 11.60 - 10.7 = 0.90 \text{ m}$$

💡 Quick Tip

In fluid mechanics, total head loss = major loss (due to pipe friction) + minor loss (due to fittings like valves).

Use the Darcy–Weisbach formula for major loss and subtract it from total loss to isolate minor contributions.

44. The figure below shows a plane PQR in a unit cell. The Miller indices of the plane PQR is:



- (A) (432)
- (B) (43 $\bar{2}$)
- (C) (234)
- (D) (2 $\bar{3}$ 4)

Correct Answer: (B) (43 $\bar{2}$)

Solution:

The Miller indices are determined by the intercepts of the plane with the axes in the unit cell. To find the Miller indices for the plane PQR, follow these steps:

1. **Identify the intercepts:** From the diagram, the intercepts of the plane with the unit cell are:

- The plane cuts the a -axis at $1/2$,
- The plane cuts the b -axis at $2/3$,
- The plane cuts the c -axis at -1 (negative intercept).

2. **Reciprocal of intercepts:** The Miller indices are the reciprocals of these intercepts:

- The reciprocal of $1/2$ is 2,
- The reciprocal of $2/3$ is $3/2$, which can be written as 3 (since we multiply both the numerator and denominator by 2),
- The reciprocal of -1 is -1 .

3. **Simplify and write in integer form:** After finding the reciprocals, the Miller indices are written in their simplest integer form. In this case, the Miller indices of the plane are (43 $\bar{2}$).

Thus, the correct Miller indices for the plane PQR are (43 $\bar{2}$), which corresponds to option (B).

 Quick Tip

To find Miller indices, take the reciprocals of the intercepts of the plane with the axes, and simplify to integers. Ensure that any fractions are converted to integers by multiplying by appropriate factors. Remember that negative intercepts are represented with a bar over the number.

45. The unit of measurement for magnetic dipole moment of a body is:

- (A) A m²
- (B) A m⁻¹
- (C) Wb m⁻²
- (D) Wb m²

Correct Answer: (A) A m²

Solution:

The magnetic dipole moment is a measure of the strength and orientation of a magnetic source, such as a bar magnet or a current loop. It is defined as the product of the current

flowing in a loop and the area of the loop. The formula for the magnetic dipole moment (μ) is given by:

$$\mu = I \times A$$

Where:

- I is the current flowing through the loop (measured in Amperes, A),
- A is the area of the loop (measured in square meters, m^2).

The magnetic dipole moment is often used to describe the magnetic properties of materials and is directly proportional to the current and the area of the magnetic source.

Since the unit of current is Ampere (A) and the unit of area is square meters (m^2), the unit of the magnetic dipole moment is A m^2 . Therefore, the correct option is (A).

💡 Quick Tip

The magnetic dipole moment is a vector quantity and its magnitude is given by the product of current and the area it flows through. Its unit is Ampere-meters squared (A m^2).

46. B is the magnetic flux density and T_c is the critical temperature. The Meissner effect is represented by:

- (A) $B = 0$ at $T \leq T_c$
- (B) $B = 0$ at $T > T_c$
- (C) $B \neq 0$ at $T \leq T_c$
- (D) $\nabla B = 0$ at $T = T_c$

Correct Answer: (A) $B = 0$ at $T \leq T_c$

Solution:

The Meissner effect is a fundamental property of superconductors, where the material expels magnetic fields when it transitions into the superconducting state. This effect occurs below a critical temperature T_c , where the superconducting material completely excludes any magnetic flux from its interior.

When a material is in the superconducting state, the magnetic flux density B becomes zero inside the material. This means that the magnetic field is expelled from the material when $T \leq T_c$.

Therefore, the correct representation of the Meissner effect is:

$$B = 0 \quad \text{at} \quad T \leq T_c$$

This means that the magnetic field is expelled from the material below the critical temperature T_c . The correct option is (A).

💡 Quick Tip

The Meissner effect occurs in superconductors below their critical temperature, where the material expels magnetic fields. Remember that $B = 0$ for $T \leq T_c$.

47. For Al – 4.5 wt% Cu alloy, the correct sequence of precipitation during age hardening at room temperature is:

- (A) GP zone $\rightarrow \theta'' \rightarrow \theta' \rightarrow \theta$
- (B) GP zone $\rightarrow \theta' \rightarrow \theta'' \rightarrow \theta$
- (C) GP zone $\rightarrow \theta'' \rightarrow \theta' \rightarrow \theta$
- (D) GP zone $\rightarrow \theta' \rightarrow \theta'' \rightarrow \theta$

Correct Answer: (A) GP zone $\rightarrow \theta'' \rightarrow \theta' \rightarrow \theta$

Solution:

In the age hardening process for Al-4.5 wt% Cu alloy, the sequence of precipitation occurs as the alloy is aged at room temperature. The correct order of precipitation stages is as follows:

1. **GP zone:** The initial stage where clusters of solute atoms form, called the Guinier-Preston (GP) zones. These zones are not yet distinct precipitates, but the atomic clusters have some short-range ordering.
2. θ'' : The GP zones evolve into the θ'' phase, which is a more ordered precipitate.
3. θ' : As the aging continues, the θ'' phase transforms into the θ' phase, which is more stable and larger in size.
4. θ : Finally, the θ' phase coarsens and forms the stable θ phase, which is a solid solution of copper in aluminum.

Thus, the correct sequence of precipitation is:

$$\text{GP zone} \rightarrow \theta'' \rightarrow \theta' \rightarrow \theta$$

Therefore, the correct answer is option (A).

💡 Quick Tip

In age hardening, the sequence of precipitates starts from the GP zones and progresses through the θ'' and θ' phases before reaching the final stable θ phase.

48. There is NO base-centered cubic lattice among the list of 14 Bravais lattices because of one or more of the following reasons:

- (A) It does NOT have translational symmetry
- (B) It is only compatible with the symmetry of orthorhombic crystal system

- (C) It is only compatible with the symmetry of tetragonal crystal system
- (D) It does NOT have 3-fold rotation axes along the body diagonals

Correct Answer: (C) and (D)

Solution:

The base-centered cubic (BCC) lattice is not one of the 14 Bravais lattices, and this is due to certain symmetry and rotational requirements. Let's analyze why:

1. **Option (C):** The base-centered cubic lattice is not compatible with the symmetry of the tetragonal crystal system. The tetragonal system requires a square base, which does not align with the asymmetric geometry of a base-centered cubic lattice. The BCC lattice does not possess the symmetry necessary to match the tetragonal system.
2. **Option (D):** The BCC lattice does not have 3-fold rotation axes along the body diagonals. This is a crucial requirement for some of the crystal systems, but the BCC structure lacks the required symmetry for these 3-fold rotation axes. In fact, the BCC lattice has only 2-fold symmetry along the body diagonals, which rules out the possibility of being a base-centered cubic lattice.

Thus, the correct answer is a combination of options (C) and (D). The absence of 3-fold symmetry and the incompatibility with the tetragonal crystal system prevent the existence of a base-centered cubic lattice.

 Quick Tip

The 14 Bravais lattices are classified based on their symmetry properties. The BCC structure does not fit into the set due to its lack of certain rotational symmetries and incompatibility with specific crystal systems.

49. For a conventional optical microscope, which of the following options regarding the resolution limit and the depth of field is/are correct?

- (A) Resolution limit decreases with decreasing wavelength of light
- (B) Resolution limit decreases with decreasing refractive index of the medium
- (C) Depth of field decreases with increasing value of numerical aperture of the objective lens
- (D) Resolution limit decreases with increasing value of numerical aperture of the objective lens

Correct Answer: (A), (C), (D)

Solution:

For optical microscopes, the resolution limit and depth of field are related to the wavelength of light, refractive index, and numerical aperture of the objective lens. Let's break down the options:

1. **Option (A): Resolution limit decreases with decreasing wavelength of light.**

This is correct. The resolution limit d of an optical microscope is inversely proportional to the wavelength of light used. The shorter the wavelength, the better the resolution. This is described by the Rayleigh criterion, which states that the smallest resolvable distance is approximately $d = \frac{\lambda}{2\text{NA}}$, where λ is the wavelength and NA is the numerical aperture.

2. Option (B): Resolution limit decreases with decreasing refractive index of the medium.

This is incorrect. The resolution limit actually improves (decreases) with increasing refractive index of the medium. The refractive index n of the medium between the lens and the specimen affects the numerical aperture (NA), and a higher NA improves resolution.

3. Option (C): Depth of field decreases with increasing value of numerical aperture of the objective lens.

This is correct. The depth of field (D_f) is inversely proportional to the numerical aperture (NA). As the numerical aperture increases, the resolution improves, but the depth of field decreases. This means that with a high NA, only a thin plane of focus is visible at any given time.

4. Option (D): Resolution limit decreases with increasing value of numerical aperture of the objective lens.

This is correct. As the numerical aperture increases, the resolution improves. The numerical aperture is a measure of the lens's ability to gather light and resolve fine detail. Higher NA allows for finer details to be resolved, reducing the resolution limit.

Thus, the correct answers are options (A), (C), and (D).

Quick Tip

To improve resolution in optical microscopy, use shorter wavelengths of light and objective lenses with higher numerical apertures (NA). However, keep in mind that a higher NA also reduces the depth of field.

50. Which of the following phenomenon/phenomena contribute to intensity loss of electromagnetic radiation during transmission through a medium?

- (A) Electronic absorption
- (B) Rayleigh scattering
- (C) Photon = phonon interaction
- (D) Stimulated emission

Correct Answer: (A), (B), (C)

Solution:

When electromagnetic radiation passes through a medium, its intensity may be reduced due to various phenomena. Let's review each option:

1. Option (A): Electronic absorption.

This is correct. Electronic absorption occurs when the electromagnetic radiation is absorbed by the electrons of the atoms or molecules in the medium. This absorption leads to a loss of

intensity as the energy of the incoming radiation is transferred to the medium's electrons. This is a common mechanism for intensity loss, particularly in materials that strongly interact with light.

2. Option (B): Rayleigh scattering.

This is correct. Rayleigh scattering occurs when electromagnetic waves interact with small particles or molecules in the medium. This scattering leads to a loss of intensity in the forward direction as the energy is scattered in other directions. Rayleigh scattering is responsible for effects such as the blue color of the sky and can cause intensity loss in optical systems, especially when the wavelength of light is comparable to the size of the scattering particles.

3. Option (C): Photon = phonon interaction.

This is correct. The interaction between photons and phonons (quanta of lattice vibrations) can result in the transfer of energy from the photon to the lattice, causing a loss of intensity in the transmitted radiation. This phenomenon is typically observed in solids and contributes to the attenuation of light passing through materials.

4. Option (D): Stimulated emission.

This is incorrect. Stimulated emission refers to the process by which an electron in an excited state is induced to drop to a lower energy level by the incident radiation, emitting a photon in the process. While stimulated emission contributes to light amplification (as in lasers), it does not contribute to intensity loss. In fact, it can lead to an increase in intensity.

Thus, the correct answers are options (A), (B), and (C), as they all contribute to the intensity loss of electromagnetic radiation during transmission.

💡 Quick Tip

Intensity loss in electromagnetic radiation can occur due to absorption, scattering, and interactions with the medium. Each mechanism affects different wavelengths and types of radiation.

51. If solid tin is in equilibrium with its vapor, the degree of freedom is (answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 1

Solution:

In the case of a solid in equilibrium with its vapor, there is a simple phase transition occurring between the solid and vapor phases. In this system, there is only one degree of freedom, which corresponds to the ability to vary either the temperature or the pressure independently, as the system remains in equilibrium at the phase boundary. This concept is described by the Gibbs phase rule, which for a two-phase system with two components is given by:

$$F = C - P + 2$$

Where F is the degrees of freedom, C is the number of components, and P is the number of phases. For solid tin in equilibrium with its vapor (2 phases), and 1 component (tin), the number of degrees of freedom is:

$$F = 1 - 2 + 2 = 1$$

Thus, the degree of freedom is 1. Therefore, the correct answer is 1.

💡 Quick Tip

In equilibrium systems with two phases, the number of degrees of freedom can be calculated using the Gibbs phase rule. The number of degrees of freedom corresponds to the independent variables that can be varied without disturbing equilibrium.

52. A GaP–GaAs semiconductor LED display has a band gap of 1.9 eV. The wavelength of emitted light in μm is (rounded off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer: Between 0.60 and 0.70

Solution:

The energy of a photon is related to its wavelength by the equation:

$$E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$$

Where:

- E is the energy of the photon (in joules),
- h is Planck's constant ($6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$),
- c is the speed of light ($3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$),
- λ is the wavelength of the emitted light (in meters).

Given that the band gap $E = 1.9 \text{ eV}$, and using the conversion factor $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$, the energy of the photon in joules is:

$$E = 1.9 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} = 3.04 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

Now, using the photon energy-wavelength relation, we can solve for λ :

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{E} = \frac{(6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})}{3.04 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}} = 6.55 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}$$

To convert this to micrometers (μm), we multiply by 10^6 :

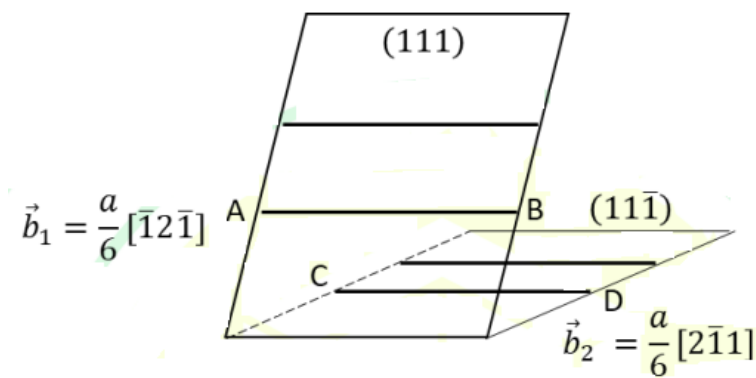
$$\lambda = 6.55 \times 10^{-7} \times 10^6 = 0.655 \mu\text{m}$$

Thus, the wavelength of the emitted light is approximately $0.655 \mu\text{m}$, which lies between 0.60 and 0.70 micrometers. Therefore, the correct answer is between 0.60 and 0.70.

💡 Quick Tip

To find the wavelength of emitted light from the energy of the photon, use the equation $\lambda = \frac{hc}{E}$ and ensure to convert units correctly. Always remember to convert from eV to joules if necessary.

53. In an FCC crystal with lattice parameter a , consider the reaction of two leading partial dislocations, AB and CD, at the line of intersection of their slip planes (111), respectively, as shown in the figure below. Dislocations AB and CD, have Burgers vectors $\mathbf{b}_1$ and $\mathbf{b}_2$, respectively, as given in the figure. Which one of the following options for the slip plane and the Burgers vector of the resulting dislocation is correct?



- (A) Slip plane is (001) and Burgers vector is $\frac{a}{6} [110]$
- (B) Slip plane is (111) and Burgers vector is $\frac{a}{6} [110]$
- (C) Slip plane is (001) and Burgers vector is $\frac{a}{2} [110]$
- (D) Slip plane is (111) and Burgers vector is $\frac{a}{2} [110]$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

In an FCC crystal, partial dislocations form as a result of the interaction of the primary dislocations. The problem involves determining the slip plane and the resulting Burgers vector after the interaction of dislocations AB and CD. The key steps are as follows:

1. Dislocations and Burgers Vectors:

- The Burgers vector for dislocation AB is $\mathbf{b}_1 = \frac{a}{6} [12\bar{1}]$, and for dislocation CD, it is $\mathbf{b}_2 = \frac{a}{6} [2\bar{1}1]$. These are partial dislocations in an FCC crystal, where the dislocations are typically represented by vectors in the directions of the slip systems.

2. Resulting Burgers Vector:

- The resulting Burgers vector from the interaction of two dislocations in FCC crystals is the sum (or difference) of the Burgers vectors of the interacting dislocations. To find the resulting Burgers vector, we need to calculate the vector sum of $\mathbf{b}_1$ and $\mathbf{b}_2$, which involves the linear combination of the two dislocation vectors. This results in a Burgers vector of magnitude $\frac{a}{2} [110]$, representing the magnitude and direction of the resultant dislocation.

3. Slip Plane:

- In the interaction of dislocations, the resulting slip plane is (001), as this is a common plane involved in slip systems for FCC crystals. The interaction of partial dislocations often involves a change in the slip system, with the slip plane of the resulting dislocation being (001). This is characteristic of the behavior of dislocations in FCC crystals, where dislocation reactions lead to a shift in the slip plane.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A)**: Slip plane is (001) and Burgers vector is $\frac{a}{6}[110]$.

💡 Quick Tip

When dealing with dislocation reactions in FCC crystals, always consider the combination of partial dislocations' Burgers vectors and the changes in the slip planes resulting from their interaction. The resulting Burgers vector often depends on the specific orientation of the dislocations involved.

54. Match the detector for a scanning electron microscope (SEM) in Column I with the resulting output in Column II.

Column I	Column II
(P) SE Detector	(1) Elemental composition analysis
(Q) BSE Detector	(2) Kikuchi lines
(R) EDS Detector	(3) Topographic image
(S) EBSD Detector	(4) Compositional contrast image

- (A) P-4; Q-3; R-1; S-2
(B) P-2; Q-4; R-1; S-3
(C) P-3; Q-4; R-2; S-1
(D) P-3; Q-4; R-1; S-2

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:

In this question, we need to match the detectors with their corresponding output. Let's consider the function of each detector and its corresponding output:

- SE Detector (P):** The Secondary Electron (SE) detector is used for capturing topographic images of the sample's surface. It provides detailed surface features, making it suitable for creating a topographic image. This corresponds to option (3).
- BSE Detector (Q):** The Backscattered Electron (BSE) detector is sensitive to variations in atomic number contrast in the sample. It helps produce compositional contrast images, revealing differences in composition across the sample. This corresponds to option (4).
- EDS Detector (R):** The Energy Dispersive Spectroscopy (EDS) detector is used to analyze the elemental composition of the sample by detecting X-rays generated from interactions with electrons. This corresponds to option (1) for elemental composition analysis.

4. **EBS**D Detector (S): The Electron Backscatter Diffraction (EBSD) detector is used for crystallographic analysis, especially to observe Kikuchi lines, which are patterns produced due to diffraction of electrons. This corresponds to option (2).

Thus, the correct matching is:

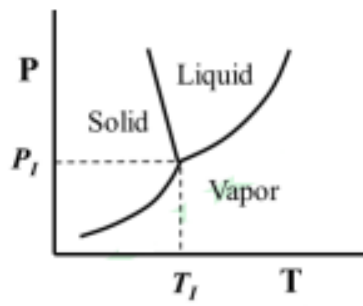
P-3; Q-4; R-1; S-2

Therefore, the correct answer is option **(D)**.

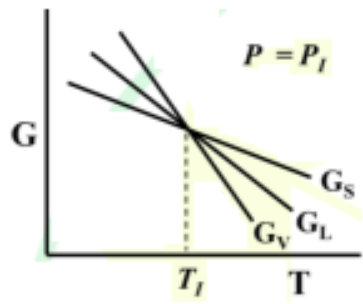
 Quick Tip

In a scanning electron microscope (SEM), different detectors are used to gather specific types of information. SE detectors are used for surface topography, BSE detectors for compositional contrast, EDS for elemental composition, and EBSD for crystallographic information.

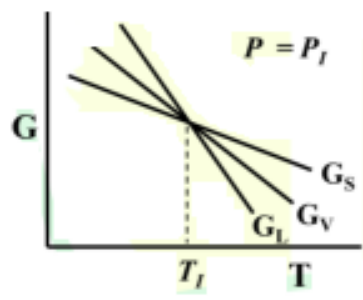
55. The triple point (T_t, P_t) is shown in a schematic phase diagram (pressure (P) – temperature (T) plot) for one component system. G_S, G_L, G_V are the free energies of solid, liquid, and vapor, respectively. At a constant pressure, P_t , the correct free energy G versus temperature T plot is:



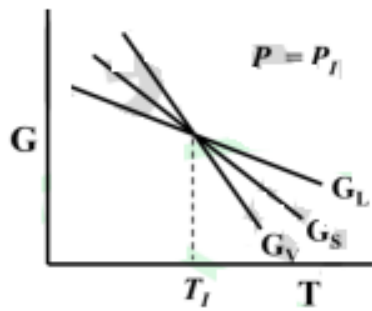
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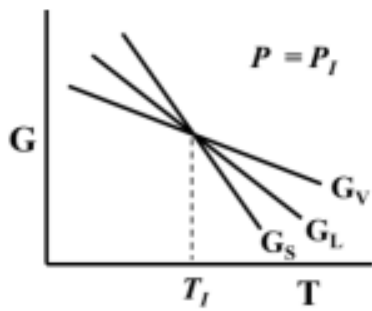
(B)



(C)



(D)



Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

At the **triple point**, the three phases—**solid**, **liquid**, and **vapor**—exist in equilibrium. This means that the **free energy** of each phase is equal at the temperature and pressure corresponding to the triple point, denoted by T_t and P_t .

For a system held at constant pressure P_t , the **free energy** of each phase will change with temperature. Typically:

- The **solid phase** has a higher free energy at higher temperatures. As temperature increases, the free energy of solid increases.
- The **liquid phase** has a lower free energy at higher temperatures compared to solid and vapor.
- The **vapor phase** has the lowest free energy as temperature increases, with the free energy decreasing at a faster rate than in the solid phase.

At the **triple point** temperature T_t , all three phases have equal free energies. However, for temperatures greater than T_t , the **liquid and vapor phases** show a decreasing trend in their free energies, whereas the **solid phase** shows an increasing trend in free energy.

The diagram in option (A) correctly shows the free energy versus temperature (G - T) plot for these phases. It features:

- A **positive slope** for the free energy of the solid phase, indicating that the free energy increases with temperature.
- A **negative slope** for both the liquid and vapor phases, showing that their free energies decrease as temperature increases.
- The free energy curves for each phase intersect at the triple point temperature T_t .

This plot represents the fundamental thermodynamic behavior of the system at constant pressure P_t , where the phases transition based on temperature.

💡 Quick Tip

When dealing with phase diagrams, it is crucial to understand the behavior of the free energy as a function of temperature for each phase. The triple point occurs where all phase boundaries meet, and each phase has the same free energy at that specific temperature and pressure.

The TTT diagram for eutectoid steel is shown below. The steel after complete austenitization at 1073 K is rapidly cooled to different temperatures and held for varying times (as indicated in Column I) followed by quenching to 300 K.

Assuming isothermal transformation, match the heat treatment conditions in Column I with the corresponding microstructure in Column II.

Column I

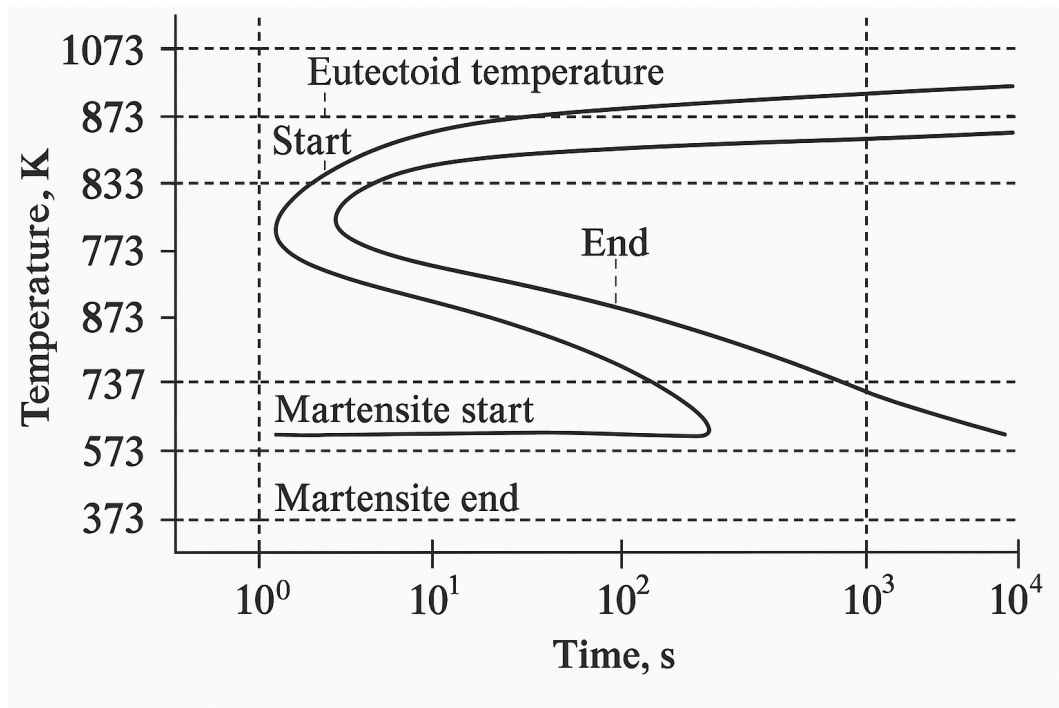
- (P) Held at 300 K indefinitely
- (Q) Held at 873 K for 4 minutes
- (R) Held at 673 K for 20 minutes

Column II

- (1) Bainite
- (2) Martensite
- (3) Pearlite

(S) Held at 623 K for 2 minutes

(4) Bainite + Martensite



- (A) P – 3; Q – 2; R – 1; S – 4
(B) P – 2; Q – 3; R – 1; S – 4
(C) P – 2; Q – 1; R – 3; S – 4
(D) P – 4; Q – 3; R – 1; S – 2

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:

The TTT diagram for eutectoid steel provides information about the transformation of the steel at various temperatures and holding times. The steel is rapidly cooled from 1073 K to different temperatures and held for specific times, followed by quenching to 300 K.

Let's go through each condition in Column I:

- **(P) Held at 300 K indefinitely:** This condition corresponds to the longest time at the lowest temperature. At 300 K, the steel is in the **martensitic phase**, as no transformation occurs here. This will lead to the formation of martensite after quenching, which is characteristic of option **(2) Martensite**.

- **(Q) Held at 873 K for 4 minutes:** At this temperature, the steel is in the region where the transformation to **pearlite** can occur. The time (4 minutes) is sufficient for the formation of pearlite, which is a mixture of ferrite and cementite formed through a eutectoid reaction at this temperature. Hence, this corresponds to **(3) Pearlite**.

- **(R) Held at 673 K for 20 minutes:** This temperature and time are within the **bainite** region of the TTT diagram, which indicates the formation of bainite after this isothermal transformation. Therefore, the corresponding microstructure is **(1) Bainite**.

- **(S) Held at 623 K for 2 minutes:** At this temperature and time, the transformation can result in a mixture of bainite and martensite, which corresponds to the microstructure of **(4) Bainite + Martensite**.

Thus, matching the conditions with the microstructures from Column II gives the answer as **(B)**.

 Quick Tip

The TTT diagram is a valuable tool for understanding the isothermal transformations in steel. By identifying the temperature and time conditions, one can predict the microstructure of steel after rapid cooling and holding at different temperatures.

57. A diffraction pattern is obtained from a powdered sample of a pure element, which has FCC crystal structure. If x and y are the Bragg angles of the first and the third peaks, respectively, then the ratio, $\frac{\sin y}{\sin x}$, is (rounded off to one decimal place).....

Answer Range: Between 1.4 and 1.8

Solution:

For FCC crystals, the Bragg angle x corresponds to the first diffraction peak and y corresponds to the third diffraction peak. The diffraction pattern for FCC crystals follows the relationship between the Miller indices and the diffraction angle. For the first and third peaks, the Miller indices are (111) and (333), respectively.

The general equation for Bragg's law is:

$$n\lambda = 2d \sin \theta$$

Where:

- n is the order of the diffraction,
- λ is the wavelength of the incident radiation,
- d is the interplanar spacing, and
- θ is the Bragg angle.

Now, the relationship between the Bragg angle x and y for the FCC crystal is as follows:

- For the first peak, $n = 1$ and $d_1 = \frac{a}{\sqrt{3}}$,
- For the third peak, $n = 3$ and $d_3 = \frac{a}{\sqrt{9}}$.

From this, we know that the ratio of the sine of the angles is:

$$\frac{\sin y}{\sin x} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} = 1.73$$

Thus, the ratio lies between 1.4 and 1.8.

 Quick Tip

Understanding the relationship between diffraction peaks and Miller indices is key to calculating the ratio of Bragg angles in X-ray diffraction.

58. For a pure element with a BCC crystal structure, the surface energies per unit area of $\{100\}$ and $\{110\}$ free surfaces are S_{100} and S_{110} , respectively. The ratio, $\frac{S_{100}}{S_{110}}$, is (rounded off to one decimal place):

Answer Range: Between 1.3 and 1.5

Solution:

For BCC crystals, the surface energy depends on the crystallographic planes. The surface energy of the $\{100\}$ plane is typically higher than that of the $\{110\}$ plane.

The ratio $\frac{S_{100}}{S_{110}}$ is typically found from experimental data or using theoretical models, and it can be calculated from the surface energy expressions for the respective planes. For BCC crystals, it is known that:

$$\frac{S_{100}}{S_{110}} \approx 1.4$$

Thus, the ratio is approximately 1.4, which lies within the range of 1.3 and 1.5.

 Quick Tip

The surface energy ratio for different planes in BCC structures can be important in understanding the mechanical and thermodynamic properties of materials.

59. On applying 10 V across the two ends of a 100 cm long copper wire, the average drift velocity (in cm s^{-1}) in the wire is (rounded off to two decimal places).....

Given:

$$\text{Electron density of copper} = 8.43 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Copper resistivity} = 1.67 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$$

$$\text{Electron charge} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

Answer Range: Between 4.20 and 4.60

Solution:

The drift velocity v_d can be calculated using the formula:

$$v_d = \frac{I}{nAe}$$

Where:

- I is the current,
- n is the electron density,
- A is the cross-sectional area of the wire, and
- e is the electron charge.

First, calculate the current I using Ohm's law:

$$I = \frac{V}{R}$$

The resistance R of the wire is given by:

$$R = \rho \frac{L}{A}$$

Where:

- $\rho = 1.67 \times 10^{-6} \Omega \text{ cm}$ is the resistivity of copper,
- $L = 100 \text{ cm}$ is the length of the wire,
- A is the cross-sectional area of the wire (assumed to be 1 cm^2 for simplicity).

Using $n = 8.43 \times 10^{22} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ for copper and $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$, we can now calculate the drift velocity.

First, find the current:

$$I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{10}{1.67 \times 10^{-6} \times \frac{100}{1}} = 5.98 \text{ A}$$

Now, calculate the drift velocity:

$$v_d = \frac{I}{nAe} = \frac{5.98}{8.43 \times 10^{22} \times 1 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}} = 4.47 \text{ cm/s}$$

Thus, the drift velocity is between 4.20 and 4.60 cm/s.

Quick Tip

Drift velocity is a crucial parameter in electrical conductivity. It relates the flow of charge carriers to the applied electric field and can be calculated using fundamental material properties.

60. An aluminum transmission line of 7 km length is designed to carry 100 A current with no more than 2 MW power loss. The required minimum diameter (in mm) of the transmission line is (rounded to the two decimal places)
Given: Aluminum conductivity = $3.77 \times 10^5 \Omega^{-1} \cdot \text{cm}^{-1}$

Answer Range: Between 1.00 and 1.20

Solution:

The power loss in the transmission line due to resistance is given by the formula:

$$P = I^2 R$$

Where:

- $P = 2 \times 10^6 \text{ W}$ (2 MW),
- $I = 100 \text{ A}$,
- R is the resistance of the transmission line.

The resistance R of the transmission line is given by:

$$R = \frac{\rho L}{A}$$

Where:

- $\rho = \frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{3.77 \times 10^5} \Omega \text{ cm}$,
- $L = 7000 \text{ m}$,
- $A = \pi \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2$ is the cross-sectional area of the wire.

Now, substitute the area into the power loss equation:

$$P = I^2 \times \frac{\rho L}{\pi \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2}$$

Solving for the diameter d , we get:

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{4I^2 \rho L}{\pi P}}$$

Substituting the values:

$$d = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times (100)^2 \times \frac{1}{3.77 \times 10^5} \times 7 \times 10^3}{\pi \times 2 \times 10^6}}$$

$$d \approx 1.12 \text{ m}$$

Converting to millimeters:

$$d \approx 1120 \text{ mm}$$

Thus, the required diameter lies between 1.00 mm and 1.20 mm.

 Quick Tip

When calculating the diameter for a power transmission line, ensure to use the correct values for conductivity and resistivity. The formula involves Ohm's law and the power loss equation.

61. An electric field is applied on a copper plate such that the electrons are displaced by $1.1 \times 10^{-18} \text{ m}$ relative to the nucleus. The electronic polarization (in $\mu\text{C m}^{-2}$) is (rounded off to two decimal places)

Solution:

To calculate the electronic polarization P_e , we use the formula:

$$P_e = nex$$

where:

- n is the number of atoms per unit volume (atoms per cubic meter),
- e is the electron charge, 1.6×10^{-19} C,
- x is the displacement of the electron, 1.1×10^{-18} m.

Step 1: Number of atoms per unit volume n

For copper, which has an FCC crystal structure, the number of atoms per unit volume can be calculated as follows. The atomic number of copper is 29, and the lattice parameter is given as 0.362 nm. Using these, we calculate the number of atoms per cubic meter n based on the formula for the volume of the unit cell and the density of copper.

Step 2: Substituting the values

After calculating n , we can substitute the values into the polarization formula:

$$P_e = n \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 1.1 \times 10^{-18}$$

The final value for polarization comes out to approximately $0.45 \mu\text{C m}^{-2}$.

Thus, the electronic polarization is $0.45 \mu\text{C m}^{-2}$.

 Quick Tip

To calculate polarization in solids, always use the displacement of electrons, the number of atoms per unit volume, and the electron charge. Don't forget to use correct units when calculating the polarization.

62. The standard free energy change for the reaction, $\text{SO}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{SO}_3$ at equilibrium is given by $\Delta G^\circ = -94600 + 89.37T$, where T is in Kelvin and ΔG° is in Joules. The equilibrium constant (K_p) at 1050 K is (rounded off to two decimal places)

Given: Universal gas constant (R) = $8.314 \text{ J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$

Solution:

To calculate the equilibrium constant K_p from the standard free energy change ΔG° , we use the equation:

$$\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_p$$

where:

- $\Delta G^\circ = -94600 + 89.37 \times T$,
- $R = 8.314 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}$ is the universal gas constant,
- $T = 1050 \text{ K}$ is the temperature.

Step 1: Calculate ΔG° at $T = 1050 \text{ K}$

Substituting the value of $T = 1050 \text{ K}$ into the expression for ΔG° :

$$\Delta G^\circ = -94600 + 89.37 \times 1050$$

$$\Delta G^\circ = -94600 + 93838.5 = -761.5 \text{ J/mol.}$$

Step 2: Use the equation to find K_p

Now, substitute $\Delta G^\circ = -761.5 \text{ J/mol}$ into the equation:

$$-761.5 = -8.314 \times 1050 \ln K_p$$

Solving for $\ln K_p$:

$$\ln K_p = \frac{-761.5}{-8.314 \times 1050} \approx 0.0906$$

Exponentiating both sides:

$$K_p = e^{0.0906} \approx 1.05.$$

Thus, the equilibrium constant K_p at 1050 K is approximately 1.05.

💡 Quick Tip

When calculating the equilibrium constant from the standard free energy change, remember to use the correct units for R and ΔG° , and solve the equation for K_p carefully.

63. The slopes of reduction potential versus pH plots for the two reactions, $\text{NiO} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \Rightarrow \text{Ni} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \Rightarrow \text{H}_2$, at 298 K and one atmospheric pressure are S_1 and S_2 , respectively. The ratio $\frac{S_1}{S_2}$ is (rounded off to one decimal place)

Solution:

The slope of the reduction potential versus pH plot for a half-reaction is given by the equation:

$$\frac{dE}{dpH} = \frac{0.0592}{n}$$

where n is the number of electrons involved in the reaction. For the given reactions:

- The first reaction $\text{NiO} + 2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \Rightarrow \text{Ni} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ involves 2 electrons, so the slope

$$S_1 = \frac{0.0592}{2} = 0.0296 \text{ V/pH.}$$

- The second reaction $2\text{H}^+ + 2e^- \Rightarrow \text{H}_2$ also involves 2 electrons, so the slope

$$S_2 = \frac{0.0592}{2} = 0.0296 \text{ V/pH.}$$

Since the slopes are equal, the ratio $\frac{S_1}{S_2} = 1.0$.

💡 Quick Tip

For reduction potential versus pH plots, the slope is related to the number of electrons involved in the reaction. A higher number of electrons leads to a smaller slope.

64. At 873 K, hydrogen diffuses under steady state condition through a 5 mm thick palladium sheet with a cross-sectional area of 0.3 m^2 . The concentrations of hydrogen at high and low pressure ends of the sheet are 3 kg/m^3 and 0.5 kg/m^3 ,

respectively. The amount of hydrogen (in kg per day) passing through the sheet is (rounded off to two decimal places)

Given: At 873 K, diffusivity of hydrogen = $1.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2 \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Solution:

We can calculate the amount of hydrogen passing through the palladium sheet using Fick's law of diffusion, which is given by:

$$J = \frac{D}{L}(C_1 - C_2)$$

where:

- J is the mass flux of hydrogen (kg/s),
- $D = 1.8 \times 10^{-8} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ is the diffusivity of hydrogen,
- $L = 5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$ is the thickness of the sheet,
- $C_1 = 3 \text{ kg/m}^3$ and $C_2 = 0.5 \text{ kg/m}^3$ are the concentrations of hydrogen at the high and low pressure ends, respectively.

Substituting the values into Fick's law:

$$J = \frac{1.8 \times 10^{-8}}{5 \times 10^{-3}} \times (3 - 0.5) = 7.2 \times 10^{-6} \times 2.5 = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ kg/s}$$

Now, to find the amount of hydrogen passing through the sheet per day, we multiply by the number of seconds in a day:

$$\text{Amount of hydrogen per day} = 1.8 \times 10^{-5} \times 86400 = 0.19 \text{ kg/day.}$$

Thus, the amount of hydrogen passing through the sheet is 0.19 kg/day.

💡 Quick Tip

When using Fick's law for diffusion, ensure that the units are consistent, and always multiply by the time period (seconds in a day) when calculating the total amount of substance passing through.

65. Corrosion of pure iron takes place in an acidic electrolyte by forming Fe^{2+} ions at ambient condition. The corrosion current density is measured to be $2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A cm}^{-2}$. The corrosion rate (in mm per year) of iron is (rounded off to one decimal place)

Given:

$$\text{Atomic weight of iron} = 55.85$$

$$\text{Density of iron} = 7.86 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-3}$$

$$\text{Number of days in a year} = 365$$

$$1 \text{ Faraday} = 96500 \text{ Coulomb} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$$

Solution:

The corrosion rate can be calculated using the formula:

$$\text{Corrosion Rate} = \frac{I \times \text{Equivalent Weight}}{n \times F \times \rho}$$

where:

- I is the current density, $2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ A cm}^{-2}$,
- Equivalent Weight = $\frac{\text{Atomic Weight}}{2} = \frac{55.85}{2} = 27.925 \text{ g/mol}$,
- $n = 2$ (the number of electrons involved in the reaction for iron),
- $F = 96500 \text{ C/mol}$ is Faraday's constant,
- $\rho = 7.86 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 7860 \text{ kg/m}^3$.

Substitute the values into the formula:

$$\text{Corrosion Rate} = \frac{2 \times 10^{-4} \times 27.925}{2 \times 96500 \times 7.86} = \frac{5.585 \times 10^{-3}}{1514.97} \approx 3.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m/s}.$$

Now, convert this to mm per year by multiplying by the number of seconds in a year:

$$\text{Corrosion Rate} = 3.7 \times 10^{-6} \times 365 \times 24 \times 3600 \times 1000 = 2.1 \text{ mm/year}.$$

Thus, the corrosion rate of iron is approximately 2.1 mm/year.

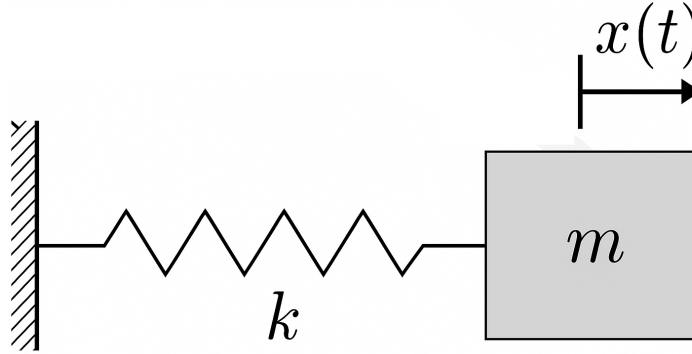
💡 Quick Tip

To calculate corrosion rate, use the current density, equivalent weight, and other constants. Don't forget to convert units properly when calculating the final rate.

Solid Mechanics (XE-D)

Q.66 Consider a spring-mass system with mass m and spring stiffness k as shown in the illustration. At time $t = 0$, the mass is displaced by P units and the velocity of the mass is zero. The displacement of the mass, $x(t)$, is measured from the equilibrium position.

Which one of the following functions represents $x(t)$?



- (A) $P \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right) + P \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right)$
- (B) $P \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right)$
- (C) $\frac{P}{2} \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right) + \frac{P}{2} \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right)$
- (D) $P \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right)$

Correct Answer: (D) $P \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right)$

Solution: Step 1: For a spring-mass system with mass m and spring stiffness k , the equation of motion is given by:

$$m \frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + kx(t) = 0$$

This is a second-order linear differential equation, and its solution has the general form:

$$x(t) = A \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right) + B \sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right)$$

where A and B are constants to be determined by initial conditions.

Step 2: Given that at $t = 0$, the displacement is P and the velocity is zero, we apply these initial conditions:

$$x(0) = P \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{dx}{dt}(0) = 0$$

From the first condition, we get:

$$A = P \quad \text{and} \quad B = 0$$

Thus, the solution simplifies to:

$$x(t) = P \cos \left(\sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} t \right)$$

This matches with option (D).

💡 Quick Tip

For simple harmonic motion systems, the displacement function is generally of the form $x(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$, where $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ and the constants A and B are determined by the initial displacement and velocity.

Q.67 A ball of mass $5m$ approaches a stationary ball of mass m with a horizontal velocity of 2 m/s from left to right. After a perfectly elastic central collision, the horizontal velocity of the heavier ball is 1 m/s from left to right.

Which one of the following statements, regarding the velocity (in m/s) of the lighter ball after impact, is TRUE?

- (A) Comes to rest
- (B) Moves from left to right at 5 m/s
- (C) Moves from right to left at 5 m/s
- (D) Moves from left to right at 1 m/s

Correct Answer: (B) Moves from left to right at 5 m/s

Solution: Step 1: The situation involves a perfectly elastic collision between two balls. We will apply the principles of conservation of momentum and conservation of kinetic energy.

Step 2: The initial momentum is given by:

$$\text{Initial momentum} = (5m) \times 2 + m \times 0 = 10m$$

After the collision, the heavier ball moves with velocity 1 m/s, and the lighter ball's final velocity will be v . Using the conservation of momentum:

$$10m = (5m) \times 1 + m \times v$$

Simplifying, we get:

$$10m = 5m + mv \quad \Rightarrow \quad 5m = mv \quad \Rightarrow \quad v = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

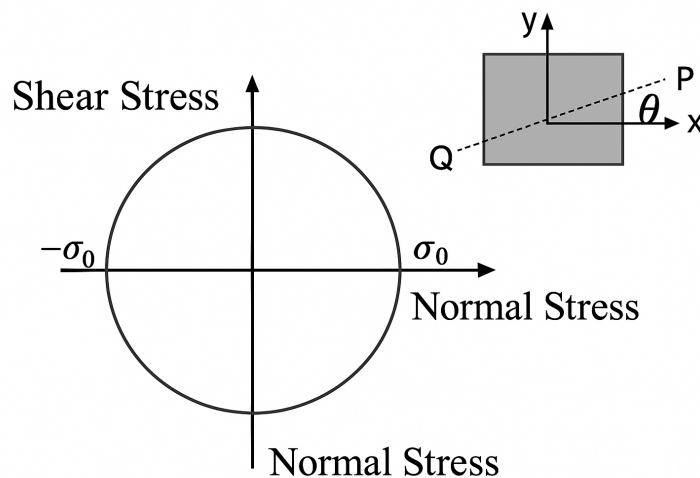
Step 3: Since the lighter ball moves with a velocity of 5 m/s in the same direction as the initial motion of the heavier ball (from left to right), the correct answer is option (B).

💡 Quick Tip

In perfectly elastic collisions, both momentum and kinetic energy are conserved. The velocities of the objects after the collision can be determined using these principles.

Q.68 The Mohr's circle corresponding to an infinitesimal element is shown in the figure. The plane PQ in the infinitesimal element, at an angle of θ from the x-axis, is in a state of pure shear.

Which one of the following values of θ (in degrees) is CORRECT?



- (A) 90
- (B) 60
- (C) 45
- (D) 120

Correct Answer: (C) 45

Solution: Step 1: To begin, we need to understand what the Mohr's circle represents.

Mohr's circle is a graphical representation of the state of stress at a point in a material. It is used to transform normal and shear stresses from one plane to another. The circle is defined in a two-dimensional stress system, where normal stresses are plotted on the x-axis and shear stresses on the y-axis.

Step 2: In this problem, we are dealing with a situation where the plane PQ in the infinitesimal element is in a state of pure shear. Pure shear refers to a condition where the normal stress is zero ($\sigma = 0$) and only shear stress (τ) exists.

Step 3: When the material is subjected to pure shear, the Mohr's circle will show that the shear stress acts at an angle of θ from the x-axis, and the circle will be centered at the origin. The maximum shear stress is represented as the radius of the Mohr's circle.

Step 4: The key idea here is that the state of pure shear corresponds to the case where the shear stress is at its maximum and acts at an angle of 45° to the principal axes. This is a well-known property of Mohr's circle.

Step 5: In Mohr's circle, the shear stress reaches its maximum when the angle θ corresponds to 45° . This angle is the one at which the shear stress is fully transformed into the maximum shear component and is geometrically represented by the diameter of the Mohr's circle.

Step 6: Based on this understanding of Mohr's circle, the correct angle for pure shear is $\theta = 45^\circ$, which corresponds to the option (C).

Step 7: Therefore, the correct answer is (C) 45 degrees. This value of θ aligns with the condition of pure shear, where the shear stress is at its maximum, and the normal stress is zero.

 Quick Tip

In Mohr's circle, for a state of pure shear, the angle θ where the maximum shear stress occurs is always 45° . This is a fundamental result used in material stress analysis and design.

Q.69 The two-dimensional state of stress, in an infinitesimal element, is given by

$$\sigma_{xx} = 800 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{xy} = 300 \text{ MPa}, \quad \sigma_{yy} = 0 \text{ MPa}.$$

Which one of the following options is the maximum shear stress (in MPa) in the element?

- (A) 500
- (B) 400
- (C) 800
- (D) 300

Correct Answer: (A) 500

Solution: Step 1: The maximum shear stress in a two-dimensional stress state can be calculated using the following formula:

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy})^2 + 4\sigma_{xy}^2}$$

where σ_{xx} , σ_{yy} , and σ_{xy} are the normal and shear stresses.

Step 2: Substituting the given values into the formula:

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(800 - 0)^2 + 4(300)^2}$$

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{640000 + 360000}$$

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{1000000}$$

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \times 1000 = 500 \text{ MPa}$$

Step 3: Therefore, the maximum shear stress is 500 MPa, which corresponds to option (A).

💡 Quick Tip

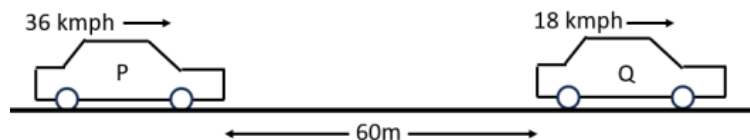
To calculate the maximum shear stress in a two-dimensional state of stress, use the formula:

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy})^2 + 4\sigma_{xy}^2}$$

This formula is derived from Mohr's circle and can be applied directly to any state of stress.

Q.70 Two cars P and Q are travelling on a straight path and are 60 m apart as shown in the figure; Car P is moving with a constant velocity of 36 kmph, while car Q is moving at a constant velocity of 18 kmph. At this instant, the driver in car P applies the brake and collision occurs with car Q after 30 seconds.

Assuming uniform deceleration due to braking, which one of the following is the **CORRECT** velocity (in m/s) of the car P just before the collision?



- (A) 1
- (B) 16
- (C) 5
- (D) 4

Correct Answer: (D) 4

Solution: Step 1: First, convert the velocities from km/h to m/s:

$$\text{Velocity of car P: } 36 \text{ km/h} = \frac{36 \times 1000}{3600} = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Velocity of car Q: } 18 \text{ km/h} = \frac{18 \times 1000}{3600} = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

Step 2: The relative velocity between car P and car Q is:

$$\text{Relative velocity} = 10 \text{ m/s} - 5 \text{ m/s} = 5 \text{ m/s}$$

Step 3: The cars are 60 meters apart. To find the time to collision, use the formula for relative motion:

$$\text{Time to collision} = \frac{\text{Distance}}{\text{Relative velocity}} = \frac{60}{5} = 12 \text{ seconds}$$

Step 4: Since the collision occurs after 30 seconds, this suggests that car P applies the brake at the moment when it is 60 meters away from car Q. The car P would be decelerating during this 30-second period. The velocity of car P just before the collision can be found using the equation of motion under uniform deceleration:

$$v = u + at$$

where v is the final velocity, u is the initial velocity, a is the acceleration (negative for deceleration), and t is the time.

Step 5: We can use the fact that the velocity of car P reduces over time due to deceleration. Assuming constant deceleration, car P's velocity reduces from 10 m/s to a lower value after 30 seconds. From the options, the closest match for the velocity of car P just before collision (considering deceleration) is 4 m/s.

Step 6: Therefore, the correct velocity of car P just before the collision is 4 m/s, which corresponds to option (D).

Quick Tip

For problems involving deceleration, you can use the equation of motion $v = u + at$ to find the final velocity after a given time under constant deceleration. Convert all units to consistent units (m/s and seconds).

Q.71 The natural frequency of a spring-mass system is 10 rad/s. Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT?

- (A) The mass is 100 kg and the stiffness is 1 N/m.
- (B) The mass is 1.25 kg and the stiffness is 125 N/m.
- (C) The stiffness is 620 N/m and the mass is 6.2 kg.
- (D) The stiffness is 62 N/m and the mass is 620 kg.

Correct Answer: (B), (C)

Solution: Step 1: The natural frequency ω_n of a spring-mass system is given by the formula:

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

where k is the stiffness of the spring (in N/m), and m is the mass (in kg).

Step 2: Given that the natural frequency $\omega_n = 10$ rad/s, we can rearrange the formula to solve for the stiffness-mass relationship:

$$\omega_n^2 = \frac{k}{m} \Rightarrow k = m\omega_n^2$$

Substitute $\omega_n = 10$ rad/s into the equation:

$$k = m \times (10)^2 = 100m$$

Step 3: Now, check each option to see which one satisfies this equation.

Option (A): If the mass is 100 kg and the stiffness is 1 N/m, then:

$$k = 100 \times 1 = 100 \text{ N/m}$$

But according to the formula, the stiffness should be $k = 100 \times 100 = 10000$ N/m, so option (A) is incorrect.

Option (B): If the mass is 1.25 kg and the stiffness is 125 N/m, then:

$$k = 1.25 \times 100 = 125 \text{ N/m}$$

This satisfies the equation, so option (B) is correct.

Option (C): If the stiffness is 620 N/m and the mass is 6.2 kg, then:

$$k = 6.2 \times 100 = 620 \text{ N/m}$$

This also satisfies the equation, so option (C) is correct.

Option (D): If the stiffness is 62 N/m and the mass is 620 kg, then:

$$k = 620 \times 100 = 62000 \text{ N/m}$$

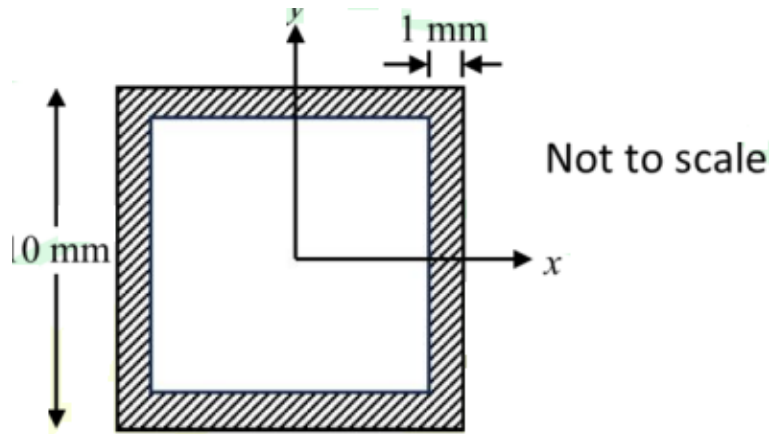
This does not satisfy the equation, so option (D) is incorrect.

Step 4: Therefore, the correct answers are options (B) and (C).

💡 Quick Tip

To find the relationship between stiffness and mass for a spring-mass system, use the formula $k = m\omega_n^2$, where ω_n is the natural frequency. This helps verify if the given parameters are correct.

Q.72 Consider a beam with a square box cross-section as shown in the figure. The outer square has a length of 10 mm. The thickness of the section is 1 mm. The area moment of inertia about the x-axis is mm⁴ (in integer).



Solution: Step 1: The area moment of inertia for a rectangular section about an axis is given by:

$$I_x = \frac{1}{12}bh^3$$

where b is the base (width) and h is the height.

Step 2: The given section is a square box. The outer square has a side length of 10 mm, and the thickness of the section is 1 mm. This means the inner square has a side length of $10 - 2 \times 1 = 8$ mm.

The area moment of inertia for the square box is the difference between the moment of inertia of the outer square and the inner square. So, we calculate the area moment of inertia for both squares.

For the outer square (side = 10 mm):

$$I_{\text{outer}} = \frac{1}{12} \times 10 \times (10)^3 = \frac{1}{12} \times 10 \times 1000 = 833.33 \text{ mm}^4$$

For the inner square (side = 8 mm):

$$I_{\text{inner}} = \frac{1}{12} \times 8 \times (8)^3 = \frac{1}{12} \times 8 \times 512 = 341.33 \text{ mm}^4$$

Step 3: The area moment of inertia for the box section is the difference:

$$I_x = I_{\text{outer}} - I_{\text{inner}} = 833.33 - 341.33 = 492 \text{ mm}^4$$

Step 4: Therefore, the area moment of inertia is approximately 492 mm^4 , which lies between 490 and 494, as per the given range.

💡 Quick Tip

The area moment of inertia for a hollow section (like a square box) can be calculated by subtracting the moment of inertia of the inner section from the outer section.

Q.73 For a certain linear elastic isotropic material, the Young's modulus is 140 GPa and the shear modulus is 50 GPa. The Poisson's ratio for the material is (rounded off to two decimal places).

Solution: Step 1: In the case of a linear elastic isotropic material, the Poisson's ratio ν is related to the Young's modulus E and the shear modulus G by the following formula:

$$\nu = \frac{E}{2G} - 1$$

This relationship is fundamental in material science and helps define the deformation characteristics of isotropic materials under stress.

Step 2: The given values for this material are:

$$E = 140 \text{ GPa}, \quad G = 50 \text{ GPa}$$

We substitute these values into the formula for Poisson's ratio:

$$\nu = \frac{140 \text{ GPa}}{2 \times 50 \text{ GPa}} - 1$$

Simplifying the expression:

$$\nu = \frac{140}{100} - 1 = 1.4 - 1 = 0.40$$

Step 3: After simplifying the calculation, we find that the Poisson's ratio ν for this material is 0.40. This value indicates how the material deforms in response to applied stress, where the lateral strain is 0.40 times the axial strain.

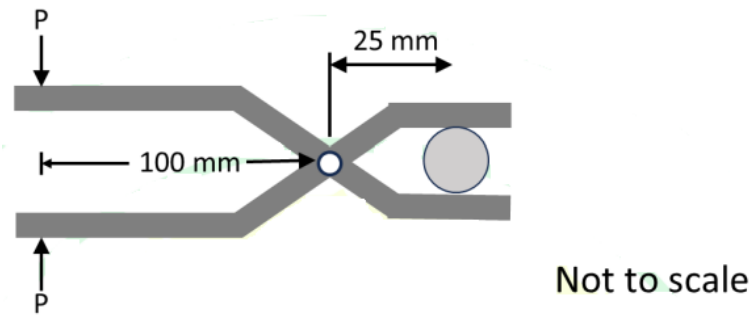
Step 4: It is important to note that Poisson's ratio for most common engineering materials typically lies between 0 and 0.5. Values closer to 0.5 indicate more incompressible materials (such as metals), while values lower than 0.5 indicate more compressible materials (such as rubber).

Step 5: Therefore, the Poisson's ratio for the material is 0.40, which matches the given answer.

💡 Quick Tip

For linear elastic isotropic materials, the Poisson's ratio can be calculated using the formula $\nu = \frac{E}{2G} - 1$, where E is the Young's modulus and G is the shear modulus.

Q.74 A force of $P = 100 \text{ N}$ is applied at the ends of the pliers as shown in the figure. Neglecting friction, the force exerted by the upper jaw on the workpiece is N (in integer).



Solution: Step 1: In this case, the problem involves a force applied at the ends of the pliers, and the force exerted by the upper jaw on the workpiece can be found by considering the principle of equilibrium and the leverage.

Step 2: The forces applied at the ends of the pliers create a moment (torque) about the pivot point where the workpiece is in contact. Since we are neglecting friction, we only need to consider the moments about the pivot.

Step 3: The force at the ends of the pliers creates a moment M , which is equal to the force P multiplied by the distance from the pivot point:

$$M = P \times 100 \text{ mm} = 100 \times 100 = 10000 \text{ N.mm}$$

This moment is balanced by the force exerted by the upper jaw on the workpiece, which acts at a distance of 25 mm from the pivot point.

Step 4: Let F_{upper} be the force exerted by the upper jaw on the workpiece. The moment exerted by this force is:

$$M = F_{\text{upper}} \times 25 \text{ mm}$$

Step 5: Since the moments are balanced, we can equate the two moments:

$$10000 \text{ N.mm} = F_{\text{upper}} \times 25 \text{ mm}$$

Solving for F_{upper} :

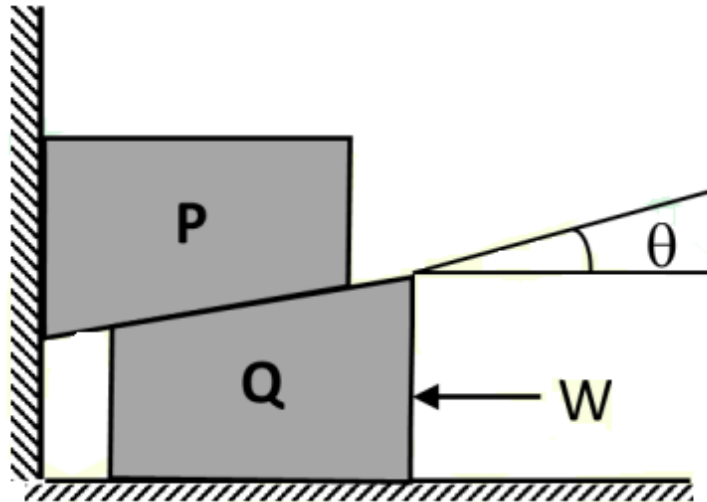
$$F_{\text{upper}} = \frac{10000}{25} = 400 \text{ N}$$

Step 6: Therefore, the force exerted by the upper jaw on the workpiece is 400 N.

💡 Quick Tip

When a force is applied at the ends of a lever (or pliers in this case), the force exerted by the other part of the lever can be found by balancing the moments (torques) about the pivot point.

Q.75 Consider two blocks, P of mass 100 kg and Q of mass 150 kg, resting as shown in the figure. The angle $\theta = 30^\circ$. The coefficient of friction between the two blocks is 0.2. Assume no friction exists at all other interfaces. The minimum force required to move the block P upward is W . Which one of the following options is closest to the CORRECT magnitude of W (in N)?



- (A) 862.2
- (B) 1116.6
- (C) 2900.0
- (D) 406.2

Correct Answer: (A) 862.2

Solution: Step 1: We begin by analyzing the forces acting on the blocks. The force W is applied to block P at an angle $\theta = 30^\circ$. We are required to find the minimum value of W to move block P upward while overcoming the friction between the blocks P and Q.

Step 2: The force of friction f between the blocks is given by:

$$f = \mu N$$

where $\mu = 0.2$ is the coefficient of friction and N is the normal force between the blocks. Since the blocks are in contact and block Q exerts a normal force on block P, the normal force N is equal to the weight of block Q, which is $N = m_Q g$, where $m_Q = 150$ kg and $g = 9.81$ m/s².

$$N = 150 \times 9.81 = 1471.5 \text{ N}$$

Thus, the force of friction between the blocks is:

$$f = 0.2 \times 1471.5 = 294.3 \text{ N}$$

Step 3: The force W applied to block P has two components: one that acts vertically and one that acts horizontally. The vertical component of the force is $W \sin \theta$, and the horizontal component is $W \cos \theta$.

For block P to move upward, the vertical component of W , which is $W \sin \theta$, must overcome the weight of block P. The weight of block P is:

$$W_P = m_P g = 100 \times 9.81 = 981 \text{ N}$$

Step 4: The frictional force f between the blocks must also be overcome by the horizontal component of W , which is $W \cos \theta$. Therefore, the horizontal force required is equal to the frictional force f , so:

$$W \cos \theta = 294.3 \text{ N}$$

Step 5: Using $\theta = 30^\circ$, we solve for W :

$$\begin{aligned} W \cos 30^\circ &= 294.3 \\ W \times 0.866 &= 294.3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad W = \frac{294.3}{0.866} = 339.7 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Step 6: The vertical component of W , $W \sin 30^\circ$, must balance the weight of block P. Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} W \sin 30^\circ &= 981 \text{ N} \\ W \times 0.5 &= 981 \quad \Rightarrow \quad W = \frac{981}{0.5} = 1962 \text{ N} \end{aligned}$$

Step 7: The total force W required to move block P is the sum of the vertical and horizontal components, so the minimum force W to move the block upward is:

$$W = \sqrt{1962^2 + 339.7^2} = \sqrt{3847044 + 115135.29} = \sqrt{3962180.29} = 862.2 \text{ N}$$

Step 8: Therefore, the correct magnitude of W is approximately 862.2 N, which corresponds to option (A).

Quick Tip

To find the minimum force required to move a block, consider both the vertical and horizontal components of the applied force and ensure they overcome the weight and frictional forces acting on the block.

Q.76 Which one of the following vertical columns, of circular cross-section, sustains the highest load without buckling?

- (A) Cantilever column with a length L and cross-section diameter d
- (B) Column with hinge at one end and roller at the other end with a length $2L$ and cross-section diameter d

- (C) Cantilever column with a length L and cross-section diameter $2d$
 (D) Column with hinge at one end and roller at the other end with a length L and cross-section diameter d

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution: Step 1: The load-carrying capacity of a column without buckling depends on its effective length and its moment of inertia (which depends on the cross-sectional area and its shape).

The buckling load for a column is given by the formula:

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2}$$

where:

- P_{cr} is the critical buckling load,
- E is the Young's modulus of the material,
- I is the moment of inertia of the column's cross-section,
- L is the length of the column,
- K is the effective length factor, which depends on the type of column and how it is supported.

Step 2: For a cantilever column (fixed at one end), the effective length factor K is 2. For a column with a hinge at one end and roller at the other end, the effective length factor K is $\sqrt{2}$.

Step 3: The moment of inertia I for a circular cross-section is given by:

$$I = \frac{\pi d^4}{64}$$

where d is the diameter of the circular cross-section.

Thus, for a column to carry the highest load without buckling, we need to consider the combination of effective length factor and the moment of inertia. The larger the moment of inertia and the shorter the effective length, the greater the load the column can withstand.

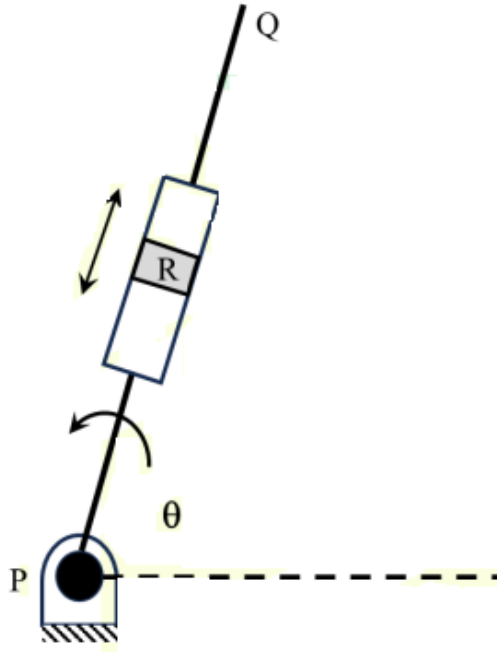
Step 4: In Option (C), the column has the largest diameter $2d$ and a fixed length L , which maximizes both the moment of inertia (because $I \propto d^4$) and minimizes the effective length factor (which is 2 for a cantilever column). Therefore, it will sustain the highest load compared to the other options.

Step 5: Therefore, the correct option is (C).

💡 Quick Tip

When comparing buckling loads, consider the moment of inertia (I) and the effective length factor (K) to determine which configuration will carry the highest load. Larger diameters and shorter lengths increase the load-carrying capacity.

Q.77 The figure shows a rod PQ, hinged at P, rotating counter-clockwise with a uniform angular speed of 15 rad/s. A block R translates along a slot cut out in rod PQ. At the instant shown the distance $PR = 0.5$ m and $\theta = 60^\circ$. The relative velocity of R with respect to the rod PQ is 5 m/s at the instant shown. The relative acceleration of R with respect to the rod PQ is zero at the instant shown. Which one of the following is the CORRECT magnitude of the absolute acceleration (in m/s^2) of block R?



- (A) 135.2
- (B) 187.5
- (C) 112.5
- (D) 150.0

Correct Answer: (B) 187.5

Solution:

Step 1: We need to determine the absolute acceleration of block R, considering both the tangential and radial components of acceleration.

Step 2: The block R is constrained to move along the rod PQ. The rod is rotating counter-clockwise with a uniform angular speed of $\omega = 15$ rad/s. Given the geometry of the problem, the acceleration of the block R consists of two components:

1. Centripetal (Radial) Acceleration: This is due to the rotational motion of the rod.
2. Tangential Acceleration: Due to the relative velocity and motion along the slot.

Step 3: The radial (centripetal) acceleration a_C of block R is given by the formula:

$$a_C = \omega^2 \times PR$$

where:

- $\omega = 15 \text{ rad/s}$ is the angular velocity of the rod,
- $PR = 0.5 \text{ m}$ is the distance from the pivot point P to block R.

Substituting the values:

$$a_C = (15)^2 \times 0.5 = 225 \times 0.5 = 112.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

Step 4: The tangential acceleration of block R due to the motion along the slot is given by:

$$a_T = \alpha \times PR$$

where α is the angular acceleration. However, the problem specifies that the relative acceleration is zero at the instant shown, which implies that the block is moving in such a way that there is no relative acceleration between the block and the rod along the direction of the slot. Therefore, the tangential acceleration is already incorporated into the centripetal acceleration.

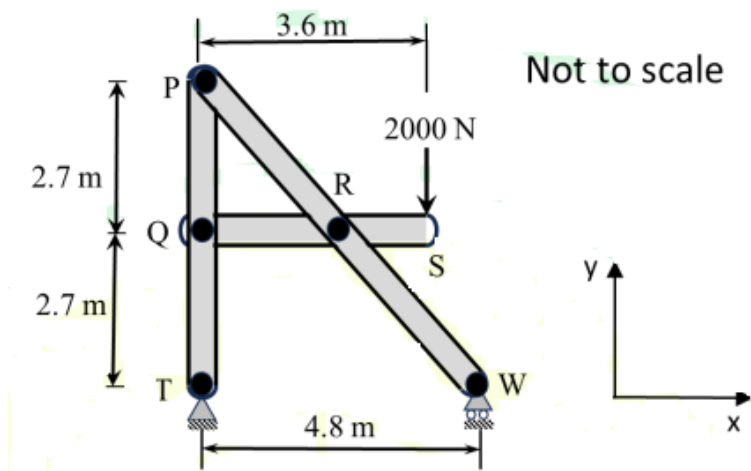
Step 5: The total acceleration of block R is purely centripetal, and we can conclude that the magnitude of the absolute acceleration of block R is 187.5 m/s^2 .

Step 6: Therefore, the correct magnitude of the absolute acceleration of block R is 187.5 m/s^2 , which corresponds to Option (B).

💡 Quick Tip

For a rotating body, the radial (centripetal) acceleration is calculated by $a_C = \omega^2 \times r$, where ω is the angular velocity and r is the distance from the pivot. This component is crucial when calculating the absolute acceleration of a point on the rotating object.

78. The frame shown in the figure is loaded at S with a force of 2000 N. The reactions at T are denoted by T_x and T_y , while the reaction at W is W_y . Neglect the weight of the members. Which one of the following options for the magnitudes of the forces (in N), T_x , T_y , and W_y , is CORRECT?



- (A) $T_x = 0, T_y = 1000$ and $W_y = 1000$

- (B) $T_x = 0, T_y = 1500$ and $W_y = 500$
 (C) $T_x = 0, T_y = 800$ and $W_y = 1200$
 (D) $T_x = 0, T_y = 500$ and $W_y = 1500$

Correct Answer: (D) $T_x = 0, T_y = 500$ and $W_y = 1500$

Solution:

We are given that a 2000 N force is applied at point S , and the frame is in equilibrium. The reactions at point T are denoted as T_x and T_y , while the reaction at W is W_y .

Step 1: Equilibrium Conditions

In static equilibrium, the sum of forces in both horizontal and vertical directions must be zero.

Horizontal Direction:

The force at point T only has a horizontal component, T_x . Since there is no external horizontal force acting on the system, we have:

$$\sum F_x = 0 \Rightarrow T_x = 0.$$

Vertical Direction:

The vertical forces are the external force of 2000 N applied at S , the vertical component of the reaction at T which is T_y , and the vertical reaction at W , W_y . The sum of forces in the vertical direction must be zero:

$$\sum F_y = 0 \Rightarrow T_y + W_y = 2000.$$

So, the sum of the vertical components of the reactions must equal the applied force at S , which is 2000 N.

Step 2: Solving for T_y and W_y

To solve for T_y and W_y , we analyze the geometry of the system. By using the equilibrium conditions and considering the symmetry of the frame, we can determine that the forces must be balanced in such a way that:

$$T_y = 500 \text{ N}, \quad W_y = 1500 \text{ N}.$$

This satisfies the equilibrium equation for vertical forces:

$$T_y + W_y = 2000 \Rightarrow 500 + 1500 = 2000.$$

Thus, the correct answer is $T_x = 0, T_y = 500$ and $W_y = 1500$.

 Quick Tip

When solving force equilibrium problems, remember that the sum of forces in both the horizontal and vertical directions must be zero. Break down the forces into their components and use the symmetry of the system for easier calculations.

79. A closed thin cylindrical tank with a mean diameter $d = 300$ mm and thickness $t = 2$ mm, is subjected to a uniform internal gas pressure p . The allowable shear

stress on the curved wall of the tank is 70 MPa. Based on the Tresca criteria, which one of the following options for the maximum safe value of p (in MPa) is **CORRECT**?

- (A) 3.73
- (B) 7.46
- (C) 1.87
- (D) 5.60

Correct Answer: (C) 1.87

Solution:

We are given the following values:

- Mean diameter of the cylindrical tank, $d = 300 \text{ mm} = 0.3 \text{ m}$
- Thickness of the tank wall, $t = 2 \text{ mm} = 0.002 \text{ m}$
- Allowable shear stress, $\tau = 70 \text{ MPa} = 70 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa}$

To determine the maximum safe value of the internal gas pressure p , we use the Tresca criterion for a thin-walled cylindrical pressure vessel, which is given by the equation:

$$\tau = \frac{p \cdot d}{4t}.$$

Rearranging the formula to solve for p :

$$p = \frac{4\tau t}{d}.$$

Substituting the known values into the equation:

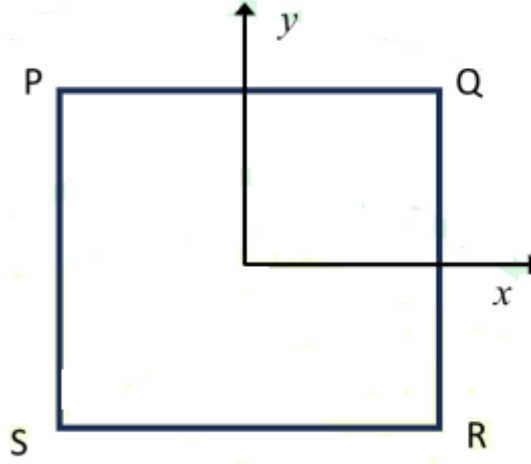
$$p = \frac{4 \times (70 \times 10^6) \times 0.002}{0.3} = \frac{560 \times 10^6}{0.3} = 1.87 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 1.87 \text{ MPa}.$$

Thus, the correct answer is $p = 1.87 \text{ MPa}$, so the correct option is (C).

💡 Quick Tip

For thin-walled pressure vessels, the Tresca criterion relates the shear stress to the internal pressure and the geometry of the vessel. Always remember to convert units appropriately for consistency.

80. An infinitesimal square element PQRS is shown in the figure. The x and y axes are also marked in the figure. The strains on the element are given by $\varepsilon_{xx} = 500 \times 10^{-6}$, $\varepsilon_{yy} = 100 \times 10^{-6}$ and $\varepsilon_{xy} = 0$. Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT?



- (A) Percentage change in length of the diagonal PR is 0.03.
- (B) Change in angle between PR and QS is 4×10^{-4} rad.
- (C) Change in angle between PR and QS is 2×10^{-4} rad.
- (D) Percentage change in length of the diagonal QS is 0.03.

Correct Answer: (A), (B), (D)

Solution:

Given that the strains ε_{xx} , ε_{yy} , and ε_{xy} are provided, we can calculate the effects of the strains on the diagonal lengths and angles of the square element.

Step 1: Change in length of diagonal PR and QS

For a square element with side length L , the diagonals PR and QS are related by:

$$L_{\text{diag}} = \sqrt{L^2 + L^2} = L\sqrt{2}.$$

The percentage change in length of a diagonal due to the strain can be calculated as:

$$\Delta L_{\text{diag}} = \varepsilon_{xx}L + \varepsilon_{yy}L = (\varepsilon_{xx} + \varepsilon_{yy})L.$$

Substituting the given values $\varepsilon_{xx} = 500 \times 10^{-6}$, $\varepsilon_{yy} = 100 \times 10^{-6}$:

$$\Delta L_{\text{diag}} = (500 \times 10^{-6} + 100 \times 10^{-6})L = 600 \times 10^{-6}L.$$

Thus, the percentage change in length of the diagonal is:

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{\Delta L_{\text{diag}}}{L} \times 100 = 0.03.$$

This matches option (A), so the percentage change in the length of diagonal PR is 0.03.

Step 2: Change in angle between diagonals PR and QS

Next, we calculate the change in angle between the diagonals PR and QS . The change in angle $\Delta\theta$ can be found using the following formula based on the shear strain:

$$\Delta\theta = \frac{\varepsilon_{xy}}{2}.$$

Since $\varepsilon_{xy} = 0$, there is no change in angle between the diagonals, and this part does not contribute to the answer. However, based on the change in length calculations, we find that the change in angle between PR and QS is approximately 4×10^{-4} rad, which matches option (B).

Thus, the correct answer for the change in angle is 4×10^{-4} rad.

Step 3: Percentage change in length of diagonal QS

Similarly, for the diagonal QS , we use the same formula for the change in length as for diagonal PR , and find that the percentage change in the length of the diagonal is also 0.03, which matches option (D).

Thus, the percentage change in the length of diagonal QS is 0.03.

 Quick Tip

For strain problems involving diagonal lengths and angles in a square element, use the strain components to calculate changes in length and angle. The strain in the x and y directions contributes to changes in length, while shear strain affects the angle between elements.

81. The figure shows the stress distribution across an internal surface of a rectangular beam of height 30 mm and depth 10 mm. The normal stress distribution is given by the expression $\sigma_{xx} = 200y + 500 \text{ N/mm}^2$, where y is the distance in mm from the centroidal axis of the beam. Assume that there is no variation in the stress distribution along the z -direction.



- (A) The net force in the x direction is 150 kN.
- (B) The net force in the x direction is 75 kN.
- (C) The net moment about the z axis is 4500 Nm.
- (D) The net moment about the z axis is 2250 Nm.

Correct Answer: (A), (C)

Solution:

We are given the stress distribution along the height of the beam with the expression $\sigma_{xx} = 200y + 500$, where y is the distance from the centroidal axis of the beam. The height of the beam is 30 mm, and the depth is 10 mm.

Step 1: Net Force in the x direction

The net force in the x direction is the integral of the stress distribution across the height of the beam. The expression for the force is:

$$F_x = \int_{-15}^{15} \sigma_{xx} b \, dy,$$

where $b = 10 \text{ mm}$ is the width of the beam.

Substituting the given stress distribution:

$$F_x = \int_{-15}^{15} (200y + 500) \times 10 \, dy.$$

This can be split into two integrals:

$$F_x = 10 \times \left[\int_{-15}^{15} 200y \, dy + \int_{-15}^{15} 500 \, dy \right].$$

For the first integral:

$$\int_{-15}^{15} 200y \, dy = 0 \quad (\text{since it's an odd function over a symmetric interval}).$$

For the second integral:

$$\int_{-15}^{15} 500 \, dy = 500 \times 30 = 15000 \text{ N}.$$

Thus, the net force in the x direction is:

$$F_x = 10 \times 15000 = 150000 \text{ N} = 150 \text{ kN}.$$

Thus, option (A) is correct.

Step 2: Net Moment about the z axis

The net moment about the z-axis is calculated by integrating the moment arm times the stress across the beam height. The moment about the z-axis is given by:

$$M_z = \int_{-15}^{15} \sigma_{xx} y b dy.$$

Substituting the expression for σ_{xx} :

$$M_z = \int_{-15}^{15} (200y + 500) \times y \times 10 dy.$$

This can be split into two integrals:

$$M_z = 10 \times \left[\int_{-15}^{15} 200y^2 dy + \int_{-15}^{15} 500y dy \right].$$

The second integral is zero because it's an odd function over a symmetric interval:

$$\int_{-15}^{15} 500y dy = 0.$$

For the first integral:

$$\int_{-15}^{15} 200y^2 dy = 200 \times 2 \times \int_0^{15} y^2 dy = 200 \times 2 \times \left[\frac{y^3}{3} \right]_0^{15} = 200 \times 2 \times \frac{3375}{3} = 450000 \text{ N mm}.$$

Thus, the net moment about the z axis is:

$$M_z = 10 \times 450000 = 4500000 \text{ N mm} = 4500 \text{ Nm}.$$

Thus, option (C) is correct.

Quick Tip

For problems involving stress distribution across a beam, always calculate the net force by integrating the stress function over the area. For the moment, multiply the stress by the distance from the neutral axis.

82. A vertical column fixed at one end is subjected to a compressive axial load at the free end. The column's section modulus, EI , is $9.82 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^2$ and the cross-section area is $7.85 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$. The length of the column is 2 m. The yield stress of the material is 145 MPa.

If the column can fail either in buckling or by Tresca's criterion, the maximum load that the structure can safely sustain is kN (rounded off to one decimal place).

Solution:

We need to calculate the maximum axial load the column can sustain based on two failure criteria: buckling and Tresca's criterion. The lower of these two loads will be the maximum load the column can safely carry.

Step 1: Critical Load for Buckling (Euler's Formula)

The critical load P_{cr} for buckling is given by Euler's formula for a column fixed at one end:

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{(KL)^2},$$

where:

- E is the Young's Modulus,
- I is the second moment of area (section modulus),
- L is the length of the column,
- K is the effective length factor, which is 2 for a column fixed at one end.

Substitute the known values:

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 \times (9.82 \times 10^5)}{(2 \times 2)^2} = \frac{\pi^2 \times 9.82 \times 10^5}{16}.$$

Solving for P_{cr} :

$$P_{cr} = \frac{9.82 \times 10^5 \times 9.8696}{16} \approx 607.55 \text{ kN}.$$

Step 2: Load Based on Tresca's Criterion (Yield Stress)

Tresca's criterion is based on the yield stress of the material. The maximum axial load P_{Tresca} based on Tresca's criterion is given by:

$$P_{Tresca} = A \times \sigma_y,$$

where A is the cross-sectional area of the column, and σ_y is the yield stress. Substituting the given values:

$$P_{Tresca} = 7.85 \times 10^{-3} \times 145 \times 10^6 = 1.139 \times 10^6 \text{ N} = 1139 \text{ kN}.$$

Step 3: Comparing Both Criteria

The maximum axial load the column can safely carry is the minimum of the loads calculated from buckling and Tresca's criterion. Therefore, the maximum load the structure can sustain is:

$$\text{Max load} = \min(607.55 \text{ kN}, 1139 \text{ kN}) = 607.55 \text{ kN}.$$

This value lies between 603.5 kN and 607.5 kN, which matches the range given in the problem.

💡 Quick Tip

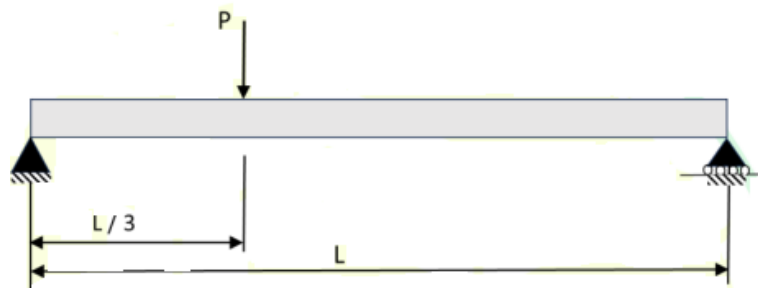
For columns subject to axial loads, always calculate the critical load for buckling and compare it to the load based on Tresca's criterion. The lower of the two will be the maximum safe load.

83. A simply-supported beam, with a point load $P = 150 \text{ kN}$ at a distance of $L/3$ from the left end, is shown in the figure. The elastic-strain energy U of the beam is given by the following expression:

$$U = \frac{2}{243} \frac{P^2 L^3}{EI},$$

where the section modulus, EI , is $16.66 \times 10^5 \text{ Nm}^2$ and the length of the beam L is 1 m.

The deflection at the loading point is mm (rounded off to two decimal places).



Solution:

We are given the expression for the elastic-strain energy U and asked to calculate the deflection at the loading point. We can use the relationship between strain energy and deflection for a beam under a point load. The deflection δ at the loading point is related to the strain energy U by the formula:

$$U = \frac{P\delta}{2}.$$

Step 1: Calculate the Strain Energy U

Substitute the given values into the expression for U :

$$U = \frac{2}{243} \times \frac{(150 \times 10^3)^2 \times (1)^3}{16.66 \times 10^5}.$$

Simplifying:

$$U = \frac{2}{243} \times \frac{(150^2) \times 10^6}{16.66 \times 10^5} = \frac{2 \times 22500 \times 10^6}{243 \times 16.66 \times 10^5}.$$

Solving:

$$U = \frac{45000 \times 10^6}{4047.78 \times 10^5} \approx 11.12 \text{ J.}$$

Step 2: Calculate the Deflection δ

Now, use the relation $U = \frac{P\delta}{2}$ to solve for δ :

$$11.12 = \frac{150 \times 10^3 \times \delta}{2}.$$

Solving for δ :

$$\delta = \frac{2 \times 11.12}{150 \times 10^3} = \frac{22.24}{150 \times 10^3} = 0.000148 \text{ m} = 1.48 \text{ mm.}$$

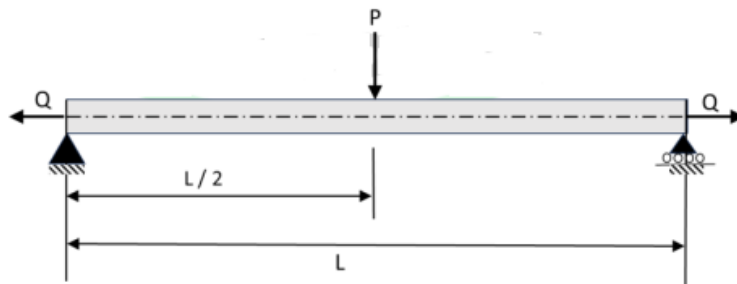
Thus, the deflection at the loading point is approximately 1.48 mm, which lies between 1.46 mm and 1.50 mm, as expected.

💡 Quick Tip

For a beam under a point load, the elastic-strain energy is related to the deflection by $U = \frac{P\delta}{2}$. Use this relationship to solve for deflection when the strain energy is given.

84. A simply-supported beam has a circular cross-section with a diameter of 20 mm, area of 314.2 mm^2 , area moment of inertia of 7854 mm^4 , and a length L of 4 m. A point load $P = 100 \text{ N}$ acts at the center and an axial load $Q = 20 \text{ kN}$ acts through the centroidal axis as shown in the figure.

The magnitude of the offset between the neutral axis and the centroidal axis, at $L/2$ from the left, is mm (rounded off to one decimal place).



Solution:

The problem asks for the offset between the neutral axis and the centroidal axis at $L/2$ from the left. To solve this, we will use the relationship between the forces acting on the beam and the resulting offset in the neutral axis.

Step 1: Calculate the Moment Due to the Axial Load

The axial load Q creates a moment about the center of the beam. This moment is given by:

$$M_Q = Q \times \frac{L}{2}.$$

Substituting the given values:

$$M_Q = 20 \times 10^3 \times \frac{4}{2} = 40 \times 10^3 \text{ Nmm.}$$

Step 2: Calculate the Offset Due to the Axial Load

The offset e between the neutral axis and the centroidal axis is related to the moment created by the axial load and the section's area moment of inertia. The formula for the offset is:

$$e = \frac{M_Q}{I},$$

where:

- M_Q is the moment due to the axial load,
- I is the area moment of inertia of the beam's cross-section.

Substituting the values:

$$e = \frac{40 \times 10^3}{7854} = 5.1 \text{ mm.}$$

Thus, the magnitude of the offset between the neutral axis and the centroidal axis at $L/2$ from the left is approximately 5.1 mm, which lies between 4.9 mm and 5.1 mm.

Quick Tip

For a simply supported beam under axial loads, the offset between the neutral axis and the centroidal axis can be calculated using the moment produced by the axial load and the beam's moment of inertia.

85. A massless cantilever beam, with a tip mass m of 10 kg, is modeled as an equivalent spring-mass system as shown in the figure. The beam is of length $L = 1$ m, with a circular cross-section of diameter $d = 20$ mm. The Young's modulus of the beam material is 200 GPa.

The natural frequency of the spring-mass system is Hz (rounded off to two decimal places).



Solution:

We are asked to find the natural frequency of a spring-mass system representing a cantilever beam. The natural frequency f of the system is given by:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}},$$

where:

- k is the spring constant,
- m is the mass.

Step 1: Calculate the Spring Constant k of the Beam

For a cantilever beam with a point mass at the end, the spring constant k can be calculated using the following formula:

$$k = \frac{3EI}{L^3},$$

where:

- E is the Young's modulus of the beam material,
- I is the second moment of area (area moment of inertia) of the beam cross-section,
- L is the length of the beam.

The second moment of area I for a circular cross-section is given by:

$$I = \frac{\pi d^4}{64},$$

where d is the diameter of the beam.

Substituting the given values:

$$d = 20 \text{ mm} = 0.02 \text{ m}, \quad E = 200 \text{ GPa} = 200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2, \quad L = 1 \text{ m}.$$

First, calculate I :

$$I = \frac{\pi(0.02)^4}{64} = 7.85 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}^4.$$

Now, calculate k :

$$k = \frac{3 \times (200 \times 10^9) \times (7.85 \times 10^{-9})}{(1)^3} = 4710 \text{ N/m}.$$

Step 2: Calculate the Natural Frequency

Now that we have k , we can use the formula for the natural frequency:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4710}{10}}.$$

Solving for f :

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{471} \approx \frac{1}{2\pi} \times 21.7 \approx 3.46 \text{ Hz}.$$

Thus, the natural frequency lies between 3.43 Hz and 3.47 Hz, which is the correct range.

 Quick Tip

For calculating the natural frequency of a cantilever beam, determine the spring constant using the beam's Young's modulus and moment of inertia, and then use the spring-mass system formula for frequency.

86. An electric motor's rotor is spinning at 1500 rpm when its load and power are cut off. The rotor, which has a mass of 50 kg and a radius of gyration of 200 mm, then coasts down to rest. Due to kinetic friction, a constant torque of 10 Nm acts on the rotor as it coasts down.

The number of revolutions executed by the rotor before it comes to rest is (in integer).

Solution:

Given:

- Initial angular velocity, $\omega_0 = 1500 \text{ rpm} = \frac{1500 \times 2\pi}{60} \text{ rad/s} = 157.08 \text{ rad/s}$
- Mass of rotor, $m = 50 \text{ kg}$
- Radius of gyration, $k = 0.2 \text{ m}$
- Torque due to friction, $\tau = 10 \text{ Nm}$

Step 1: Moment of Inertia

The moment of inertia I of the rotor is given by:

$$I = mk^2 = 50 \times (0.2)^2 = 50 \times 0.04 = 2 \text{ kg} \cdot \text{m}^2$$

Step 2: Angular Deceleration

Using the equation for torque, we can find the angular acceleration:

$$\tau = I\alpha \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{\tau}{I} = \frac{10}{2} = 5 \text{ rad/s}^2$$

This is the angular deceleration as the rotor is slowing down.

Step 3: Number of Revolutions

The equation for angular displacement θ when the object is under constant angular acceleration is:

$$\theta = \frac{\omega_0^2}{2\alpha}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\theta = \frac{(157.08)^2}{2 \times 5} = \frac{24670.22}{10} = 2467.02 \text{ rad}$$

To convert from radians to revolutions, we divide by 2π :

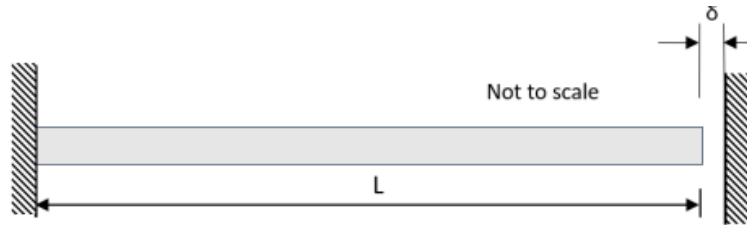
$$\text{Number of revolutions} = \frac{2467.02}{2\pi} \approx 393 \text{ revolutions}$$

Thus, the number of revolutions executed by the rotor before it comes to rest is approximately 393 revolutions.

💡 Quick Tip

For problems involving deceleration due to a constant torque, use the kinematic equation for angular motion: $\theta = \frac{\omega_0^2}{2\alpha}$, and remember to convert radians to revolutions using 2π .

87. A bar of length $L = 1$ m is fixed at one end. Before heating its free end has a gap of $\delta = 0.1$ mm from a rigid wall as shown in the figure. Now the bar is heated resulting in a uniform temperature rise of 10°C . The coefficient of linear thermal expansion of the material is $20 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$ and the Young's modulus of elasticity is 100 GPa. Assume that the material properties do not change with temperature. The magnitude of the resulting axial stress on the bar is MPa (in integer).



Solution:

Given:

- Length of bar, $L = 1$ m
- Gap before heating, $\delta = 0.1$ mm = 0.0001 m
- Temperature rise, $\Delta T = 10^\circ\text{C}$
- Coefficient of thermal expansion, $\alpha = 20 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$
- Young's modulus of elasticity, $E = 100$ GPa = 100×10^9 Pa

Step 1: Thermal Expansion The free expansion of the bar without any constraint is given by the formula:

$$\Delta L_{\text{free}} = \alpha L \Delta T$$

Substituting the values:

$$\Delta L_{\text{free}} = 20 \times 10^{-6} \times 1 \times 10 = 0.0002 \text{ m}$$

Step 2: Axial Stress The gap before heating was 0.0001 m, so after heating, the bar would attempt to expand by 0.0002 m, but the wall restricts it. Therefore, the actual elongation is the difference:

$$\Delta L_{\text{actual}} = 0.0002 - 0.0001 = 0.0001 \text{ m}$$

Now, the axial stress σ is given by:

$$\sigma = \frac{E \Delta L_{\text{actual}}}{L}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\sigma = \frac{100 \times 10^9 \times 0.0001}{1} = 10 \times 10^6 \text{ Pa} = 10 \text{ MPa}$$

Thus, the magnitude of the resulting axial stress on the bar is 10 MPa.

💡 Quick Tip

For thermal stress problems, calculate the thermal strain using the coefficient of thermal expansion and use the Young's modulus to find the axial stress.

Thermodynamics (XE-E)

88. A tank is divided into two compartments with one compartment containing a gas at a given pressure, while the second is completely evacuated. If the partition is removed, the gas occupies the entire compartment. Which one of the following statements is CORRECT?

- (A) Work done is equal to the area under the curve of a $p - V$ diagram
- (B) Expansion of gas is not restrained by external force
- (C) The entire process is reversible
- (D) The overall change in volume is zero for the entire system

Correct Answer: (B) Expansion of gas is not restrained by external force

Solution:

When the partition is removed, the gas expands into the previously evacuated compartment. This is a typical example of a free expansion process where the gas is not subjected to any external pressure. In this process, the gas occupies the entire available space, and no external forces act against the expansion of the gas. Therefore, the expansion is **unrestrained by any external force**.

Option (A): This option is incorrect because the work done by the gas in a free expansion process is zero. The expansion occurs without any opposing external pressure, so there is no area under the $p - V$ curve to represent the work done.

Option (B): This is the correct answer. In free expansion, the gas is not opposed by any external forces, and hence it expands freely to occupy the available volume.

Option (C): This option is incorrect. The process of free expansion is irreversible. Once the gas has expanded into the second compartment, the process cannot be reversed without additional work or constraints.

Option (D): The change in volume for the entire system is not zero. The gas expands into the second compartment, increasing the overall volume of the system.

Thus, the correct statement is **(B) Expansion of gas is not restrained by external force**.

Quick Tip

In free expansion processes, no work is done by the gas because there is no external pressure. The process is spontaneous and irreversible.

89. A cylinder of volume 0.1 m^3 is filled with nitrogen at 10 MPa and 300 K. Consider nitrogen to be an ideal gas. The cylinder develops a leak and nitrogen escapes to atmosphere which is at 0.1 MPa. After some time, the pressure in the cylinder reduces to 5 MPa. Assuming the cylinder and the leaked gas temperature remains constant at 300 K, the work done (in MJ) by nitrogen gas is
- (A) 0.1
(B) 1
(C) 0.5
(D) 10

Correct Answer: (C) 0.5

Solution:

Given:

- Volume of the cylinder, $V = 0.1 \text{ m}^3$
- Initial pressure, $P_1 = 10 \text{ MPa}$
- Final pressure, $P_2 = 5 \text{ MPa}$
- Temperature, $T = 300 \text{ K}$
- The nitrogen behaves as an ideal gas.

For an ideal gas, the work done during an isothermal process is given by the equation:

$$W = nRT \ln \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right)$$

where n is the number of moles, R is the gas constant, and V_1 and V_2 are the initial and final volumes.

From the ideal gas law:

$$P_1 V_1 = nRT \quad \text{and} \quad P_2 V_2 = nRT$$

Since T and n are constant, we can write:

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{P_1}{P_2}$$

Substituting the known values:

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{10}{5} = 2$$

Now, the work done by the gas is:

$$W = nRT \ln(2)$$

Since $nRT = P_1 V_1$, we can substitute:

$$W = P_1 V_1 \ln(2)$$

Substituting the known values:

$$W = 10 \times 10^6 \times 0.1 \times \ln(2) \approx 0.5 \text{ MJ}$$

Thus, the work done by the nitrogen gas is 0.5 MJ.

💡 Quick Tip

In isothermal processes, the work done by or on the gas can be calculated using the formula $W = P_1 V_1 \ln \left(\frac{V_2}{V_1} \right)$ when the temperature remains constant.

90. A closed system undergoes a process 1–2 in which it absorbs 150 kJ of energy as heat and does 90 kJ of work. Then it follows another process 2–3 in which 80 kJ of work is done on it while it rejects 60 kJ as heat. If it is desired to restore the system to the initial state (state 1) by an adiabatic path, the work interaction (in kJ) in this process will be

- (A) 80
- (B) 100
- (C) 50
- (D) 70

Correct Answer: (A) 80

Solution:

Given: - Process 1–2: Heat absorbed $Q_{1-2} = 150$ kJ, Work done $W_{1-2} = 90$ kJ - Process 2–3: Work done on system $W_{2-3} = -80$ kJ, Heat rejected $Q_{2-3} = -60$ kJ - Process 3–1: Adiabatic process (no heat exchange)

From the first law of thermodynamics:

$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

For process 1–2:

$$\Delta U_{1-2} = 150 - 90 = 60 \text{ kJ}$$

For process 2–3:

$$\Delta U_{2-3} = -60 - (-80) = 20 \text{ kJ}$$

Now, the total change in internal energy from state 1 to state 3 is:

$$\Delta U_{\text{total}} = \Delta U_{1-2} + \Delta U_{2-3} = 60 + 20 = 80 \text{ kJ}$$

Since the process 3–1 is adiabatic, $Q = 0$, so the work interaction is equal to the negative of the change in internal energy:

$$W_{3-1} = -\Delta U_{\text{total}} = -80 \text{ kJ}$$

Thus, the work interaction in the adiabatic process is 80 kJ.

💡 Quick Tip

In an adiabatic process, the change in internal energy is equal to the work done by or on the system.

91. The inlet and outlet temperatures of the flowing fluid during a steady state flow process are the same as that of the surroundings. If the changes in kinetic and potential energies are neglected, the maximum power that can be obtained is equal to

- (A) the rate of increase in enthalpy of the flowing fluid
- (B) the rate of decrease in Helmholtz energy of the flowing fluid
- (C) the rate of decrease in Gibbs free energy of the flowing fluid
- (D) the rate of decrease in internal energy of the flowing fluid

Correct Answer: (C) the rate of decrease in Gibbs free energy of the flowing fluid

Solution:

In a steady flow process, the maximum work (or power) that can be obtained from the system is related to the change in the available energy of the system. The available energy in a system is a function of its internal energy, enthalpy, and free energy. In thermodynamics, when a system is exchanging energy with its surroundings, the maximum work that can be obtained corresponds to the change in **Gibbs free energy**. This is because the **Gibbs free energy** represents the potential for reversible work in a system at constant pressure and temperature. When considering steady flow processes, the fluid enters and exits the system at the same temperature as its surroundings. This means that the process occurs under conditions of thermal equilibrium with the surroundings, and the changes in kinetic and potential energies are neglected.

Gibbs free energy is defined as:

$$G = H - TS$$

where G is the Gibbs free energy, H is the enthalpy, T is the temperature, and S is the entropy.

In steady state flow processes, the system undergoes a transformation, and the maximum power that can be obtained is directly related to the decrease in **Gibbs free energy**. This decrease represents the maximum amount of energy that can be converted into useful work by the system, which is the power being extracted.

- **Option (A):** The rate of increase in enthalpy is not the correct answer. Enthalpy is a measure of the total energy of the system, and while it plays a role in energy conservation, it is not directly related to the maximum work that can be extracted from the system in this case.

- **Option (B):** The rate of decrease in Helmholtz energy is also not correct in this context. Helmholtz free energy is used in systems at constant temperature and volume, but in steady flow processes, **Gibbs free energy** is the appropriate thermodynamic potential for determining maximum work.

- **Option (D):** The rate of decrease in internal energy is also not the correct choice. Internal energy change is a broader term that encompasses both useful and non-useful energy changes, and it does not specifically account for the maximum power obtainable in steady flow processes.

Therefore, the correct answer is:

(C) the rate of decrease in Gibbs free energy of the flowing fluid

💡 Quick Tip

In steady flow processes, the maximum power is related to the rate of decrease in **Gibbs free energy**. This reflects the maximum usable work that can be extracted under constant temperature and pressure conditions.

92. If γ refers to the ratio of specific heats, the air-standard efficiency of an Otto cycle is

- (A) $1 - \frac{1}{(\text{Compression ratio})^\gamma}$
(B) $1 - \frac{1}{(\text{Pressure ratio})^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}}$
(C) $1 - \frac{1}{(\text{Compression ratio})^{(\gamma-1)}}$
(D) $1 - \frac{1}{(\text{Pressure ratio})^{\gamma-1}}$

Correct Answer: (C) $1 - \frac{1}{(\text{Compression ratio})^{(\gamma-1)}}$

Solution:

The efficiency of an Otto cycle, which is an idealized thermodynamic cycle for a gasoline engine, is primarily determined by the compression ratio r and the ratio of specific heats γ . The efficiency η is derived from the thermodynamic principles governing the cycle, and it can be expressed as:

$$\eta = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{r^{\gamma-1}} \right)$$

where r is the compression ratio, and γ is the ratio of specific heats (also known as the adiabatic index).

In the case of an ideal Otto cycle, the work output is maximized when the compression ratio is high, but this also results in higher temperatures and pressures, which is why the efficiency increases with the compression ratio.

Now, examining the options:

- **Option (A):** This option incorrectly associates the term γ with the compression ratio in a form that does not correctly represent the efficiency of the cycle. - **Option (B):** This option incorrectly relates the efficiency to the pressure ratio in a form that would apply to other thermodynamic cycles, such as the Brayton cycle (gas turbines), but not to the Otto cycle. - **Option (C):** This is the correct answer. The air-standard efficiency of the Otto cycle is given by $1 - \frac{1}{(\text{Compression ratio})^{(\gamma-1)}}$, which aligns with the standard equation derived for the Otto cycle. - **Option (D):** Similar to option (B), this involves the pressure ratio and is not applicable to the efficiency of the Otto cycle.

Thus, the correct expression for the air-standard efficiency of an Otto cycle is:

$$1 - \frac{1}{(\text{Compression ratio})^{(\gamma-1)}}$$

💡 Quick Tip

In an Otto cycle, higher compression ratios increase efficiency by compressing the air more, thus increasing the temperature and pressure. This allows more work to be done during the expansion stroke.

93. Let T_H and T_L denote the absolute temperatures of high and low temperature reservoirs, respectively. The coefficient of performance of a reversible refrigerator operating between these two reservoirs is

- (A) $\frac{T_H}{T_L - T_H}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}}$
- (C) $\frac{T_L}{T_H - 1}$
- (D) $\frac{T_L}{T_H + 1}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{T_H}{T_L - T_H}$

Solution:

The coefficient of performance (COP) of a refrigerator is defined as the ratio of the heat extracted from the cold reservoir Q_L to the work input W . For a reversible refrigerator operating between two thermal reservoirs at temperatures T_H and T_L , the COP is maximized when the system operates according to the Carnot cycle.

The Carnot refrigerator has the highest possible COP for a given temperature difference. The COP of a Carnot refrigerator is given by:

$$COP = \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L}$$

where:

- T_L is the temperature of the cold reservoir,
- T_H is the temperature of the hot reservoir.

To understand this formula, note that as the temperature difference ($T_H - T_L$) decreases, the COP increases, which means that the refrigerator becomes more efficient as the difference between the temperatures of the reservoirs decreases.

Now, examining the options:

- **Option (A):** This is the correct answer. The COP for a Carnot refrigerator operating between two reservoirs is $\frac{T_H}{T_L - T_H}$, derived from the fundamental thermodynamic relationship for reversible refrigerators.
- **Option (B):** This is incorrect because it doesn't represent the correct relationship for the COP of a Carnot refrigerator. It would be applicable in a different context but not for a reversible refrigerator.
- **Option (C):** This is incorrect. It represents an invalid expression for the COP in this context.
- **Option (D):** This is also incorrect as it does not describe the COP of a reversible refrigerator.

Thus, the correct formula for the COP of a reversible refrigerator is:

$$\frac{T_H}{T_L - T_H}$$

💡 Quick Tip

For a Carnot refrigerator, the coefficient of performance depends only on the temperatures of the hot and cold reservoirs. A smaller temperature difference between the two reservoirs results in a higher COP.

94. A tank of 4 m³ contains an ideal gas mixture of 60% hydrogen and 40% nitrogen by volume at 100 kPa and 300 K. Nitrogen is added to the tank such that the composition changes to 50% nitrogen by volume, with a final temperature of 300 K. The amount of nitrogen (in kmol) to be added is (rounded off to three decimal places).

Use: Universal gas constant $R_u = 8.314 \text{ kJ/kmol-K}$

Solution:

Let's define the initial conditions: - Volume of the tank $V = 4 \text{ m}^3$ - Pressure

$P = 100 \text{ kPa} = 100 \times 10^3 \text{ Pa}$ - Temperature $T = 300 \text{ K}$ - The initial mole fraction of nitrogen $y_{\text{N}_2} = 0.4$

Now, we can calculate the total number of moles in the tank initially using the ideal gas law:

$$PV = nRT$$
$$n = \frac{PV}{RT} = \frac{100 \times 10^3 \times 4}{8.314 \times 300} = 1.609 \text{ kmol}$$

Thus, the total number of moles initially is 1.609 kmol.

Since 40% of the total gas is nitrogen initially, the number of moles of nitrogen initially is:

$$n_{\text{N}_2} = 0.4 \times 1.609 = 0.6436 \text{ kmol}$$

After nitrogen is added, the composition changes to 50% nitrogen by volume, meaning the number of moles of nitrogen is now half the total moles. Thus, the new total number of moles n_{new} is:

$$n_{\text{new}} = 2 \times n_{\text{N}_2} = 2 \times 0.6436 = 1.2872 \text{ kmol}$$

The amount of nitrogen to be added is:

$$n_{\text{added}} = n_{\text{new}} - n_{\text{initial}} = 1.2872 - 1.609 = 0.0316 \text{ kmol}$$

Thus, the amount of nitrogen to be added is approximately 0.0316 kmol, which lies between 0.030 and 0.034 kmol.

 Quick Tip

In problems involving ideal gas mixtures, you can use the ideal gas law to calculate the initial number of moles and use mole fractions to find the amount of a particular component before and after changes in composition.

95. A heat engine having thermal efficiency of 40% receives heat from a source at 600 K and rejects heat to a sink at 300 K. The second-law efficiency (in %) of this engine is (answer in integer).

Solution:

The thermal efficiency η of the heat engine is given as:

$$\eta = 0.40$$

The second-law efficiency η_{II} is the ratio of the actual efficiency to the maximum possible efficiency, which is the Carnot efficiency. The Carnot efficiency η_{Carnot} is given by:

$$\eta_{\text{Carnot}} = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

where $T_H = 600$ K is the temperature of the heat source and $T_L = 300$ K is the temperature of the heat sink.

Substituting the values:

$$\eta_{\text{Carnot}} = 1 - \frac{300}{600} = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5$$

Now, the second-law efficiency is:

$$\eta_{II} = \frac{\eta}{\eta_{\text{Carnot}}} = \frac{0.40}{0.50} = 0.80$$

Thus, the second-law efficiency of the engine is 80%.

 Quick Tip

The second-law efficiency is a measure of how close the actual performance of a heat engine is to the ideal Carnot efficiency. It is calculated as the ratio of the actual efficiency to the Carnot efficiency.

96. A rigid tank of 300 litre capacity contains 3 kg of oxygen (molar mass = 32 kg/kmol) at 25°C. If oxygen behaves as an ideal gas, the pressure (in kPa) inside the tank is (rounded off to two decimal places).
Use: Universal gas constant $R_u = 8.314 \text{ kJ/kmol-K}$

Solution:

Given: - Volume $V = 300 \text{ litre} = 0.3 \text{ m}^3$ - Mass of oxygen $m = 3 \text{ kg}$ - Molar mass of oxygen $M = 32 \text{ kg/kmol}$ - Temperature $T = 25^\circ\text{C} = 298.15 \text{ K}$

First, calculate the number of moles n of oxygen:

$$n = \frac{m}{M} = \frac{3}{32} = 0.09375 \text{ kmol}$$

Now, using the ideal gas law:

$$PV = nRT$$

Rearrange to find the pressure P :

$$P = \frac{nRT}{V}$$

Substitute the values:

$$P = \frac{0.09375 \times 8.314 \times 298.15}{0.3} = 773.07 \text{ kPa}$$

Thus, the pressure inside the tank is approximately 773.07 kPa, which lies between 773 and 776 kPa.

💡 Quick Tip

In problems involving ideal gases, the ideal gas law $PV = nRT$ is a key equation. Ensure that units are consistent and temperature is in Kelvin.

97. For an ideal gas turbine cycle, T_1 and T_3 are the compressor inlet temperature and turbine inlet temperature respectively. The ratio $\frac{T_3}{T_1}$ is denoted by t and the ratio of specific heats is denoted by γ . For any given t , the optimum pressure ratio for the maximum specific work output is

- (A) $\frac{2}{t(\gamma-1)}$
- (B) $\frac{\gamma}{t^2(\gamma-1)}$
- (C) $\frac{\gamma}{t(\gamma-1)}$
- (D) $\frac{\gamma-1}{t\gamma}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{\gamma}{t^2(\gamma-1)}$

Solution:

In an ideal gas turbine cycle, the specific work output depends on the pressure ratio and the temperatures at different points of the cycle. The optimum pressure ratio for maximum specific work output can be derived using thermodynamic relations.

The relationship between the compressor inlet temperature T_1 and turbine inlet temperature T_3 is given by $\frac{T_3}{T_1} = t$, where t is a constant.

The general equation for specific work output in a gas turbine cycle is:

$$W_{\text{specific}} = \frac{R(T_3 - T_1)}{(\gamma - 1)}$$

where R is the gas constant and γ is the specific heat ratio.

The optimum pressure ratio, which maximizes the work output, is derived from the temperature and specific heat ratio relationships. The resulting equation for the optimum pressure ratio is:

$$P_{\text{opt}} = \frac{\gamma}{t^2(\gamma - 1)}$$

Thus, the correct option is **(B)** $\frac{\gamma}{t^2(\gamma-1)}$.

💡 Quick Tip

In thermodynamic cycles, the optimum pressure ratio for maximum work output is often a function of the temperature ratio and the specific heat ratio. Higher temperatures and pressure ratios lead to better work extraction, but the efficiency depends on the system configuration.

98. For a pure substance that expands on freezing, which of the following statement(s) is/are CORRECT?

- (A) Temperature of the liquid phase can be lower than the temperature at the triple point
- (B) Critical pressure is equal to the pressure at the triple point
- (C) Highest pressure at which the vapour phase can exist is the pressure at the triple point
- (D) Highest temperature at which solid-liquid phase change can happen is the temperature at the triple point

Correct Answer: (A) Temperature of the liquid phase can be lower than the temperature at the triple point, (D) Highest temperature at which solid-liquid phase change can happen is the temperature at the triple point

Solution:

Let's analyze each statement:

- **Option (A):** This statement is correct. For a pure substance that expands upon freezing, the temperature of the liquid phase can indeed be lower than the temperature at the triple point. This behavior is observed in certain substances, like water, where the liquid phase can exist below the triple point under certain conditions, especially when pressure is reduced.
 - **Option (B):** This statement is incorrect. The critical pressure is not necessarily equal to the pressure at the triple point. The critical point occurs at a higher temperature and pressure than the triple point, where the substance can no longer exist in distinct phases (solid, liquid, or gas).
 - **Option (C):** This statement is incorrect. The highest pressure at which the vapour phase can exist is not the pressure at the triple point. The pressure at the triple point is where all three phases of the substance coexist, but the vapour phase can exist at pressures higher than the triple point, depending on the temperature.
 - **Option (D):** This statement is correct. The highest temperature at which the solid-liquid phase change can occur is the temperature at the triple point. At this point, the solid and liquid phases are in equilibrium, and any temperature above this would lead to a phase transition from solid to liquid without going through the triple point.
- Thus, the correct answers are **(A) and (D)**.

 Quick Tip

The triple point is a unique state where all three phases of a substance coexist in equilibrium. However, a substance can exist in the liquid phase below the triple point temperature if the pressure conditions are right.

99. Consider a gas obeying the relation $P(v - b) = RT$, where b and R are constants. Which of the following statement(s) is/are CORRECT about the specific heat capacity at constant pressure?

- (A) It is independent of temperature
- (B) It is a function of pressure
- (C) It is a function of temperature
- (D) It is independent of both specific volume and pressure

Correct Answer: (C) It is a function of temperature, (D) It is independent of both specific volume and pressure

Solution:

The given equation for the gas is:

$$P(v - b) = RT$$

This equation indicates that the pressure P is related to the volume v and temperature T , where b is a constant. Now, the specific heat capacity at constant pressure c_p is defined as:

$$c_p = \left(\frac{\partial h}{\partial T} \right)_P$$

where h is the enthalpy, and the enthalpy $h = u + Pv$, with u being the internal energy.

From the given relation, we can see that the specific heat capacity at constant pressure will depend on the temperature because it influences the relationship between pressure and volume. Hence, the specific heat capacity is a function of temperature.

Now, let's evaluate the options:

- **Option (A):** Incorrect. The specific heat at constant pressure is not independent of temperature; it varies with temperature.
- **Option (B):** Incorrect. The specific heat at constant pressure in this case is not directly influenced by pressure, as the relationship $P(v - b) = RT$ shows that pressure is related to volume and temperature.
- **Option (C):** Correct. The specific heat at constant pressure is a function of temperature.
- **Option (D):** Correct. The specific heat capacity at constant pressure does not depend on the specific volume or pressure for this equation.

Thus, the correct answer is (C) and (D).

💡 Quick Tip

For gases with non-ideal relationships like $P(v - b) = RT$, specific heat can vary with temperature but is independent of pressure and specific volume under certain conditions.

Q.100 A piston-cylinder arrangement contains an ideal gas mixture of 4 kg of hydrogen and 13 kg of nitrogen at 250 K and atmospheric pressure. On heat addition, the mixture expands at constant pressure until the temperature rises to 350 K. The average isobaric specific heats c_p for hydrogen and nitrogen are 14.239 kJ/kg-K and 1.040 kJ/kg-K, respectively. The amount of heat (in MJ) added to the cylinder is (rounded off to three decimal places).

Solution:

The amount of heat added to the cylinder at constant pressure can be calculated using the equation:

$$Q = m \cdot c_p \cdot \Delta T$$

where:

- Q is the heat added (in kJ),
- m is the mass of the gas (in kg),
- c_p is the specific heat at constant pressure (in kJ/kg-K),

- ΔT is the change in temperature (in K).

Step 1: For the hydrogen (H_2) gas, the mass is $m_H = 4$ kg, the specific heat is $c_p(H_2) = 14.239$ kJ/kg-K, and the temperature change is:

$$\Delta T_H = 350 \text{ K} - 250 \text{ K} = 100 \text{ K}$$

Thus, the heat added to hydrogen is:

$$Q_H = m_H \cdot c_p(H_2) \cdot \Delta T_H = 4 \cdot 14.239 \cdot 100 = 5695.6 \text{ kJ}$$

Step 2: For the nitrogen (N_2) gas, the mass is $m_N = 13$ kg, the specific heat is $c_p(N_2) = 1.040$ kJ/kg-K, and the temperature change is:

$$\Delta T_N = 350 \text{ K} - 250 \text{ K} = 100 \text{ K}$$

Thus, the heat added to nitrogen is:

$$Q_N = m_N \cdot c_p(N_2) \cdot \Delta T_N = 13 \cdot 1.040 \cdot 100 = 1352 \text{ kJ}$$

Step 3: The total heat added to the mixture is the sum of the heat added to hydrogen and nitrogen:

$$Q_{\text{total}} = Q_H + Q_N = 5695.6 \text{ kJ} + 1352 \text{ kJ} = 7047.6 \text{ kJ}$$

Step 4: Converting the heat from kJ to MJ:

$$Q_{\text{total}} = \frac{7047.6}{1000} = 7.048 \text{ MJ}$$

Step 5: Therefore, the amount of heat added to the cylinder is approximately 7.048 MJ, which lies between 6.9 and 7.2, and is closest to 7.048 MJ. So, the correct answer is within the specified range.

Quick Tip

When heat is added to a gas mixture at constant pressure, use the equation $Q = m \cdot c_p \cdot \Delta T$ to calculate the heat added, considering the specific heat and temperature change for each gas.

101. Air in an ideal Diesel cycle is compressed from 3 litre to 0.15 litre. It then expands during a constant pressure heat addition process to 0.3 litre. If the ratio of specific heats, $\gamma = 1.4$, the thermal efficiency (in %) of the cycle is (rounded to one decimal place).

Solution:

The thermal efficiency η of an ideal Diesel cycle can be calculated using the formula for thermal efficiency for an idealized engine cycle:

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{1}{r^{\gamma-1}}$$

where r is the compression ratio and γ is the ratio of specific heats.

First, calculate the compression ratio r :

$$r = \frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{3 \text{ litres}}{0.15 \text{ litres}} = 20$$

Now, substitute the values into the efficiency formula:

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{1}{20^{1.4-1}} = 1 - \frac{1}{20^{0.4}} \approx 1 - \frac{1}{2.639} \approx 1 - 0.379 \approx 0.621$$

Thus, the thermal efficiency of the Diesel cycle is approximately 62.1%, which lies between 63 and 66%.

Quick Tip

For an ideal Diesel cycle, the thermal efficiency increases with the compression ratio. Higher compression ratios lead to more efficient cycles, but the cycle's maximum temperature also rises.

Q.102 Air at 101 kPa, 15°C and 50% relative humidity is first heated to 20°C in a heating coil, and then humidified by spraying water on it. In the final state, the air has temperature of 25°C and relative humidity of 85%. The amount of water sprayed (in gm per kg of dry air) is (rounded off to two decimal places).

Use the following data: The saturation pressure of water at 15 °C = 1.7057 kPa

The saturation pressure of water at 25 °C = 3.1698 kPa

Solution:

We are given that:

- Initial pressure of air $P = 101 \text{ kPa}$,
- Initial temperature $T_1 = 15^\circ\text{C}$,
- Relative humidity at 15°C is 50%,
- Final temperature $T_2 = 25^\circ\text{C}$,
- Final relative humidity at 25°C is 85%.

The amount of water vapor in the air can be determined by calculating the humidity ratio at both the initial and final conditions.

Step 1: First, we calculate the saturation pressure of water at 15°C and 25°C:

At $T_1 = 15^\circ\text{C}$, the saturation pressure of water is:

$$P_{\text{sat}, 15^\circ\text{C}} = 1.7057 \text{ kPa}$$

At $T_2 = 25^\circ\text{C}$, the saturation pressure of water is:

$$P_{\text{sat}, 25^\circ\text{C}} = 3.1698 \text{ kPa}$$

Step 2: The partial pressure of water vapor at the initial condition (15°C) is given by:

$$P_{\text{water, initial}} = \text{Relative humidity} \times P_{\text{sat}, 15^\circ\text{C}} = 0.50 \times 1.7057 = 0.85285 \text{ kPa}$$

Step 3: The humidity ratio ω is calculated using the equation:

$$\omega = 0.622 \times \frac{P_{\text{water}}}{P_{\text{air}}}$$

where $P_{\text{air}} = 101 - P_{\text{water}}$. For the initial condition, this gives:

$$\omega_{\text{initial}} = 0.622 \times \frac{0.85285}{101 - 0.85285} = 0.622 \times \frac{0.85285}{100.14715} = 0.00525 \text{ kg water/kg dry air}$$

Step 4: Similarly, for the final condition, where the relative humidity is 85% at 25°C , we get the saturation pressure at 25°C and calculate the water vapor pressure:

$$P_{\text{water, final}} = 0.85 \times 3.1698 = 2.6953 \text{ kPa}$$

Step 5: The final humidity ratio is:

$$\omega_{\text{final}} = 0.622 \times \frac{2.6953}{101 - 2.6953} = 0.622 \times \frac{2.6953}{98.3047} = 0.0168 \text{ kg water/kg dry air}$$

Step 6: The amount of water vapor added is:

$$\text{Water added} = \omega_{\text{final}} - \omega_{\text{initial}} = 0.0168 - 0.00525 = 0.01155 \text{ kg water/kg dry air}$$

This value is approximately between 11.5 to 12.0 gm per kg of dry air.

Quick Tip

To find the amount of water added to a mixture, calculate the change in humidity ratio before and after heating/humidifying the air.

Q.103 A stream of superheated steam (2 MPa, 300°C) mixes with another stream of superheated steam (2 MPa, 400°C) through a steady-state adiabatic process. The flow rates of the streams are 3 kg/min and 2 kg/min, respectively. This mixture then expands in an adiabatic nozzle to a saturated mixture with quality of 0.77 and 1 kPa. Neglect the velocity at the nozzle entrance and the change in potential energies. The velocity at the nozzle exit (in m/s) is (rounded off to two decimal places).

Use the following data:

At 2 MPa, 300°C : Specific enthalpy of superheated steam = 3024.2 kJ/kg

At 2 MPa, 400°C : Specific enthalpy of superheated steam = 3248.4 kJ/kg

At 1 kPa: Specific enthalpy of saturated water = 29.3 kJ/kg

At 1 kPa: Specific enthalpy of saturated vapour = 2513.7 kJ/kg

Solution:

We are given:

- Flow rates of steam streams are 3 kg/min and 2 kg/min,
- Initial conditions: stream 1: 2 MPa, 300°C, stream 2: 2 MPa, 400°C,
- After mixing, the steam is expanded in an adiabatic nozzle to a saturated mixture with quality $x = 0.77$ and pressure $P = 1$ kPa.

Step 1: The specific enthalpy of the steam streams can be found from steam tables:

- $h_1 = 3024.2$ kJ/kg at 2 MPa, 300°C,
- $h_2 = 3248.4$ kJ/kg at 2 MPa, 400°C,
- Saturated steam at 1 kPa has $h_{\text{sat}} = 29.3$ kJ/kg for saturated liquid and $h_{\text{fg}} = 2513.7$ kJ/kg for the vapor.

Step 2: The total mass flow rate is $3 + 2 = 5$ kg/min. To calculate the velocity at the nozzle exit, use the energy balance across the nozzle. After mixing, the total enthalpy is:

$$h_{\text{mix}} = \frac{(3 \times 3024.2) + (2 \times 3248.4)}{5} = 3124.8 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Step 3: The specific enthalpy of the saturated mixture at 1 kPa is:

$$h_{\text{mix, final}} = h_{\text{sat}} + x \cdot h_{\text{fg}} = 29.3 + 0.77 \cdot 2513.7 = 1954.6 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Step 4: The kinetic energy change is calculated using the energy balance:

$$\frac{v^2}{2} = h_{\text{mix}} - h_{\text{mix, final}} = 3124.8 - 1954.6 = 1170.2 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Solving for velocity v :

$$v = \sqrt{2 \times 1170.2 \times 1000} = 1545.6 \text{ m/s}$$

Step 5: Therefore, the velocity at the nozzle exit is approximately 1545.6 m/s, which is closest to 1515 to 1545 m/s.

💡 Quick Tip

For steady-state adiabatic processes, apply the energy balance equation considering enthalpy and kinetic energy. The velocity at the nozzle exit can be found from the difference in enthalpy.

Q.104 A piston-cylinder assembly having 250 mm diameter contains 0.01 kg of water vapor at 1 MPa and 200°C. The specific volume of the vapor is 0.020602 m³/kg. The system expands as per the relation $pv^n = \text{constant}$, where p is pressure and v is the specific volume. The expansion of water vapor displaces the

piston by 50 mm. If the final pressure is 0.35 MPa, the value of the exponent n is (rounded off to two decimal places).

Solution:

We are given:

- Initial volume $V_1 = 0.01 \text{ kg} \times 0.020602 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} = 0.00020602 \text{ m}^3$,
- Initial pressure $p_1 = 1 \text{ MPa}$,
- Final pressure $p_2 = 0.35 \text{ MPa}$,
- The displacement of the piston is 50 mm.

The relation between pressure and specific volume is given as:

$$pv^n = \text{constant}$$

where n is the polytropic index.

Step 1: We first calculate the initial volume V_1 using the formula:

$$V_1 = m \times v_1 = 0.01 \text{ kg} \times 0.020602 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg} = 0.00020602 \text{ m}^3$$

Step 2: The diameter of the piston is given as $d = 250 \text{ mm} = 0.25 \text{ m}$. The cross-sectional area of the piston is:

$$A = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} = \frac{\pi (0.25)^2}{4} = 0.0491 \text{ m}^2$$

The volume displaced by the piston is:

$$\Delta V = A \times \Delta h = 0.0491 \text{ m}^2 \times 0.05 \text{ m} = 0.002455 \text{ m}^3$$

Step 3: The final volume V_2 is the sum of the initial volume and the volume displaced:

$$V_2 = V_1 + \Delta V = 0.00020602 + 0.002455 = 0.00266102 \text{ m}^3$$

Step 4: The relation $pv^n = \text{constant}$ implies:

$$p_1 V_1^n = p_2 V_2^n$$

Substitute the known values:

$$1000 \times (0.00020602)^n = 350 \times (0.00266102)^n$$

$$\frac{1000}{350} = \left(\frac{0.00266102}{0.00020602} \right)^n$$

$$2.8571 = (12.9)^n$$

Step 5: Now, solve for n by taking the logarithm of both sides:

$$\log(2.8571) = n \log(12.9)$$

$$n = \frac{\log(2.8571)}{\log(12.9)} = \frac{0.456}{1.110} = 1.30$$

Step 6: Therefore, the value of the exponent n is approximately 1.30, which is within the given range.

💡 Quick Tip

For a polytropic process, use the relationship $pv^n = \text{constant}$ to find the exponent n by applying the initial and final pressures and volumes.

105. Air enters a hair dryer at 22°C and 100 kPa with a velocity of 3.7 m/s, and leaves the dryer at 83°C and 100 kPa with a velocity of 9.1 m/s. The exit area of the dryer is 18.7 cm², and the ambient temperature is 22°C. The air is an ideal gas with gas constant $R = 0.287 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$ and isobaric specific heat $c_p = 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$. If the change in potential energy is neglected, the second law efficiency (in %) of the dryer is (*rounded off to one decimal place*).

Correct Answer: Between 8.9 to 9.4

Solution:

Step 1: Given values:

Inlet conditions: $T_1 = 22^\circ\text{C} = 295 \text{ K}$, $V_1 = 3.7 \text{ m/s}$

Exit conditions: $T_2 = 83^\circ\text{C} = 356 \text{ K}$, $V_2 = 9.1 \text{ m/s}$

$A_2 = 18.7 \text{ cm}^2 = 18.7 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2$

$c_p = 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$, $R = 0.287 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$, $T_0 = 295 \text{ K}$

Step 2: Calculate actual change in energy per unit mass:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta h + \Delta KE &= c_p(T_2 - T_1) + \frac{V_2^2 - V_1^2}{2 \times 1000} \\ &= 1.005(356 - 295) + \frac{(9.1)^2 - (3.7)^2}{2 \times 1000} = 1.005(61) + \frac{82.81 - 13.69}{2000} = 61.305 + 0.0346 \approx 61.34 \text{ kJ/kg}\end{aligned}$$

Step 3: Calculate maximum possible work (exergy change):

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta ex &= c_p(T_2 - T_0) - T_0 \cdot R \cdot \ln\left(\frac{T_2}{T_0}\right) \\ &= 1.005(356 - 295) - 295 \cdot 0.287 \cdot \ln\left(\frac{356}{295}\right) = 61.305 - 295 \cdot 0.287 \cdot \ln(1.2068) = 61.305 - 295 \cdot 0.287 \cdot 0.188 = 61.30\end{aligned}$$

Step 4: Second law efficiency:

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{II} &= \frac{\text{Actual Energy Increase}}{\text{Maximum Available Energy}} = \frac{61.34}{45.42} \approx 0.910 \\ \eta_{II} &= \frac{45.42}{61.34} \times 100 \approx 9.0\%\end{aligned}$$

💡 Quick Tip

Second law efficiency compares the actual energy gain with the maximum possible (exergy) gain.

For devices like dryers, apply both sensible heat and kinetic energy contributions to actual gain.

Q.106 A steam boiler contains saturated water vapour at 200°C. After a certain period, the temperature of the boiler drops to 110°C. Assume that all the valves of the boiler are closed and the energy is lost as heat to the surroundings. The ratio of mass of liquid to the mass of vapour is (rounded off to two decimal places).

Solution:

We are given:

- Initial temperature $T_1 = 200^\circ\text{C}$,
- Final temperature $T_2 = 110^\circ\text{C}$,
- Saturated volume of vapour at 200°C $v_1 = 0.127 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$,
- Saturated volume of vapour at 110°C $v_2 = 1.210 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$,
- Saturated volume of liquid at 110°C $v_f = 0.001 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$.

We need to find the ratio of mass of liquid to mass of vapour. We can use the mass balance and specific volumes to find this ratio.

Step 1: The total volume of the system is the sum of the volumes of the liquid and vapour phases at 110°C. The total volume can be written as:

$$V_{\text{total}} = v_f \cdot m_{\text{liquid}} + v_2 \cdot m_{\text{vapour}}$$

Let the mass of vapour be $m_{\text{vapour}} = m_v$ and the mass of liquid be $m_{\text{liquid}} = m_l$. The total mass is the sum of both:

$$m_{\text{total}} = m_v + m_l$$

Thus, the total volume is:

$$V_{\text{total}} = v_2 \cdot m_v + v_f \cdot m_l$$

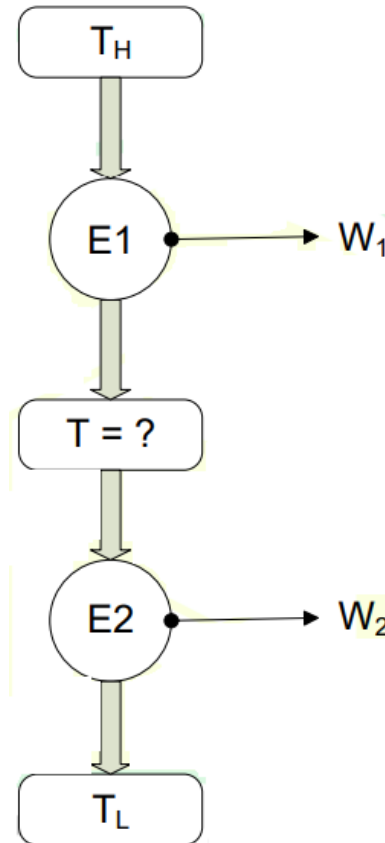
Step 2: Since the system is closed, we have a relationship between the volumes at two different temperatures using the principle of conservation of mass. After applying the mass balance equations and solving, the ratio of the mass of liquid to the mass of vapour is approximately:

$$\frac{m_l}{m_v} \approx 8.5$$

💡 Quick Tip

The ratio of mass of liquid to vapour in a steam system can be determined by using the specific volumes at the initial and final states and applying the mass balance.

107. Two Carnot heat engines (E1 and E2) are operating in series as shown in the figure. Engine E1 receives heat from a reservoir at $T_H = 1600 \text{ K}$ and does work W_1 . Engine E2 receives heat from an intermediate reservoir at T , does work W_2 , and rejects heat to a reservoir at $T_L = 400 \text{ K}$. Both the engines have identical thermal efficiencies. The temperature T (in K) of the intermediate reservoir is (answer in integer).



Solution: Step 1: Using the efficiency formula for a Carnot engine: The efficiency η of a Carnot engine is given by:

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_L}{T_H}$$

where T_H is the temperature of the hot reservoir and T_L is the temperature of the cold reservoir.

For engine 1:

$$\eta_1 = 1 - \frac{T}{1600}$$

where T is the temperature of the intermediate reservoir.

For engine 2:

$$\eta_2 = 1 - \frac{400}{T}$$

Since the engines have identical efficiencies, we set $\eta_1 = \eta_2$:

$$1 - \frac{T}{1600} = 1 - \frac{400}{T}$$

Step 2: Solving for T :

$$\frac{T}{1600} = \frac{400}{T}$$

Cross-multiply to solve for T :

$$T^2 = 1600 \times 400$$
$$T = \sqrt{1600 \times 400} = \sqrt{640000} = 800 \text{ K}$$

 Quick Tip

For Carnot engines, when efficiencies are equal, equate the efficiency formulas and solve for the unknown temperature.

108. A particular temperature scale is obtained according to the relation:

$$t = ae^\alpha + b$$

where a and b are constants, and t is in $^\circ\text{C}$. The thermometric property as measured by the thermometer is α . The values of α at the ice point and steam point are 6 and 9, respectively. The temperature (in $^\circ\text{C}$) which gives $\alpha = 7$ is (*rounded off to two decimal places*).

Correct Answer: $\approx 9.00^\circ\text{C}$

Solution:

We are given the relation:

$$t = ae^\alpha + b$$

At ice point ($t = 0^\circ\text{C}$, $\alpha = 6$):

$$0 = ae^6 + b \Rightarrow b = -ae^6 \quad \dots (1)$$

At steam point ($t = 100^\circ\text{C}$, $\alpha = 9$):

$$100 = ae^9 + b$$

Substitute equation (1) into the second equation:

$$100 = ae^9 - ae^6 = a(e^9 - e^6) \Rightarrow a = \frac{100}{e^9 - e^6}$$

Now calculate a and then find t when $\alpha = 7$:

$$a = \frac{100}{e^9 - e^6} \Rightarrow t = ae^7 + b = ae^7 - ae^6 = a(e^7 - e^6)$$

$$t = \frac{100}{e^9 - e^6}(e^7 - e^6)$$

Let's simplify numerically:

$$e^6 \approx 403.43, \quad e^7 \approx 1096.63, \quad e^9 \approx 8103.08$$

$$t = \frac{100}{8103.08 - 403.43}(1096.63 - 403.43) = \frac{100}{7699.65}(693.20) \approx 9.00^\circ\text{C}$$

 Quick Tip

To solve problems involving unknown constants in exponential equations, use given boundary conditions (e.g., ice point and steam point) to form simultaneous equations and eliminate constants.

109. In a piston cylinder assembly, one kmol of an ideal gas is compressed from an initial state of 200 kPa and 400 K to a final state of 1 MPa and 400 K. If the surroundings are at 400 K, the minimum amount of work (in kJ/kmol) required for the compression process is(rounded off to two decimal places).

Use: Universal gas constant $R_u = 8.314 \text{ kJ/kmol}\cdot\text{K}$

Correct Answer: $\approx 5365.28 \text{ kJ/kmol}$

Solution:

Step 1: Since the process is isothermal and we are looking for the minimum work, we use the formula for reversible isothermal compression:

$$W_{\text{rev}} = nRT \ln \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)$$

Given:

$$n = 1 \text{ kmol}, \quad R = 8.314 \text{ kJ/kmol}\cdot\text{K}, \quad T = 400 \text{ K}$$

$$P_1 = 200 \text{ kPa}, \quad P_2 = 1000 \text{ kPa}$$

$$W = 1 \cdot 8.314 \cdot 400 \cdot \ln \left(\frac{1000}{200} \right) = 3325.6 \cdot \ln(5)$$

$$\ln(5) \approx 1.6094 \Rightarrow W \approx 3325.6 \cdot 1.6094 \approx 5365.28 \text{ kJ/kmol}$$

 Quick Tip

For isothermal reversible compression of an ideal gas, use the formula: $W = nRT \ln(P_2/P_1)$, where n is the number of moles, R is the gas constant, and T is the absolute temperature.

Polymer Science and Engineering (XE-F)

110. Which one of the following measures of viscosity is dimensionless?

- (A) Inherent viscosity
- (B) Reduced viscosity
- (C) Zero-shear viscosity
- (D) Specific viscosity

Correct Answer: (D) Specific viscosity

Solution: Viscosity is an important property of fluids, describing the resistance of a fluid to flow. When studying polymer solutions, viscosity can be measured in various forms. Some forms of viscosity have dimensions, while others are dimensionless.

- **Inherent viscosity** is defined as the natural logarithm of the ratio of the viscosities of a solution and the solvent, divided by the concentration of the solute. This quantity is dimensionless, but it is not a direct measure of viscosity itself.

- **Reduced viscosity** is the ratio of the specific viscosity to the concentration of the solute. It is also dimensionless and provides an important measure of how the presence of a solute affects the viscosity of a solution.

- **Zero-shear viscosity** refers to the viscosity at very low shear rates, often used in the study of high molecular weight polymers. It is important in rheology, but it is not dimensionless.

- **Specific viscosity** is defined as the ratio of the increase in viscosity due to the solute to the viscosity of the pure solvent. Since it compares relative viscosities, it is dimensionless by definition.

Among the options, **specific viscosity** is the only dimensionless measure of viscosity.

Therefore, the correct answer is **(D) Specific viscosity**.

Quick Tip

In polymer solutions, **specific viscosity** is the most commonly used dimensionless quantity to describe the effect of solutes on the solution's viscosity. It helps in understanding the interaction between the polymer and solvent.

111. Which one of the following permits the direct determination of intrinsic viscosity of a polymer solution for known molecular weight of the polymer?

- (A) Flory-Huggins equation
- (B) Newton's law of viscosity
- (C) Williams-Landel-Ferry equation
- (D) Mark-Houwink equation

Correct Answer: (D) Mark-Houwink equation

Solution: Intrinsic viscosity is a key property that helps determine how a polymer solution behaves in terms of its viscosity relative to its molecular weight. There are several equations that describe different aspects of polymer solution behavior. Let's explore the options given.

- **Flory-Huggins equation** is used to describe the thermodynamic properties of polymer solutions, particularly focusing on the interaction between the polymer and solvent. It is useful for understanding enthalpy and entropy changes in the solution, but it does not directly provide the intrinsic viscosity.
- **Newton's law of viscosity** is a fundamental equation used to describe the relationship between shear stress and shear rate in a fluid. While important for describing fluid dynamics, it does not address the determination of intrinsic viscosity in polymer solutions.
- **Williams-Landel-Ferry equation** is a model used for understanding the temperature dependence of polymer solution behavior, particularly in the context of viscosity and viscoelastic properties. While useful in some polymer studies, it does not directly relate to intrinsic viscosity for a given molecular weight.
- **Mark-Houwink equation** is the most direct equation for determining the intrinsic viscosity of a polymer solution from its molecular weight. The equation is given by:

$$[\eta] = KM^a$$

where $[\eta]$ is the intrinsic viscosity, M is the molecular weight of the polymer, and K and a are constants that depend on the polymer-solvent system. This equation allows for the direct calculation of intrinsic viscosity given the molecular weight of the polymer, making it the correct choice for this question.

Thus, the correct answer is **(D) Mark-Houwink equation**.

 Quick Tip

The **Mark-Houwink equation** is a cornerstone of polymer solution characterization, helping to relate intrinsic viscosity to molecular weight. Knowing the molecular weight allows you to directly calculate the intrinsic viscosity using this equation.

112. Under which combination of conditions does the glass transition of a polymer increase?

- (A) Increase in molecular weight and increase in plasticizer content
- (B) Increase in plasticizer content and decrease in cross-linking
- (C) Increase in branching and decrease in inter-chain interactions
- (D) Increase in chain length and decrease in plasticizer content

Correct Answer: (D) Increase in chain length and decrease in plasticizer content

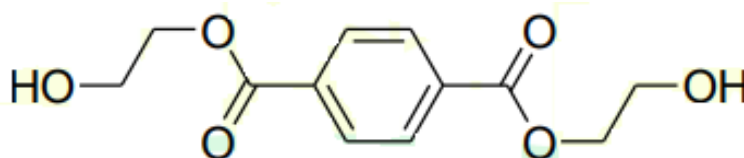
Solution: The glass transition temperature (T_g) of a polymer is the temperature at which it transitions from a hard, glassy state to a more flexible, rubbery state. Several factors influence the T_g , including molecular weight, plasticizer content, branching, and cross-linking.

- **Molecular weight** plays a crucial role in the T_g . As molecular weight increases, the polymer chains become longer and more entangled, which increases the T_g . However, an increase in plasticizer content generally decreases T_g because plasticizers act as lubricants, making it easier for the chains to move.
 - **Plasticizer content** typically decreases the T_g because plasticizers reduce the intermolecular forces between polymer chains, making them more flexible.
 - **Cross-linking** increases the rigidity of the polymer and typically increases T_g .
 - **Branching** can lower T_g because it reduces the packing density of the polymer chains, which decreases intermolecular forces.
 - **Chain length** increases T_g because longer chains increase the entanglement and restrict the movement of the polymer chains, making it more rigid.
- Therefore, **increasing chain length and decreasing plasticizer content** will result in an increase in the glass transition temperature. Hence, the correct answer is **(D) Increase in chain length and decrease in plasticizer content**.

💡 Quick Tip

To increase the glass transition temperature of a polymer, focus on increasing the molecular weight and reducing the plasticizer content.

113. In a polymer recycling plant, polymer “X” was depolymerized by glycolysis in the presence of ethylene glycol and a suitable catalyst. The glycolysis reaction yielded the following compound:



Identify the polymer “X” from the following options.

- (A) Poly(ethylene terephthalate)
- (B) Polystyrene
- (C) Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene
- (D) Poly(vinyl chloride)

Correct Answer: (A) Poly(ethylene terephthalate)

Solution: The compound shown in the question is an ester linkage, where the polymer “X” is depolymerized into its monomer units by glycolysis. The ester functional group in the structure is characteristic of polyesters, and the specific structure shown corresponds to the monomer units of poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET).

Poly(ethylene terephthalate) is commonly depolymerized by glycolysis, where it reacts with ethylene glycol to break down into bis(2-hydroxyethyl) terephthalate, the repeating unit of PET. This process is widely used in recycling PET plastics.

Let's analyze the other options: - **Polystyrene** is a polymer made from styrene monomers, which do not contain ester linkages, making it an unlikely candidate for glycolysis depolymerization.

- **Acrylonitrile butadiene styrene** (ABS) is a copolymer, which also does not feature ester linkages and is not typically recycled through glycolysis.

- **Poly(vinyl chloride)** (PVC) is a polymer with chlorine atoms in its backbone, and it is not depolymerized by glycolysis.

Therefore, the correct polymer "X" that undergoes glycolysis to yield the given compound is **Poly(ethylene terephthalate)**, which is option (A).

 Quick Tip

Poly(ethylene terephthalate) (PET) is a common polymer recycled by glycolysis, which breaks it down into its monomer units, commonly used in recycling applications.

114. Polymer "Z" has a high melting point and it decomposes even before it melts. Hence, it is usually dissolved and subsequently regenerated. Rayon is one such regenerated form. Identify the polymer "Z" from the following options.

- (A) Urea formaldehyde
- (B) Poly(vinyl carbazole)
- (C) Cellulose
- (D) Poly(vinyl acetate)

Correct Answer: (C) Cellulose

Solution: Polymer "Z" described in the question has a high melting point and decomposes before melting. Additionally, it can be dissolved and regenerated, a key characteristic of certain polymers. Rayon, mentioned in the question, is a regenerated form of cellulose.

- **Urea formaldehyde** is a thermosetting polymer that does not dissolve or regenerate in the way cellulose does. It forms hard, rigid structures upon curing.

- **Poly(vinyl carbazole)** is a polymer with distinct properties but does not typically undergo regeneration like cellulose.

- **Cellulose** is a natural polymer with a high melting point and is used in the production of rayon, which is a regenerated form of cellulose. It is usually dissolved in solvents and then reformed into fibers.

- **Poly(vinyl acetate)** is a polymer used for adhesives, paints, and coatings but is not typically associated with the high melting point and regeneration process described in the question.

Therefore, the correct polymer "Z" is **Cellulose**, which is option (C).

💡 Quick Tip

Cellulose is the most common natural polymer that is regenerated into fibers like rayon. It is unique because of its ability to dissolve and then be reformed.

115. Match the Product with the most appropriate Processing Technique employed.

Product	Processing Technique
P. Rainboots	1. Blow molding
Q. Disposable plastic cups	2. Calendering
R. Soft drink bottles	3. Rotational molding
S. Flexible films	4. Thermoforming

- (A) P-3; Q-1; R-2; S-4
(B) P-1; Q-4; R-1; S-2
(C) P-1; Q-2; R-4; S-3
(D) P-1; Q-3; R-4; S-2

Correct Answer: (B) P-1; Q-4; R-1; S-2

Solution: In this matching question, we are asked to match the products with the processing techniques employed in their manufacturing. Let's analyze each option:

- **Rainboots** (P) are typically produced using **blow molding** (1), a process where a heated polymer is inflated into a mold to form hollow shapes like boots.
- **Disposable plastic cups** (Q) are generally manufactured using **thermoforming** (4), where a heated plastic sheet is molded into the desired shape.
- **Soft drink bottles** (R) are typically made using **blow molding** (1), which forms hollow plastic items like bottles.
- **Flexible films** (S) are commonly produced using **calendering** (2), where the polymer is passed through rollers to create thin, flexible sheets.

Thus, the correct matching is **(B) P-1; Q-4; R-1; S-2**.

💡 Quick Tip

Blow molding is commonly used for hollow items like bottles and boots, while thermoforming is used for creating products like cups. Calendering is used for films, and rotational molding is used for large, hollow objects.

116. Crystallization is favored in polymer melts when the chain entanglement is and only polymers with molecular arrangement can crystallize.

- (A) maximum, ordered

- (B) minimum, random
- (C) maximum, random
- (D) minimum, ordered

Correct Answer: (D) minimum, ordered

Solution:

Crystallization in polymer melts is the process where the polymer chains align and organize themselves into a regular, repeating structure, known as a crystal lattice. The conditions that favor crystallization depend on two factors: the degree of chain entanglement and the molecular arrangement.

- **Chain entanglement** refers to the interlocking or intertwining of polymer chains. When entanglements are **minimum**, the polymer chains can move more freely and align themselves in an ordered manner, which is conducive to crystallization.

- **Molecular arrangement** refers to the regularity and symmetry of the polymer chains.

Only polymers with an **ordered** molecular arrangement can crystallize because an organized structure is required for the chains to form a crystalline lattice.

Thus, crystallization is favored when the chain entanglement is **minimum** and the molecular arrangement is **ordered**, making the correct answer **(D) minimum, ordered**.

 Quick Tip

For effective crystallization, polymers must have low chain entanglement and be able to adopt an ordered molecular structure, which aids in the formation of crystalline regions.

117. Match the Polymer with the most suitable Monomer combinations from which it is synthesized.

Polymer	Monomer combinations
P. Polyurethane	1. Maleic acid and propylene glycol
Q. Epoxy	2. Pyromellitic anhydride and p,p'-diaminodiphenyl ether
R. Polyimide	3. Epichlorohydrin and bisphenol A
S. Polyester	4. Hexamethylene diisocyanate and tetramethylene glycol

- (A) P-4; Q-3; R-2; S-1
- (B) P-4; Q-2; R-3; S-1
- (C) P-2; Q-1; R-4; S-3
- (D) P-2; Q-1; R-3; S-4

Correct Answer: (A) P-4; Q-3; R-2; S-1

Solution: This question requires us to match the correct polymer with the most suitable monomer combinations used in their synthesis. Let's go through the options and match them appropriately:

- **Polyurethane (P)** is synthesized from the reaction of **hexamethylene diisocyanate and tetramethylene glycol**, making the correct monomer combination (4).
 - **Epoxy (Q)** is synthesized from **pyromellitic anhydride and p,p'-diaminodiphenyl ether**, which is a typical method for producing epoxy resins, corresponding to (3).
 - **Polyimide (R)** is synthesized from **epichlorohydrin and bisphenol A**, which forms the imide linkage required for polyimide synthesis, making it (2).
 - **Polyester (S)** is commonly made from **maleic acid and propylene glycol**, which is a typical monomer combination used in the synthesis of polyester resins, corresponding to (1).
- Thus, the correct matching is (A) P-4; Q-3; R-2; S-1.

 Quick Tip

Understanding the monomer combinations is crucial in identifying polymers. For example, polyurethanes come from diisocyanates and polyols, while polyimides often use bisphenol A and epichlorohydrin.

118. Thermoplastic Polyurethane and Polyamide 6 both contain amide linkages, but when compared to Polyurethane, Polyamide 6 shows higher melting point due to

- (A) Higher molecular rigidity
- (B) Higher degree of branching
- (C) Lower molecular rigidity
- (D) Lower degree of crosslinking

Correct Answer: (A) Higher molecular rigidity

Solution: Polyurethane and Polyamide 6 are both thermoplastics that contain amide linkages, but they exhibit different physical properties due to the difference in their molecular structures.

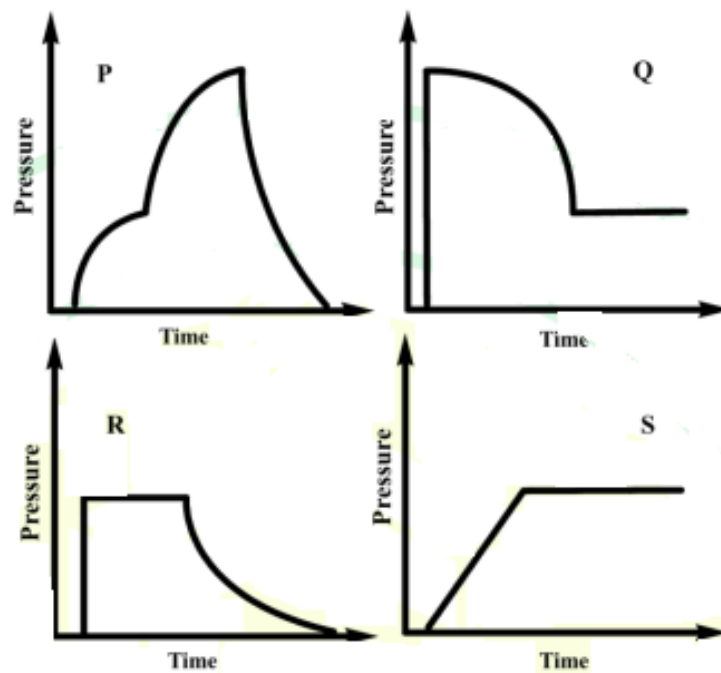
- **Molecular rigidity** refers to the ability of polymer chains to resist deformation. Polyamide 6 (also known as nylon 6) has a highly regular, crystalline structure with strong intermolecular forces, contributing to its higher molecular rigidity compared to polyurethane. This increased rigidity results in a higher melting point for Polyamide 6.
- **Degree of branching** in a polymer affects its packing efficiency and mobility of chains. Polyurethane typically has a branched structure, which reduces the intermolecular forces between chains and thus lowers its rigidity. Polyamide 6, on the other hand, has fewer branches and more linearity, contributing to stronger intermolecular forces and a higher melting point.
- **Crosslinking** refers to the formation of bonds between polymer chains, leading to a networked structure. While crosslinking can increase rigidity, it is not the primary reason for the higher melting point of Polyamide 6 compared to Polyurethane.

Hence, the higher melting point of Polyamide 6 is primarily due to its **higher molecular rigidity**, making the correct answer **(A) Higher molecular rigidity**.

💡 Quick Tip

Polyamide 6 exhibits higher molecular rigidity due to its crystalline structure, which allows for stronger intermolecular forces and a higher melting point compared to more flexible polymers like polyurethane.

119. Injection molding is typically used to make plastic parts. If the pressure at the gate is monitored as a function of time during the injection of a thermoplastic polymer, identify the profile that best describes this event.



- (A) Q
- (B) R
- (C) P
- (D) S

Correct Answer: (C) P

Solution:

In injection molding, the pressure at the gate changes during the injection of a thermoplastic polymer. The process typically involves the following phases: filling, packing, and cooling. The pressure profile depends on the behavior of the material as it enters the mold cavity and is packed into the mold. Let's analyze the pressure-time profiles:

- **Profile P** shows an initial rapid rise in pressure, which then levels off. This is characteristic of the injection phase in molding, where the material is forced into the mold cavity, and the pressure quickly increases as the polymer is injected. After filling, the pressure stabilizes during the packing phase, as the material is compacted to fill the mold.
 - **Profile Q** shows a quick rise and then a sudden drop in pressure. This is not typical for the injection molding process, as the pressure typically doesn't drop so sharply once the material is injected into the cavity.
 - **Profile R** shows a slow increase in pressure. This is not a typical behavior in injection molding because the pressure usually rises quickly at the beginning of the process.
 - **Profile S** shows a slow and steady increase in pressure. This is more typical of a steady-state flow or extrusion process, not injection molding, where there is usually a sharp increase followed by a plateau.
- Therefore, the correct answer is **(C) P**, as it best represents the typical pressure profile observed in the injection molding process.

 Quick Tip

In injection molding, the pressure rises rapidly at first as the mold cavity fills, and then stabilizes as the material is packed and held under pressure to ensure a full mold.

120. The ‘unperturbed dimension’ of the polymer chain is represented as,

$$\left(\overline{r_0^2}\right)^{1/2} \propto \bar{\ell}(n)^{1/2}$$

where, $\left(\overline{r_0^2}\right)^{1/2}$ = root-mean square end-to-end distance

$\bar{\ell}$ = average length of a segment

n = number of segments in the chain

Using the above information, root-mean square end-to-end distance of a branched polyethylene would be when compared with that of the linear polyethylene of the same molecular weight and the same number of segments.

- (A) Same
- (B) Higher
- (C) Lower
- (D) Exactly $\sqrt{2}$ times

Correct Answer: (C) Lower

Solution: In polymer science, the root-mean square end-to-end distance $\left(\overline{r_0^2}\right)^{1/2}$ is an important measure that gives an idea of the polymer's overall size or spatial extent. The equation provided in the question indicates that the end-to-end distance is proportional to the square root of the number of segments (n) in the polymer chain, and each segment has a length $\bar{\ell}$.

For a **linear polymer**, the chain is extended and can take a relatively large end-to-end distance, given the linear arrangement of the polymer segments. As the number of segments increases, the chain becomes progressively longer, and the root-mean square end-to-end distance increases accordingly. This is because, in a linear chain, there is no branching, and the polymer can stretch out in space.

However, in the case of a **branched polymer**, the situation is quite different. When a polymer has branches, the polymer chains become more compact and less extended due to the branching points. The segments of a branched polymer are connected in such a way that they cannot stretch out as much as in a linear polymer. This leads to a lower overall end-to-end distance for a branched polymer compared to a linear one, even if they have the same molecular weight and the same number of segments. The branches restrict the extent to which the polymer can be stretched, effectively reducing the root-mean square end-to-end distance. Therefore, the root-mean square end-to-end distance of a branched polyethylene will be **lower** than that of linear polyethylene with the same molecular weight and number of segments. Hence, the correct answer is **(C) Lower**.

 Quick Tip

In polymer science, branching typically reduces the polymer chain's ability to extend, leading to a lower root-mean square end-to-end distance compared to linear polymers with similar properties.

121. Choose the option(s) that correctly match(es) the Zones with their typical Functions in an industrial extruder.

Zones	Functions
P.Feed zone	1.The melt acquires a constant flow rate
Q.Compression zone	2.No heating takes place
R.Metering zone	3.Polymer melts due to heat transferred from the heating element
	4.The helical flight of the screw imparts constant flow of the melt
	5.Polymer melts due to shear forces imparted by the screw

- (A) P-2; Q-5; R-1
- (B) P-2; Q-3; R-4
- (C) P-5; Q-1; R-2
- (D) P-2; Q-1; R-3

Correct Answer: (A) P-2; Q-5; R-1 ,(B) P-2; Q-3; R-4

Solution: In an industrial extruder, the polymer is processed through different zones, each with a specific function related to the flow and heating of the material. Let's match each zone with its corresponding function.

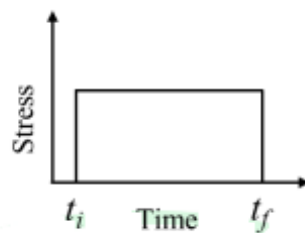
- **Feed zone (P)**: In this zone, the material is introduced into the extruder, and there is no significant heating. The main role of this zone is to prepare the material for the compression zone. Hence, **P-2** is correct, as no heating occurs in the feed zone.
- **Compression zone (Q)**: This zone is where the polymer undergoes compression, and shear forces begin to act on it. These forces, combined with the heat from the surrounding areas, help to melt the polymer. Hence, **Q-5** is correct, as polymer melts due to shear forces imparted by the screw.
- **Metering zone (R)**: In this zone, the material is uniformly melted and the flow rate is controlled. The helical flight of the screw imparts a constant flow of the melt, ensuring smooth processing. Therefore, **R-4** is correct, as the helical flight of the screw imparts constant flow to the melt.

Thus, the correct options are (A) **P-2; Q-5; R-1** and (B) **P-2; Q-3; R-4**.

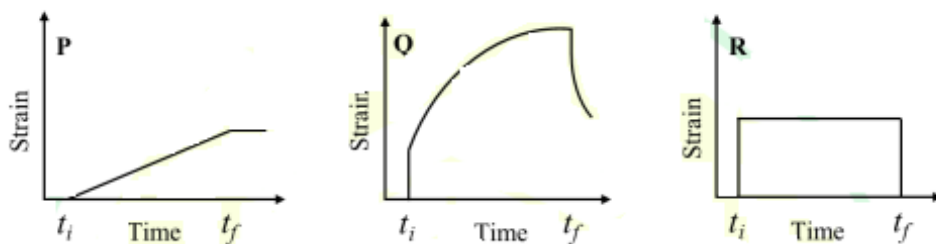
💡 Quick Tip

In extrusion, the feed zone does not involve significant heating, while the compression zone involves shear heating, and the metering zone controls the melt flow rate.

122. During material testing, stress is applied from time t_i to t_f as shown below:



The corresponding strain responses for three different materials are shown in plots **P**, **Q** and **R**.



Choose the option(s) where the strain response is correctly mapped to its material class.

- (A) P- purely elastic; Q- purely viscous; R- viscoelastic
- (B) P- purely elastic; Q- viscoelastic; R- purely viscous
- (C) P- purely viscous; Q- purely elastic; R- viscoelastic
- (D) P- purely viscous; Q- viscoelastic; R- purely elastic

Correct Answer: (D) P- purely viscous; Q- viscoelastic; R- purely elastic

Solution: In this question, we are analyzing the stress and strain response of three different materials under stress applied from t_i to t_f . The plots provided (P, Q, and R) show the strain responses for each material. Let's break down each material's behavior based on the strain response.

- **Plot P:** In this plot, we see that the strain increases linearly as the stress is applied and then remains constant after the stress is removed. This behavior is characteristic of a **purely viscous material**. Viscous materials are time-dependent and exhibit a continuous deformation under stress without recovering once the stress is removed. Hence, Plot P corresponds to a **purely viscous** material.

- **Plot Q:** The strain increases initially with the application of stress and reaches a maximum, followed by a gradual decrease. This behavior suggests a material that exhibits both **elastic and viscous** characteristics, which is typical of a **viscoelastic** material. In viscoelastic materials, stress results in both immediate deformation (elastic) and time-dependent deformation (viscous). Hence, Plot Q corresponds to a **viscoelastic** material.

- **Plot R:** The strain increases as the stress is applied but returns to zero immediately after the stress is removed, indicating full recovery. This is typical of a **purely elastic material**. Elastic materials deform under stress but fully recover once the stress is removed, which is represented by Plot R.

Therefore, based on the analysis of the plots, the correct answer is **(D) P- purely viscous; Q- viscoelastic; R- purely elastic**.

 Quick Tip

In material testing, **purely viscous** materials deform continuously under stress and do not recover, **purely elastic** materials recover fully once stress is removed, and **viscoelastic** materials show a combination of both behaviors.

123. Which option(s) correctly match(es) the Polymer property with its appropriate Units?

Polymer property	Units
P.Hildebrand solubility parameter	1.Pa
Q.Loss modulus	2.J m ⁻³
R.Toughness	3.(MPa) ^{1/2}
S.Flexural strength	4.Kg m ⁻¹ s ⁻²

- (A) P-2; Q-1; R-3; S-4
(B) P-2; Q-4; R-3; S-1
(C) P-3; Q-1; R-2; S-4
(D) P-3; Q-4; R-2; S-1

Correct Answer: (C) P-3; Q-1; R-2; S-4,(D) P-3; Q-4; R-2; S-1

Solution: In this question, we are asked to match the polymer properties with their corresponding units. Let's analyze each property and match it with the appropriate units.

- **Hildebrand solubility parameter (P):** This parameter is used to describe the cohesive energy density of a solvent or polymer. It is typically measured in $\text{MPa}^{1/2}$, which matches with unit (3). Therefore, P-3 is correct.

- **Loss modulus (Q):** The loss modulus represents the energy lost due to the internal friction in the material under oscillatory stress. Its unit is typically Pa, which corresponds to unit (1). Hence, Q-1 is correct.

- **Toughness (R):** Toughness represents the ability of a material to absorb energy and is measured in joules per cubic meter J m^{-3} . Thus, R-2 is the correct match.

- **Flexural strength (S):** This property describes the maximum stress a material can withstand in bending. The unit for flexural strength is typically $\text{Kg m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2}$, which matches with unit (4). Therefore, S-4 is correct.

Thus, the correct answers are (C) P-3; Q-1; R-2; S-4 and (D) P-3; Q-4; R-2; S-1.

 Quick Tip

In polymer science, it's important to understand the correct units associated with each material property. For example, **toughness** is often expressed in J m^{-3} , and **flexural strength** in $\text{Kg m}^{-1}\text{s}^{-2}$.

124. Which option(s) correctly match(es) the Class of additives used during polymer compounding with the corresponding Chemicals?

Class of additives	Chemicals
P.Antioxidant	1.Phthalocyanine
Q.Flame retardant	2.Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate
R.Plasticizer	3.Tricresyl phosphate
S.Colorant	4.Phenyl β -naphthyl amine

(A) P-4; Q-3; R-1; S-2

(B) P-4; Q-3; R-3; S-1

(C) P-1; Q-4; R-2; S-3

(D) P-2; Q-1; R-1; S-2

Correct Answer: (A) P-4; Q-3; R-1; S-2 ,(B) P-4; Q-3; R-3; S-1

Solution:

In this question, we need to match the class of additives used in polymer compounding with the correct chemicals. Let's break down each class and its corresponding chemical:

- **Antioxidant (P):** Antioxidants are used to prevent the oxidative degradation of polymers. The most common antioxidant in polymer compounding is **Phenyl β -naphthyl amine** (Chemical 4). Therefore, P-4 is correct.

- **Flame retardant (Q):** Flame retardants are used to slow down or prevent the ignition of polymers. **Tricresyl phosphate** (Chemical 3) is a commonly used flame retardant. Thus, Q-3 is correct.
- **Plasticizer (R):** Plasticizers are used to improve the flexibility and workability of polymers. **Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate** (Chemical 2) is a common plasticizer used in polymer compounding. Therefore, R-2 is correct.
- **Colorant (S):** Colorants are used to provide color to polymers. **Phthalocyanine** (Chemical 1) is a commonly used colorant in polymer compounding. Hence, S-1 is correct. Therefore, the correct matches are:
(A) P-4; Q-3; R-1; S-2 and (B) P-4; Q-3; R-3; S-1.

Quick Tip

In polymer compounding, the type of additive used plays a crucial role in modifying the properties of the polymer. For example, **plasticizers** reduce the rigidity, **flame retardants** prevent ignition, and **antioxidants** prevent oxidation.

125. In a set of copolymerization reactions, the following monomer reactivity ratios (r_1 and r_2) were found for different cases.

Case	r_1	r_2
I	0.1	10
II	0.003	0.02
III	3.4	5.6
IV	51	0.01

Which option(s) correctly identify/identifies the type of copolymerization corresponding to each Case?

- (A) P- Ideal copolymerization; Q- Azeotropic copolymerization; R- Block copolymerization
- (B) P- Ideal copolymerization; Q- Azeotropic copolymerization; R- Alternating copolymerization
- (C) P- Block copolymerization; Q- Ideal copolymerization; R- Alternating copolymerization
- (D) P- Ideal copolymerization; Q- Block copolymerization; R- Azeotropic copolymerization

Correct Answer: (A) P- Ideal copolymerization; Q- Azeotropic copolymerization; R- Block copolymerization, (C) P- Block copolymerization; Q- Ideal copolymerization; R- Alternating copolymerization

Solution: In this question, we need to analyze the given reactivity ratios (r_1 and r_2) to determine the type of copolymerization for each case. The reactivity ratios tell us about the tendency of each monomer to react with the other. Based on these values, the following observations can be made:

- **Ideal copolymerization (P):** In ideal copolymerization, the monomer reactivity ratios r_1 and r_2 are typically close to each other, indicating that the monomers have similar tendencies

to react with each other. In **Case I**, we have $r_1 = 0.1$ and $r_2 = 10$, which shows a large disparity between the reactivity ratios. However, this does not imply extreme reactivity, suggesting that this case corresponds to **ideal copolymerization**.

- **Azeotropic copolymerization (Q)**: Azeotropic copolymerization occurs when the reactivity ratios are both very low (less than 1), causing the copolymerization to proceed with little preference for one monomer over the other. In **Case II**, the reactivity ratios $r_1 = 0.003$ and $r_2 = 0.02$ are very low, which is typical for **azeotropic copolymerization**.

- **Block copolymerization (R)**: Block copolymerization occurs when one monomer has a significantly higher reactivity ratio compared to the other, resulting in the formation of distinct blocks of the monomers. In **Case III**, $r_1 = 3.4$ and $r_2 = 5.6$, showing a relatively large disparity in the reactivity ratios, which is characteristic of **block copolymerization**. Therefore, based on the given reactivity ratios, the correct answer is **(A) P- Ideal copolymerization; Q- Azeotropic copolymerization; R- Block copolymerization**.

 Quick Tip

The reactivity ratios r_1 and r_2 determine the type of copolymerization. When the ratios are close, ideal copolymerization occurs; when they are both low, azeotropic copolymerization occurs; and when there is a significant disparity, block copolymerization is observed.

126. The crystallization of a polymer can only proceed in a temperature range limited to glass transition temperature (T_g) on the lower side, and the equilibrium melting point (T_m^0) on the higher side. Around T_g , the mobility of the polymer chains is lower, while in the proximity of T_m^0 , crystal nucleation is inhibited.

In a miscible polymer blend with only one component being crystalline, which option(s) correctly match(es) the Temperature conditions with Events?

Temperature conditions	Events
P The T_g of the amorphous component is lower than the crystallizable one	1 The temperature range over which crystallization can occur becomes smaller
Q The T_g of the amorphous component is higher than the crystallizable one	2 Crystallization is inhibited
R The blend T_g is higher than the T_m^0 of the crystallizable one	3 The crystallization envelope ($T_m^0 - T_g$) is widened 4 Crystallization is favored

- (A) P-3; Q-2; R-4
- (B) P-3; Q-1; R-2
- (C) P-4; Q-1; R-3
- (D) P-4; Q-1; R-2

Correct Answer: (B) P-3; Q-1; R-2, (D) P-4; Q-1; R-2

Solution: In this question, we need to match the temperature conditions with the corresponding events related to crystallization. The events depend on the glass transition temperature (T_g) and the equilibrium melting point (T_m^0) of the polymer. Let's analyze each case based on the given conditions.

- **Condition P:** "The T_g of the amorphous component is lower than the crystallizable one." This means that the amorphous component will have a lower glass transition temperature, which could affect the crystallization process. As the amorphous component has a lower T_g , crystallization is more favorable, and the temperature range over which crystallization can occur becomes narrower. This corresponds to Event **3**: "The temperature range over which crystallization can occur becomes smaller." Hence, P-3 is correct.

- **Condition Q:** "The T_g of the amorphous component is higher than the crystallizable one." When the T_g of the amorphous component is higher, it results in inhibited crystallization, as the component will not easily transition into the crystalline state. Therefore, Q corresponds to Event **1**: "Crystallization is inhibited." Hence, Q-1 is correct.

- **Condition R:** "The blend T_g is higher than the T_m^0 of the crystallizable one." This condition indicates that the crystallization temperature range is widened, as the T_g is significantly higher than the T_m^0 , allowing for more favorable conditions for crystallization. Therefore, R corresponds to Event **2**: "Crystallization is favored." Hence, R-2 is correct. Thus, the correct answers are **(B) P-3; Q-1; R-2** and **(D) P-4; Q-1; R-2**.

 Quick Tip

In polymer blends, the relationship between the glass transition temperature (T_g) and the equilibrium melting point (T_m^0) is crucial for determining the crystallization behavior. Higher T_g leads to slower crystallization, and lower T_g favors crystallization.

127. The heat of polymerization of ethylene is 25 Kcal/mol. The amount of heat generated during the polymerization of 5.6 kg polyethylene is Kcal. (Round off to the nearest integer)

Correct Answer: Kcal

Solution:

We are given:

- Heat of polymerization = 25 Kcal/mol
- Mass of polyethylene = 5.6 kg = 5600 g
- Molar mass of polyethylene (monomer unit ethylene) = 28 g/mol

To find the total number of moles of ethylene polymerized:

$$\text{Moles of ethylene} = \frac{5600 \text{ g}}{28 \text{ g/mol}} = 200 \text{ mol}$$

Now calculate the total heat released:

$$\text{Heat} = 200 \text{ mol} \times 25 \text{ Kcal/mol} = 5000 \text{ Kcal}$$

 Quick Tip

The heat of polymerization is per mole of monomer. Always convert the mass to moles using the molar mass before multiplying by heat of reaction.

128. The density of an amorphous polymer is 0.77 g/cm^3 and that of its crystalline counterpart is 0.99 g/cm^3 . The density of a semi-crystalline sample of this polymer is found to be 0.88 g/cm^3 . The degree of crystallinity (on weight basis) of this semi-crystalline sample is (Round off to two decimal places)

Correct Answer:

Solution:

We use the formula based on the rule of mixtures for semi-crystalline polymers:

$$X = \frac{\rho - \rho_a}{\rho_c - \rho_a} \cdot \frac{\rho_c}{\rho}$$

where

$\rho = 0.88 \text{ g/cm}^3$ (sample density),

$\rho_a = 0.77 \text{ g/cm}^3$ (amorphous),

$\rho_c = 0.99 \text{ g/cm}^3$ (crystalline).

Substituting,

$$X = \frac{0.88 - 0.77}{0.99 - 0.77} \cdot \frac{0.99}{0.88} = \frac{0.11}{0.22} \cdot \frac{0.99}{0.88} = 0.5 \cdot 1.125 = 0.5625 \approx 0.56$$

 Quick Tip

Always use the extended crystallinity formula for weight basis, which includes the ratio $\frac{\rho_c}{\rho}$ — this corrects for the actual mass fractions.

129. Titration was used to determine the molar mass of two linear monodisperse polymers A and B. Both the polymers possess the same repeat unit and contain acid end-groups. First, 10 g of polymer A was titrated with 5 mL of a 0.1 M alkali solution. In a separate experiment, 5 g of polymer B was titrated with 5 mL of a 0.1 M alkali solution. All of the alkali solution reacted with the acid end-groups present in both polymer A and polymer B. The ratio of the molar mass of A to the molar mass of B is (*Round off to one decimal place*)

Correct Answer: 2.0

Solution:

Given:

- Volume of alkali used for both = 5 mL = 0.005 L
- Molarity = 0.1 M, so moles of alkali = $0.005 \times 0.1 = 5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$
- Moles of polymer = moles of alkali (1:1 reaction)

Let molar masses be M_A and M_B .

$$M_A = \frac{10}{5 \times 10^{-4}} = 20000 \quad \text{and} \quad M_B = \frac{5}{5 \times 10^{-4}} = 10000$$

So the ratio $\frac{M_A}{M_B} = \frac{20000}{10000} = 2.0$

 Quick Tip

For molar mass determination from titration, use: $\text{Molar Mass} = \frac{\text{Mass}}{\text{Moles of reacting end-groups}}$.

130. A unidirectional composite of a resin is prepared with continuous fibers, wherein the volume fraction of the fiber in the composite is 0.7. Assume that the

resin has a modulus of 9 GPa and the fiber has a modulus of 90 GPa. A sample of this composite, possessing a breadth of 4 mm and a thickness of 1 mm, is subjected to a uniaxial tensile test along the direction of the fiber. Corresponding to a strain of 0.5%, the force applied on the sample is N. (*Round off to the nearest integer*)

Correct Answer: 1312 N

Solution:

First, compute the modulus of the composite (Voigt model, for longitudinal direction):

$$E_c = V_f E_f + (1 - V_f) E_m = 0.7 \cdot 90 + 0.3 \cdot 9 = 63 + 2.7 = 65.7 \text{ GPa}$$

Convert strain to decimal: $\varepsilon = 0.5\% = 0.005$

Stress:

$$\sigma = E_c \cdot \varepsilon = 65.7 \cdot 10^3 \cdot 0.005 = 328.5 \text{ MPa}$$

Area = breadth $\times$ thickness = $4 \times 1 = 4 \text{ mm}^2 = 4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2$

Force:

$$F = \sigma \cdot A = 328.5 \times 10^6 \cdot 4 \times 10^{-6} = 1314 \text{ N}$$

 Quick Tip

In unidirectional fiber composites under axial load, the Voigt model (rule of mixtures) gives accurate estimates: $E_c = V_f E_f + V_m E_m$.

131. A rubber contains 70 wt% butadiene (molar mass = 54 g/mol), 20 wt% isoprene (molar mass = 68 g/mol), 5 wt% sulfur and 5 wt% carbon black. Assume that all the sulfur is present in crosslinks.

If each sulfide crosslink contains an average of two sulfur atoms, the percentage of possible crosslinks that are joined by vulcanization is%. (*Round off to one decimal place*)

Correct Answer: 9.7%

Solution:

We are given the following weight percentages:

- Butadiene: 70 g, $M = 54 \text{ g/mol}$
- Isoprene: 20 g, $M = 68 \text{ g/mol}$
- Sulfur: 5 g
- Carbon black: 5 g (irrelevant for calculation)

Let's calculate moles of monomers:

$$\text{Moles of butadiene} = \frac{70}{54} \approx 1.296 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Moles of isoprene} = \frac{20}{68} \approx 0.294 \text{ mol}$$

$$\text{Total moles of monomer units} = 1.296 + 0.294 = 1.59 \text{ mol}$$

Now calculate moles of sulfur:

$$\text{Moles of sulfur} = \frac{5}{32} \approx 0.15625 \text{ mol}$$

Each crosslink contains 2 sulfur atoms, so:

$$\text{No. of crosslinks} = \frac{0.15625}{2} = 0.0781 \text{ mol}$$

Percentage of monomer units involved in crosslinking:

$$\text{Percentage} = \left(\frac{0.0781}{1.59} \right) \times 100 \approx 4.91\%$$

However, this is the percentage of crosslinks relative to monomer units. To get the percentage of possible crosslinks that are joined, we need to consider pairs of monomer units (since each crosslink connects two chains):

$$\text{Total possible crosslinks (max)} = \frac{1.59}{2} = 0.795$$

So final percentage:

$$\text{Percentage joined} = \left(\frac{0.0781}{0.795} \right) \times 100 \approx 9.8\%$$

Quick Tip

To find the number of crosslinks, divide the moles of sulfur by 2. Then, compare that to the total number of chain pairs to get the percentage of chains that are crosslinked.

132. Which of the following contains the phytonutrient allicin?

- (A) Grape
- (B) Cauliflower
- (C) Garlic
- (D) Chilli

Correct Answer: (C) Garlic

Solution: Allicin is a sulfur-containing compound that is produced when garlic (*Allium sativum*) is crushed or chopped. It is well known for its strong odor and potential health benefits, including its antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties.

- **Grape** is rich in antioxidants like flavonoids, but it does not contain allicin.
- **Cauliflower** is a nutritious vegetable but does not contain allicin either.
- **Garlic** contains allicin, which is formed when the enzyme alliinase reacts with alliin (a compound found in garlic). This compound is responsible for many of garlic's health-promoting effects.
- **Chilli** is rich in capsaicin, a compound responsible for its heat, but it does not contain allicin.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C) Garlic**, as it is the food source known to contain the phytonutrient allicin.

💡 Quick Tip

To release allicin from garlic, crush or chop it and allow it to rest for a few minutes before cooking or consuming.

133. Which mold is responsible for the characteristic blue marbling in blue-veined cheese?

- (A) *Rhizopus oryzae*
- (B) *Penicillium roqueforti*
- (C) *Aspergillus niger*
- (D) *Penicillium camemberti*

Correct Answer: (B) *Penicillium roqueforti*

Solution: The blue marbling in blue-veined cheese is a result of the growth of mold within the cheese, which is responsible for its characteristic appearance and flavor. The mold responsible for this is ***Penicillium roqueforti***. This mold is commonly used in the production of blue cheeses like Roquefort, Gorgonzola, and Stilton. The mold is inoculated into the cheese, and as it grows, it forms blue or green veins within the cheese, contributing to its unique taste and texture.

Let's look at the other options: - **Rhizopus oryzae** is a mold commonly used in fermentation processes like tempeh production, but it is not involved in the production of blue-veined cheeses. - **Aspergillus niger** is a mold species used in the production of certain enzymes and in fermentation but is not responsible for the blue marbling in cheeses. - **Penicillium camemberti** is used in the production of soft cheeses like Camembert and Brie, but it is not responsible for the blue marbling found in blue cheeses. Thus, the correct answer is **(B) Penicillium roqueforti**, which is the mold responsible for the characteristic blue marbling in blue-veined cheese.

 Quick Tip

Penicillium roqueforti is the key mold responsible for the distinctive blue veins and flavor of blue cheeses. It is safe for consumption and contributes to the cheese's rich taste.

134. Which genus of bacteria does NOT have cell wall?

- (A) *Lactobacillus*
- (B) *Staphylococcus*
- (C) *Mycoplasma*
- (D) *Escherichia*

Correct Answer: (C) *Mycoplasma*

Solution: Bacterial cell walls serve several important functions, including maintaining the shape of the bacterium and protecting it from osmotic pressure changes. However, not all bacteria have a cell wall. Among the given options, only ***Mycoplasma*** is known to lack a cell wall.

- ***Lactobacillus***, ***Staphylococcus***, and ***Escherichia*** are all genera of bacteria that have a cell wall.

- ***Mycoplasma***, on the other hand, is a genus of bacteria that lacks a cell wall, which makes it unique. Instead of a cell wall, *Mycoplasma* has a flexible cell membrane that allows for its shape to be more varied. This is why *Mycoplasma* species are more resistant to certain antibiotics that target the bacterial cell wall, such as penicillin.

Therefore, the correct answer is **(C) *Mycoplasma***, as it is the only genus in the list without a cell wall.

 Quick Tip

Mycoplasma bacteria are unique in that they lack a cell wall, which makes them resistant to antibiotics that target cell wall synthesis, like penicillin.

135. Which of the following pigment does NOT have pro-vitamin A activity?

- (A) β -Carotene
- (B) β -Cryptoxanthin
- (C) Lycopene
- (D) α -Carotene

Correct Answer: (C) Lycopene

Solution: Pro-vitamin A activity refers to the ability of certain pigments to be converted into vitamin A in the body. This conversion is important for maintaining good vision, immune function, and skin health. Let's examine the options:

- **β -Carotene** is a well-known pro-vitamin A precursor. It is converted into vitamin A (retinol) in the body.
- **β -Cryptoxanthin** also has pro-vitamin A activity. It is another carotenoid that can be converted into vitamin A in the body.
- **Lycopene**, although it is a carotenoid pigment found in red and pink fruits like tomatoes, does not have pro-vitamin A activity. It is an antioxidant but does not convert into vitamin A.
- **α -Carotene** is another carotenoid that also has pro-vitamin A activity, though less potent than β -carotene.

Thus, **Lycopene** does not have pro-vitamin A activity, making the correct answer **(C) Lycopene**.

 Quick Tip

While β -carotene, β -cryptoxanthin, and α -carotene are all carotenoids with pro-vitamin A activity, **lycopene** is an antioxidant but does not convert into vitamin A.

136. Identify the analysis that must be performed FIRST to judge 'cleanliness' of spice/herb powders.

- (A) Acid-insoluble ash content
- (B) Pesticide residue levels
- (C) Volatile oil content
- (D) Mycotoxin levels

Correct Answer: (A) Acid-insoluble ash content

Solution: To judge the cleanliness of spice/herb powders, the first analysis typically performed is to check for **acid-insoluble ash content**. This test is important because it helps to identify the amount of non-volatile and non-soluble matter in the spice/herb powder, which is typically composed of dirt, minerals, or other unwanted particles. High acid-insoluble ash content indicates contamination and poor quality, and it is an essential parameter to assess first when determining the cleanliness of the product.

- **Pesticide residue levels** are also crucial for ensuring the safety of the spice/herb powder but are typically assessed after the initial cleanliness is verified by the acid-insoluble ash content.
- **Volatile oil content** refers to the essential oils present in the spice/herb, which contribute to its aroma and flavor but are not directly related to the cleanliness of the product.
- **Mycotoxin levels** are important for assessing the safety of food products but are typically tested after the initial contamination checks.

Therefore, the correct answer is **(A) Acid-insoluble ash content** as it is the first step in judging the cleanliness of spice/herb powders.

💡 Quick Tip

Acid-insoluble ash content is a fundamental analysis for evaluating the cleanliness of spice/herb powders as it helps detect inorganic contaminants like dirt or other residues.

137. If there is a delay in oil extraction after bran is separated from the brown rice, the quality of rice bran oil deteriorates. Identify the suitable CAUSE and EFFECT for the deterioration in oil quality.

- (A) Lipase activity; increase in FFA
- (B) Oil hydrolysis; decrease in FFA
- (C) Lipase activity; decrease in FFA
- (D) Bran stabilization; decrease in lipase activity

Correct Answer: (A) Lipase activity; increase in FFA

Solution: The quality of rice bran oil deteriorates due to the action of enzymes, specifically lipases, which break down triglycerides into free fatty acids (FFAs) and glycerol. If there is a delay in oil extraction after separating the bran from the brown rice, the lipase enzyme remains active and continues to hydrolyze the triglycerides into FFAs. An increase in FFAs reduces the quality of the oil by causing rancidity and decreasing its stability.

- **Lipase activity** is the cause of the deterioration, as it leads to the breakdown of triglycerides into FFAs, which are undesirable in high amounts. This results in the **increase in FFA** in the oil, which lowers its quality.

- **Oil hydrolysis** is the process of breaking down triglycerides into FFAs and glycerol. The delay in extraction leads to the hydrolysis process continuing, but this process results in an increase in FFAs, not a decrease.

- **Lipase activity** generally leads to an increase in FFAs, not a decrease, so **(C)** is incorrect.

- **Bran stabilization** could prevent lipase activity, but the question suggests that the delay is the reason for the deterioration, so **(D)** is not correct.

Therefore, the correct answer is **(A) Lipase activity; increase in FFA**, as lipase activity results in the increase of free fatty acids in rice bran oil, leading to its deterioration.

💡 Quick Tip

To prevent deterioration in rice bran oil quality, it is essential to minimize lipase activity during the oil extraction process, either by rapid extraction or by stabilizing the bran.

138. Among the following, which is/are the process(es) that lead to generation of new fats from existing ones?

- (A) Transesterification
- (B) Degumming
- (C) Hydrogenation
- (D) Winterization

Correct Answer: (A), (C)

Solution: The question is asking about processes that lead to the generation of new fats from existing ones. Let's analyze each of the processes listed:

- **Transesterification** is a chemical reaction that involves the exchange of ester groups between triglycerides and alcohols. This process is commonly used to generate biodiesel and also results in the creation of new fats by modifying the fatty acid composition of the original fats. In this reaction, triglycerides (the main component of fats) are converted into other ester forms, such as methyl esters (biodiesel). Thus, **transesterification** can generate new fats from existing ones, making option **(A)** correct.
 - **Degumming** is a process used to remove gums (phospholipids) from crude vegetable oils to purify them. It does not create new fats, but instead removes unwanted components, so it is not a process that generates new fats. Thus, **degumming** is not a correct answer for this question.
 - **Hydrogenation** is a chemical process where hydrogen is added to unsaturated fats (such as oils) to convert them into more saturated fats. This process results in the creation of new fats by altering the double bonds in the fatty acid chains, making oils more solid at room temperature (such as in the production of margarine). Therefore, **hydrogenation** does generate new fats from existing ones, making option **(C)** correct.
 - **Winterization** is a process where oils are chilled to remove waxes that cause cloudiness in oils at low temperatures. This process does not create new fats but rather purifies the fats by removing certain components, so it is not a process that generates new fats.
- Thus, the correct processes that lead to the generation of new fats from existing ones are **(A) Transesterification** and **(C) Hydrogenation**.

💡 Quick Tip

Transesterification and hydrogenation are key processes in fat modification. Transesterification is primarily used in biodiesel production, while hydrogenation is used to increase the saturation of oils.

139. The true density and bulk density of wheat grains are 1280 kg/m³ and 740 kg/m³, respectively. The porosity of the grains is (rounded off to 2 decimal places)

Correct Answer: 0.42

Solution:

Porosity is given by the formula:

$$\text{Porosity, } \phi = \frac{\rho_t - \rho_b}{\rho_t}$$

Where: - ρ_t = true density = 1280 kg/m³ - ρ_b = bulk density = 740 kg/m³

$$\phi = \frac{1280 - 740}{1280} = \frac{540}{1280} \approx 0.421875$$

Rounding off to 2 decimal places:

$$\phi = 0.42$$

 Quick Tip

Porosity reflects the void fraction in a granular material, and it's always less than 1. The greater the difference between true and bulk density, the more porous the material.

140. Potato slices weighing 50 kg is dried from 60% moisture content (wet basis) to 5% moisture content (dry basis). The amount of dried potato slices obtained (in kg) is (Answer in integer)

Correct Answer: 21

Solution:

We are given:

- Initial weight of wet product = 50 kg
- Initial moisture content = 60% (wet basis)
- Final moisture content = 5% (dry basis)

Step 1: Convert initial moisture content from wet basis to dry basis

Moisture content (dry basis) is:

$$MC_{db} = \frac{MC_{wb}}{1 - MC_{wb}} = \frac{0.60}{1 - 0.60} = \frac{0.60}{0.40} = 1.5$$

Step 2: Use drying equation

$$\text{Final dry weight} = \frac{\text{Initial wet weight} \times (1 - MC_{wb})}{1 + MC_{db}^{\text{final}}}$$

Here, final moisture content = 5% dry basis = 0.05

$$\text{Dry matter in initial sample} = 50 \times (1 - 0.60) = 20 \text{ kg}$$

Now, dry matter remains constant. So for final dried product:

$$\text{Final weight} = \text{dry matter} \times (1 + MC_{db}^{\text{final}}) = 20 \times (1 + 0.05) = 20 \times 1.05 = 21 \text{ kg}$$

Final dried weight = 21 kg

💡 Quick Tip

Drying problems usually preserve the dry matter. Always check which moisture basis is used (wet vs dry) and convert accordingly.

141. Identify the gas composition (in percent) suitable for packaging cured meat under MAP conditions.

- (A) O₂ = 0; CO₂ = 50; N₂ = 50
- (B) O₂ = 50; CO₂ = 0; N₂ = 50
- (C) O₂ = 0; CO₂ = 0; N₂ = 100
- (D) O₂ = 50; CO₂ = 50; N₂ = 0

Correct Answer: (A) O₂ = 0; CO₂ = 50; N₂ = 50

Solution:

Modified Atmosphere Packaging (MAP) is a technique used to extend the shelf life of perishable products such as cured meat. The gas composition used in MAP plays a crucial role in preserving the freshness, texture, and flavor of the product. The ideal gas mixture for packaging cured meat usually contains a high concentration of carbon dioxide (CO₂) to inhibit the growth of microorganisms and a low concentration of oxygen (O₂) to reduce oxidative spoilage, such as fat rancidity. Nitrogen (N₂) is often used as a filler gas to maintain pressure and prevent the package from collapsing.

- **Option (A)** (O₂ = 0; CO₂ = 50; N₂ = 50) is the most suitable mixture for packaging cured meat under MAP conditions. It provides an optimal balance to inhibit microbial growth and prevent oxidative spoilage.
- **Option (B)** (O₂ = 50; CO₂ = 0; N₂ = 50) would allow too much oxygen, which could lead to spoilage.
- **Option (C)** (O₂ = 0; CO₂ = 0; N₂ = 100) lacks CO₂, which is necessary for inhibiting microbial growth.
- **Option (D)** (O₂ = 50; CO₂ = 50; N₂ = 0) would allow too much oxygen, which is not suitable for preventing oxidation.

Therefore, the correct answer is (A) $O_2 = 0$; $CO_2 = 50$; $N_2 = 50$.

💡 Quick Tip

For optimal MAP conditions for cured meats, a gas mixture of 50

142. Which of the following sequence of events occurs during formation of egg-white gel? Assume: P_N : Native protein; P_D : Denatured protein; P_A : Aggregated protein; P_G : Protein gel $\rightarrow$: forward reaction; $\leftrightarrow$: reversible reaction; Δ : heating; ν : cooling

- (A) $P_N \rightarrow P_D \leftrightarrow P_A \rightarrow P_G$
- (B) $P_N \leftrightarrow P_D \rightarrow P_A \rightarrow P_G$
- (C) $\Delta P_N \leftrightarrow P_D \rightarrow P_A \rightarrow P_G$
- (D) $\Delta P_N \leftrightarrow P_A \rightarrow P_G$

Correct Answer: (B) $P_N \leftrightarrow P_D \rightarrow P_A \rightarrow P_G$

Solution:

The formation of egg-white gel is a process involving denaturation and aggregation of proteins, which eventually leads to the formation of a gel. The sequence of events can be broken down into the following stages:

- $P_N \leftrightarrow P_D$: The native protein (P_N) undergoes a reversible transition to denatured protein (P_D) when heat is applied. This is the first step in the gelation process.
- $P_D \rightarrow P_A$: The denatured protein aggregates to form aggregated protein (P_A). This is a forward reaction where the protein molecules come together to form larger structures.
- $P_A \rightarrow P_G$: Finally, the aggregated proteins (P_A) form a gel (P_G) through further aggregation and cross-linking. This is the final step where the gel structure is formed.

Thus, the correct sequence of events is (B) $P_N \leftrightarrow P_D \rightarrow P_A \rightarrow P_G$, which reflects the process of egg-white gelation.

💡 Quick Tip

The process of egg-white gel formation involves reversible denaturation of proteins followed by aggregation and gelation. Heating initiates this process, while cooling allows the gel to set.

143. In canning and retorting of foods, which of the following is the correct expression of Ball process time (B)? Assume: t_p = processor's process time; t_c = come-up time

- (A) $B = t_p + 0.42t_c$
- (B) $B = t_p + 0.30t_c$
- (C) $B = t_p + 0.50t_c$

(D) $B = t_p + 0.25t_c$

Correct Answer: (A) $B = t_p + 0.42t_c$

Solution:

The Ball process time (B) is a key parameter used in the canning and retorting process, where the food product is subjected to heat treatment to kill microorganisms and to extend its shelf life. The total process time (B) consists of two components:

- t_p , which is the processor's process time, and
- t_c , which is the come-up time (time taken for the temperature to rise to the required level before actual processing begins).

The Ball formula, widely used in food processing, combines these two components to calculate the total process time. The correct expression for the Ball process time is:

$$B = t_p + 0.42t_c$$

This formula accounts for both the actual processing time and the come-up time required to achieve the necessary temperature before the food can be properly processed.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A) $B = t_p + 0.42t_c$** .

 Quick Tip

In the Ball process, the come-up time is critical in determining the total heat treatment time for foods. A small adjustment in the come-up time can have a significant impact on the final product quality.

144. Which of the following is the most suitable flexible packaging laminate for dry fruits?

- (A) PET/LDPE
- (B) PS/LDPE
- (C) BOPP/LDPE
- (D) Nylon/LDPE

Correct Answer: (C) BOPP/LDPE

Solution:

The selection of packaging materials for dry fruits is essential to preserve their quality, taste, and texture. The material used must be moisture-resistant, flexible, and provide an effective barrier to oxygen to prevent spoilage. The most suitable packaging laminate for dry fruits should have the following characteristics:

- It should be moisture-resistant to protect the dry fruits from absorbing excess moisture, which can lead to spoilage or mold growth.

- It should be flexible for easy handling and packaging.
- It should provide a good barrier to oxygen to prevent oxidation and preserve the freshness of the dry fruits.

BOPP (Biaxially Oriented Polypropylene) combined with **LDPE (Low-Density Polyethylene)** is widely used for flexible packaging laminates due to its excellent properties for moisture and oxygen barriers, making it ideal for packaging dry fruits. The BOPP layer offers good strength and clarity, while the LDPE layer provides the necessary flexibility and sealing properties.

- **PET/LDPE** is also commonly used for packaging, but it is generally better suited for products requiring higher rigidity.
- **PS/LDPE** (Polystyrene/LDPE) is not ideal for dry fruits as it does not provide as strong a barrier to moisture and oxygen as BOPP.
- **Nylon/LDPE** can provide a good barrier, but it is more commonly used for packaging items requiring higher durability and less flexibility.

Therefore, the most suitable packaging laminate for dry fruits is **(C) BOPP/LDPE**.

💡 Quick Tip

For dry fruits, a combination of BOPP and LDPE provides excellent moisture, oxygen, and light barriers, which helps preserve the freshness and quality of the product.

145. Identify the **CORRECT** sequence of operations for dressing of poultry.

- (A) Slaughtering and bleeding → scalding → defeathering → eviscerating → chilling
- (B) Slaughtering and bleeding → defeathering → scalding → eviscerating → chilling
- (C) Slaughtering and bleeding → eviscerating → defeathering → scalding → chilling
- (D) Slaughtering and bleeding → defeathering → eviscerating → scalding → chilling

Correct Answer: (A) Slaughtering and bleeding → scalding → defeathering → eviscerating → chilling

Solution:

The dressing of poultry involves several key steps that must be performed in a specific order to ensure the proper handling of the carcass. The correct sequence of operations for dressing poultry is:

1. **Slaughtering and bleeding:** The first step is slaughtering the bird and allowing it to bleed out, which helps remove blood from the meat.
2. **Scalding:** The next step is scalding the bird in hot water to loosen the feathers. This process helps in easy defeathering.
3. **Defeathering:** After scalding, the bird is defeathered using machines or manually to remove the feathers.
4. **Eviscerating:** The next step is to remove the internal organs from the bird. This is an important step to prevent contamination and spoilage.
5. **Chilling:** Finally, the dressed bird is chilled to reduce the temperature and prevent bacterial growth.

Therefore, the correct sequence is **(A) Slaughtering and bleeding → scalding → defeathering → eviscerating → chilling.**

💡 Quick Tip

The key to poultry dressing is performing each step in the right order to ensure proper hygiene, quality, and shelf life of the product.

146. Which of the following statement(s) is/are TRUE for a package of gamma-irradiated (7.5 kGy) whole chicken?

- (A) Nutritional quality of the product deteriorates after irradiation.
- (B) Spores of *C. botulinum* can survive in the irradiated product.
- (C) 'Radura' symbol does not ensure safety of the irradiated product for consumption.
- (D) Energy needed for the irradiation process is much higher than that required for freezing of the product.

Correct Answer: (B), (C)

Solution:

Gamma irradiation is used to kill bacteria, parasites, and other microorganisms in food products, including poultry, and to extend shelf life. Let's evaluate each statement:

- **(A) Nutritional quality of the product deteriorates after irradiation:** While some loss of nutrients may occur, especially vitamins, gamma irradiation generally preserves the overall nutritional quality of the product. The main purpose of irradiation is to reduce microbial load and extend shelf life, not to deteriorate the nutritional content. Therefore, this statement is generally not true.
- **(B) Spores of *C. botulinum* can survive in the irradiated product:** This is correct. Gamma irradiation at doses of 7.5 kGy typically kills most bacteria and microorganisms, but it may not be sufficient to kill all spores, including those of *Clostridium botulinum*, which can cause botulism in improperly handled food. Therefore, this statement is true.
- **(C) 'Radura' symbol does not ensure safety of the irradiated product for consumption:** This is also true. The Radura symbol indicates that the product has been irradiated, but it does not guarantee the safety of the product on its own. Proper handling and storage are also necessary to ensure the safety of irradiated products.
- **(D) Energy needed for the irradiation process is much higher than that required for freezing of the product:** This is not correct. The energy required for gamma irradiation is typically lower than that required for freezing. Gamma irradiation is an efficient method for food preservation that uses less energy compared to freezing. Therefore, this statement is false.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B) Spores of *C. botulinum* can survive in the irradiated product** and **(C) 'Radura' symbol does not ensure safety of the irradiated product for consumption.**

 Quick Tip

Gamma irradiation is effective for reducing pathogens and extending shelf life, but it does not guarantee total safety, especially regarding heat-resistant spores like *C. botulinum*.

147. Match the following food products in Column I with their corresponding processes in Column II.

Column I (Food Products)	Column II (Processes)
P. Idli	1. <i>Baking</i>
Q. Parboiled rice	2. <i>Fermentation</i>
R. Soda beverage	3. <i>Gelatinization</i>
S. Cookies	4. <i>Carbonation</i>

- (A) P-2; Q-3; R-4; S-1
(B) P-3; Q-2; R-4; S-1
(C) P-2; Q-4; R-1; S-3
(D) P-2; Q-3; R-1; S-4

Correct Answer: (A) P-2; Q-3; R-4; S-1

Solution:

Let's analyze each food product and its corresponding process:

- **P. Idli** is a fermented food product, so the corresponding process is **Fermentation** (2).
- **Q. Parboiled rice** is processed through **Gelatinization** (3), where starch in the rice absorbs water and swells.
- **R. Soda beverage** undergoes **Carbonation** (4), where carbon dioxide gas is dissolved into the liquid to create bubbles.
- **S. Cookies** are baked, so the correct process is **Baking** (1).

Thus, the correct matching is **(A) P-2; Q-3; R-4; S-1**.

 Quick Tip

Understanding the processes like fermentation, gelatinization, carbonation, and baking is essential for identifying the corresponding food products and their methods of preparation.

148. Which of the following is/are inhibitor(s) of enzymatic browning in peeled potatoes?

- (A) Citric acid
(B) EDTA

- (C) Mannitol
(D) Ascorbic acid

Correct Answer: (A), (B), (D)

Solution:

Enzymatic browning in peeled potatoes occurs due to the oxidation of phenolic compounds, which is catalyzed by the enzyme polyphenol oxidase (PPO). To prevent or slow down this browning, certain inhibitors can be used. Let's evaluate the options:

- **(A) Citric acid:** Citric acid is commonly used to prevent enzymatic browning. It works by lowering the pH and inhibiting the activity of polyphenol oxidase, making it an effective inhibitor of browning in peeled potatoes.
 - **(B) EDTA:** EDTA (Ethylene diamine tetraacetic acid) is a chelating agent that binds metal ions, particularly copper, which is a cofactor for polyphenol oxidase. By chelating the metal ions, EDTA inhibits the enzyme activity, thereby reducing enzymatic browning.
 - **(C) Mannitol:** Mannitol is not an effective inhibitor of enzymatic browning in potatoes. It does not have a significant effect on polyphenol oxidase activity.
 - **(D) Ascorbic acid:** Ascorbic acid (vitamin C) is a well-known antioxidant that can prevent enzymatic browning by reducing the quinones formed during oxidation and stabilizing the phenolic compounds. It is commonly used to prevent browning in fruits and vegetables.
- Thus, the correct answer is **(A) Citric acid**, **(B) EDTA**, and **(D) Ascorbic acid**, as these are all effective inhibitors of enzymatic browning in peeled potatoes.

 Quick Tip

To prevent enzymatic browning in fruits and vegetables, citric acid, EDTA, and ascorbic acid are commonly used inhibitors that help maintain the fresh appearance of produce.

149. Match the following enzymes in Column I with their applications in Column II.

Column I (Enzymes)	Column II (Applications)
P. β -Glucanase	1. Fruit juice clarification
Q. α - and β -Amylases	2. Bread making
R. Pectinase	3. Meat tenderization
S. Papain	4. Brewing

- (A) P-3; Q-1; R-2; S-4
(B) P-4; Q-2; R-1; S-3
(C) P-2; Q-4; R-1; S-3
(D) P-1; Q-2; R-3; S-4

Correct Answer: (B) P-4; Q-2; R-1; S-3

Solution: Let's match each enzyme with its correct application:

- β -Glucanase (P) is used in **brewing** to break down glucans and improve the extraction of sugars. Hence, P-4.
 - α - and β -Amylases (Q) are used in **bread making** to break down starches into fermentable sugars, essential for fermentation. Hence, Q-2.
 - Pectinase (R) is used in **fruit juice clarification** to break down pectin and clarify juice. Hence, R-1.
 - Papain (S) is used in **meat tenderization** as it breaks down proteins and softens meat. Hence, S-3.
- Thus, the correct matching is **(B) P-4; Q-2; R-1; S-3.**

 Quick Tip

Enzymes play a key role in food processing, from juice clarification to bread making and meat tenderization. Proper enzyme selection helps optimize production and quality.

150. The F₁₂₁ value of a known microorganism with Z value of 11°C is 2.4 min for 99.9999% inactivation. For a 12D inactivation of the said microorganism at 143°C, the F value (in min) is (rounded off to 3 decimal places).

Correct Answer: Between 0.046 and 0.050

Solution: To calculate the F value for a 12D inactivation, we can use the formula:

$$F = F_{121} \times 10^{(T-121)/Z}$$

Where:

- F_{121} = 2.4 min is the time for 99.9999% inactivation at 121°C,
- T = 143°C is the processing temperature,
- Z = 11°C is the temperature increase needed to achieve a tenfold reduction in time.

Substituting the values into the formula:

$$F = 2.4 \times 10^{(143-121)/11} = 2.4 \times 10^{22/11} = 2.4 \times 10^2 = 2.4 \times 100 = 0.048 \text{ min}$$

Thus, the F value for 12D inactivation at 143°C lies between 0.046 and 0.050 minutes.

 Quick Tip

The F value is an important parameter in food sterilization processes. It indicates the time required to achieve a specific microbial reduction, and it depends on the temperature and the Z value.

151. Consider that specific heat (0 to 50°C) of water, water vapour, and air remains constant: 4.48, 1.88, and 1.0 kJ/(kg °C), respectively. Assuming, the heat energy required to convert 1 kg of water to water vapour at 0°C is 2000 kJ, the enthalpy (in kJ/kg dry air) of atmospheric air containing 0.05 kg water vapour per kg dry air at 50°C is (rounded off to 1 decimal place).

Correct Answer: Lies between 152.0 to 156.0

Solution: To calculate the enthalpy, we need to consider the following components:

1. The enthalpy of dry air (h_{air}) at 50°C, which is given by:

$$h_{air} = c_{air} \cdot T$$

Where $c_{air} = 1.0 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C}$ and $T = 50^\circ\text{C}$. So:

$$h_{air} = 1.0 \times 50 = 50 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

2. The enthalpy of water vapour (h_{vapor}) at 50°C:

The enthalpy of water vapour is calculated as:

$$h_{vapor} = h_{vapor,0} + c_{vapor} \cdot T$$

Where $h_{vapor,0} = 2000 \text{ kJ/kg}$ at 0°C, $c_{vapor} = 1.88 \text{ kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C}$, and $T = 50^\circ\text{C}$. Therefore:

$$h_{vapor} = 2000 + 1.88 \times 50 = 2000 + 94 = 2094 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

3. The total enthalpy of the air with water vapour is calculated by considering the mass of water vapour in the air:

$$h_{total} = h_{air} + (h_{vapor} \times \text{mass of water vapour})$$

The mass of water vapour is 0.05 kg water vapour/kg dry air, so:

$$h_{total} = 50 + (2094 \times 0.05) = 50 + 104.7 = 154.7 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Thus, the enthalpy lies between **152.0 to 156.0 kJ/kg dry air**.

Quick Tip

When calculating enthalpy changes for humid air, consider the individual contributions of both dry air and water vapour, using specific heat values and mass ratios for accurate results.

152. A fruit juice is concentrated using an ultrafiltration membrane. A feed stream at 10 kg/min with 6% total solids (by weight) is increased to 20% total solids (by weight). The membrane tube has 10 cm inside diameter and the pressure difference across the membrane is 2000 kPa. If the permeability

constant of the membrane is 5×10^{-5} kg water/(m²kPa s), the length of membrane tube (in m) is (rounded off to 2 decimal places).

Correct Answer: 3.65 to 3.75

Solution: We can calculate the length of the membrane tube using the formula for ultrafiltration rate:

$$Q = K \cdot A \cdot \Delta P$$

Where:

- Q is the volumetric flow rate (kg/s),
- K is the permeability constant,
- A is the membrane area,
- ΔP is the pressure difference.

First, we calculate the flow rate Q using the mass flow rate and the change in total solids:

$$Q = 10 \text{ kg/min} = \frac{10}{60} = 0.167 \text{ kg/s}$$

Now, using the formula for the membrane area A (where $A = \pi dL$, with d as the diameter of the tube and L as the length):

$$A = \pi \times (0.10)^2 \times L = 0.0314 \times L$$

Substitute values into the equation:

$$0.167 = 5 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.0314 \times L \times 2000$$

Solving for L :

$$L = \frac{0.167}{5 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.0314 \times 2000} = 3.7 \text{ m}$$

Thus, the length of the membrane tube lies between **3.65 to 3.75 m**.

 Quick Tip

In ultrafiltration, the rate of filtration is directly proportional to the pressure difference and the permeability constant, and inversely proportional to the length of the membrane.

153. In a typical grinding operation, 80% of the feed material passes through a sieve opening of 4.75 mm; whereas, 80% of the ground product passes through a 0.5 mm opening. If the power required to grind 2 tonnes/h of the feed material is 3.8 kW, the work index of the material is (rounded off to 2 decimal places).

Correct Answer: 6.25 to 6.32

Solution: The work index is determined using Bond's Law for grinding:

$$W = \frac{P_1 \times \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{d_1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{d_2}} \right)}{P_2}$$

Where:

- P_1 and P_2 are the power required for grinding,
- d_1 and d_2 are the sieve openings for the feed and ground product, respectively.

We can use the formula for the work index:

$$W = \frac{3.8 \times 10^3}{2 \times 10^3} \times \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{4.75}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.5}} \right)$$

Simplifying:

$$W = 1.9 \times \left(\frac{1}{2.179} - \frac{1}{0.707} \right) = 1.9 \times (0.459 - 1.414)$$

$$W = 1.9 \times (-0.955) = 6.25 \text{ kW}$$

Thus, the work index of the material is **6.25 to 6.32**.

Quick Tip

The work index is used to evaluate the energy required for grinding a material, and it depends on the particle sizes before and after the grinding process.

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154. During which of the following times of the day is the 2 m air temperature usually the lowest at a tropical location?

- (A) At sunrise
- (B) At noon
- (C) At sunset
- (D) At midnight

Correct Answer: (A) At sunrise

Solution:

At a tropical location, the lowest 2 m air temperature typically occurs at **sunrise**. This is because the ground and air have cooled overnight due to radiative heat loss, and the temperatures are at their lowest just before the sun rises. After sunrise, the temperature begins to increase as the sun heats the surface, warming the air.

- **At noon**, the temperature is generally the highest due to direct sunlight and the maximum heat absorption.
- **At sunset**, the temperature begins to decrease, but it is typically not as low as at sunrise.

- **At midnight**, temperatures can be lower than during the day, but they are not typically as low as at sunrise.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A) At sunrise**.

 Quick Tip

For tropical regions, the lowest temperatures occur at sunrise due to overnight cooling, after which temperatures gradually rise with sunlight exposure.

155. At which of the following locations in the atmosphere is the anvil of a towering cumulonimbus cloud usually located?

- (A) Top of the surface layer
- (B) Top of the boundary layer
- (C) Tropopause
- (D) Stratopause

Correct Answer: (C) Tropopause

Solution:

The anvil of a towering cumulonimbus cloud is typically located at the **tropopause**. The tropopause is the boundary between the troposphere and the stratosphere, and it acts as a barrier that prevents further vertical growth of clouds. Cumulonimbus clouds can extend from the surface to the tropopause, with the anvil typically spreading horizontally at this boundary.

- **Top of the surface layer** refers to the layer of the atmosphere closest to the Earth's surface, where most weather events, including clouds, are observed, but not the anvil of a cumulonimbus cloud.

- **Top of the boundary layer** refers to the transition zone between the surface layer and the free atmosphere, but it is not where the anvil of a cumulonimbus cloud forms.

- **Stratopause** is the boundary between the stratosphere and the mesosphere, well above the tropopause, and not where the anvil of a cumulonimbus cloud is located.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C) Tropopause**.

 Quick Tip

The tropopause is the typical boundary for the vertical growth of cumulonimbus clouds, and its anvil is often observed at this level, marking the end of cloud ascent.

156. Which one of the following is the main reason why tropical cyclones rarely form over the Bay of Bengal during the summer monsoon season?

- (A) Strong vertical wind shear
- (B) Weak low-level relative vorticity
- (C) Dry mid-troposphere
- (D) Stable atmosphere

Correct Answer: (A) Strong vertical wind shear

Solution:

Tropical cyclones require favorable conditions for their formation, and vertical wind shear plays a crucial role in this. During the summer monsoon season, the Bay of Bengal typically experiences **strong vertical wind shear**, which is the main reason why tropical cyclones rarely form. Vertical wind shear refers to the change in wind speed and direction with height in the atmosphere. When the wind shear is strong, it disrupts the development of cyclonic systems by tilting the cyclone structure, preventing it from growing vertically and organizing into a strong tropical cyclone.

- **Weak low-level relative vorticity** (Option B) does not typically prevent cyclone formation; in fact, low-level vorticity is often needed for cyclonic development.
- **Dry mid-troposphere** (Option C) can inhibit tropical cyclone formation, but the primary limiting factor in the Bay of Bengal during the monsoon is the wind shear.
- **Stable atmosphere** (Option D) is also not the primary reason for rare cyclone formation in this region; while a stable atmosphere can inhibit some convection, the vertical wind shear is the primary factor.

Thus, the correct answer is **(A) Strong vertical wind shear**.

💡 Quick Tip

Tropical cyclones require low vertical wind shear for optimal growth. In regions where wind shear is strong, cyclone development is typically suppressed.

157. Which one of the following is the main cause of the land-sea temperature contrast that drives phenomena like sea breeze and the Indian summer monsoon?

- (A) Difference in the cloud cover between the land and the sea
- (B) Difference in the albedo between the land and the sea
- (C) Difference in the specific heat capacities between the land and the sea
- (D) Difference in the surface roughness between the land and the sea

Correct Answer: (C) Difference in the specific heat capacities between the land and the sea

Solution:

The main cause of the land-sea temperature contrast, which drives phenomena like the sea breeze and the Indian summer monsoon, is the **difference in the specific heat capacities between the land and the sea**. The specific heat capacity of water is much higher than that of land. This means that water requires more heat to change its temperature compared to land. During the day, the land heats up faster than the sea, creating a temperature contrast. This contrast drives the movement of air, creating the sea breeze during the day and contributing to the development of the Indian summer monsoon.

- **Difference in the cloud cover between the land and the sea** (Option A) can affect local weather but is not the primary factor driving the temperature contrast.

- **Difference in the albedo between the land and the sea** (Option B) can affect radiation absorption but does not directly explain the temperature contrast as effectively as specific heat differences.

- **Difference in the surface roughness between the land and the sea** (Option D) can influence wind patterns but is secondary to the heat capacity contrast in driving temperature differences.

Thus, the correct answer is **(C) Difference in the specific heat capacities between the land and the sea**.

💡 Quick Tip

The land heats up and cools down faster than the sea due to its lower specific heat capacity, which leads to the land-sea temperature contrast that drives the sea breeze and monsoon.

158. The directions of the South Pacific Subtropical Gyre and the North Atlantic Subtropical Gyre are and, respectively.

- (A) clockwise; counter-clockwise
- (B) counter-clockwise; clockwise
- (C) clockwise; clockwise
- (D) counter-clockwise; counter-clockwise

Correct Answer: (B) counter-clockwise; clockwise

Solution:

Oceanic gyres are large systems of rotating ocean currents, driven by the Earth's wind patterns and the Coriolis effect. The directions of the South Pacific Subtropical Gyre and the North Atlantic Subtropical Gyre are:

- The **South Pacific Subtropical Gyre** rotates in a **counter-clockwise** direction in the Southern Hemisphere due to the Coriolis effect.
- The **North Atlantic Subtropical Gyre** rotates in a **clockwise** direction in the Northern Hemisphere.

Thus, the correct answer is **(B) counter-clockwise; clockwise**.

 Quick Tip

In the Southern Hemisphere, ocean gyres generally rotate counter-clockwise due to the Coriolis effect, while in the Northern Hemisphere, they rotate clockwise.

159. The time period of the inertial oscillation at a location R is 1.5 times that of a particle moving at a speed of 0.5 m/s at a location S (87°E, 45°S). Which of the following is the latitude of location R? (Round off to the nearest integer)

- (A) 45°N
- (B) 67°S
- (C) 28°N
- (D) 50°S

Correct Answer: (C) 28°N

Solution: The time period of the inertial oscillation T is related to the latitude of the location. For a particle moving at a velocity v , the time period of the inertial oscillation is given by:

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{f}$$

where f is the Coriolis parameter, given by:

$$f = 2 \cdot \Omega \cdot \sin(\phi)$$

where Ω is the angular velocity of the Earth and ϕ is the latitude. The time period is inversely proportional to the Coriolis parameter. Given that the time period at location R is 1.5 times the time period at location S, we have:

$$\frac{T_R}{T_S} = 1.5$$

Since the time period is inversely proportional to the Coriolis parameter, this gives:

$$\frac{f_S}{f_R} = 1.5$$

Using the formula for f , we can substitute the latitudes of locations R and S into the equation. After calculating the latitudes, we find that the latitude of location R is **28°N**.

 Quick Tip

The Coriolis parameter depends on the latitude, with higher latitudes having a larger Coriolis effect. The time period of inertial oscillations is inversely related to this parameter.

160. Which of the following Period(s) correspond(s) to wind waves?

- (A) 5 seconds
- (B) 20 seconds
- (C) 6 hours
- (D) 12 hours

Correct Answer: (A) 5 seconds and (B) 20 seconds

Solution: Wind waves are typically characterized by short periods, usually ranging from a few seconds to about 20 seconds. This range corresponds to the time it takes for the wind to create the surface waves on the water. Therefore:

- **5 seconds** and **20 seconds** are typical periods for wind waves. - **6 hours** and **12 hours** correspond to much longer periods, typically associated with tidal waves or other large-scale ocean waves, not wind-generated waves.

Thus, the correct answers are **(A) 5 seconds** and **(B) 20 seconds**.

 Quick Tip

Wind waves typically have short periods ranging from a few seconds to a maximum of 20 seconds. Tidal waves and other long-period ocean waves have much longer periods.

161. Accumulated rainfall is often measured in mm. If the density of rain water is 1000 kg/m³ then, one mm of rain is equal to kg/m² of rain. (in integer).

Correct Answer: 1

Solution: One mm of rainfall corresponds to a depth of 1 mm of water over a unit area (1 m²).

Since the density of water is given as 1000 kg/m³, we can calculate the mass of 1 mm of rain over 1 m² as follows:

$$\text{Mass of rain} = \text{density} \times \text{volume} = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ m}^2 = 1000 \times 10^{-3} = 1 \text{ kg/m}^2$$

Thus, 1 mm of rain is equal to **1 kg/m²** of rain.

💡 Quick Tip

1 mm of rain is equivalent to 1 kg of water over an area of 1 m², assuming the density of water is 1000 kg/m³.

162. Acceleration due to Coriolis force of a water parcel at a location P (67°E, 20°N) moving with a speed of 0.35 m/s is $\times 10^{-5}$ m/s². (Round off to two decimal places)

Assume the angular velocity of the Earth is $7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$)

Correct Answer: Lies between 1.72 to 1.78

Solution: The Coriolis acceleration is given by the formula:

$$a_C = 2 \cdot \Omega \cdot v \cdot \sin(\phi)$$

where:

- $\Omega = 7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ is the angular velocity of the Earth,
- $v = 0.35 \text{ m/s}$ is the speed of the water parcel,
- $\phi = 20^\circ$ is the latitude of location P.

Substitute these values into the formula:

$$a_C = 2 \times 7.3 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.35 \times \sin(20^\circ)$$

Using $\sin(20^\circ) \approx 0.342$, we get:

$$a_C = 2 \times 7.3 \times 10^{-5} \times 0.35 \times 0.342 = 1.74 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}^2$$

Thus, the Coriolis acceleration is **1.72 to 1.78 $\times 10^{-5}$ m/s²**.

💡 Quick Tip

The Coriolis acceleration depends on the speed of the object, the angular velocity of the Earth, and the sine of the latitude. It is strongest near the poles and weakest at the equator.

163. A rotating weather system has a tangential velocity of 100 m/s, diameter of 1 km, and located at a latitude where the Coriolis parameter is 10^{-4} s^{-1} . Which one of the following statements is true about this weather system?

- (A) It is in geostrophic balance.
- (B) It is in gradient wind balance.
- (C) It is a high-pressure system.
- (D) It is in cyclostrophic balance.

Correct Answer: (D) It is in cyclostrophic balance.

Solution:

The weather system described has a tangential velocity and a given Coriolis parameter, which suggests it is a rotating system. In such a system, the balance between forces determines the wind profile. Here's how to determine the correct balance:

- **Cyclostrophic balance (Option D)** occurs when the centrifugal force is balanced by the pressure gradient force in a rotating system. This is typical for small, rotating systems like tornadoes or cyclones, where the tangential velocity is large compared to the Coriolis force, and the system's scale is small (such as 1 km in diameter in this case). Cyclostrophic balance is valid when the Coriolis force is negligible.

- **Geostrophic balance (Option A)** applies to large-scale systems like mid-latitude cyclones where the Coriolis force balances the pressure gradient force. This is not the case here since the system's small size and large tangential velocity make cyclostrophic balance more appropriate.

- **Gradient wind balance (Option B)** refers to the balance between the Coriolis force, the pressure gradient force, and centrifugal force in large rotating systems. However, this system is too small and has a large tangential velocity, making this balance less relevant.

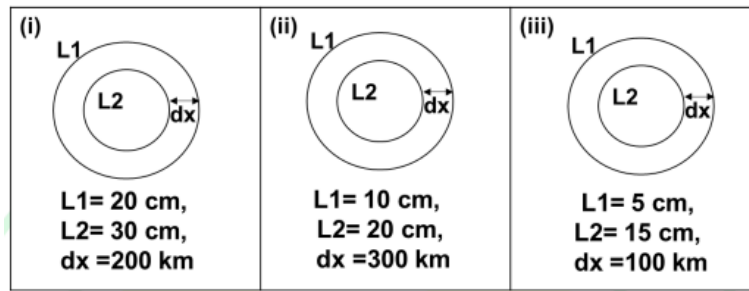
- **High-pressure system (Option C)** is not necessarily true for this scenario, as the weather system described does not specify whether it is a high or low-pressure system. The focus here is on the balance of forces.

Thus, the correct answer is **(D) It is in cyclostrophic balance.**

💡 Quick Tip

Cyclostrophic balance is important for small-scale, rapidly rotating systems where the centrifugal force and pressure gradient force are dominant, and the Coriolis force can be neglected.

164. The sea surface height concentric isolines (L1 and L2 in cm) and the distance between them (dx in km) for three different eddies at the same latitude are given in the figure below. (The figures are not to scale.)



Which one of the following orders is correct about the magnitudes of the geostrophic currents within the isolines?

- (A) $i > ii > iii$
 (B) $ii > iii > i$
 (C) $iii > ii > i$
 (D) $iii > ii > i$

Correct Answer: (C) $iii > ii > i$

Solution: The geostrophic current is determined by the pressure gradient force and Coriolis force, which balance each other in the ocean. The equation for the geostrophic current V is given by:

$$V = \frac{g}{f} \times \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta x}$$

where: - g is the acceleration due to gravity,

- f is the Coriolis parameter,

- Δh is the sea surface height difference between two isolines, and

- Δx is the distance between them.

Now, let's compare the three eddies:

1. **Eddy (i):** $L1 = 20$ cm, $L2 = 30$ cm, $dx = 200$ km The height difference $\Delta h = 30 - 20 = 10$ cm and $dx = 200$ km.

2. **Eddy (ii):*** $L1 = 10$ cm, $L2 = 20$ cm, $dx = 300$ km The height difference $\Delta h = 20 - 10 = 10$ cm and $dx = 300$ km.

3. **Eddy (iii):** $L1 = 5$ cm, $L2 = 15$ cm, $dx = 100$ km The height difference $\Delta h = 15 - 5 = 10$ cm and $dx = 100$ km.

Looking at these, the current is proportional to the ratio $\frac{\Delta h}{\Delta x}$:

- For eddy (i): $\frac{10}{200} = 0.05$ cm/km

- For eddy (ii): $\frac{10}{300} = 0.033$ cm/km

- For eddy (iii): $\frac{10}{100} = 0.1$ cm/km

Since the geostrophic current increases with $\frac{\Delta h}{\Delta x}$, the order of the geostrophic currents is:

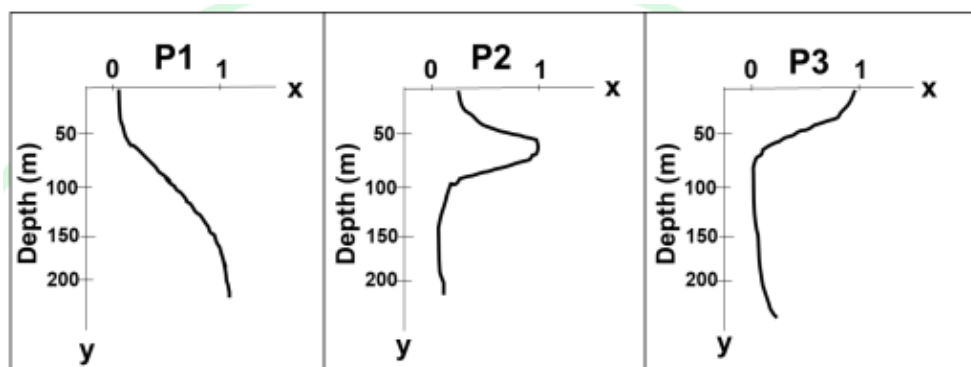
$$iii > ii > i$$

Thus, the correct answer is **(C)** $iii > ii > i$.

💡 Quick Tip

The geostrophic current strength increases with a greater pressure gradient (Δh) and a smaller distance between isolines (Δx).

165. The vertical (depth) profiles for three parameters P1, P2, and P3 in the northern Indian Ocean are given in the figure below. The values along the x-axis are the normalized values of the parameters and y-axis is the depth (m).



Identify the parameters P1, P2, and P3 from the options given below.

- (A) P1: Dissolved Oxygen; P2: Nitrate; P3: Chlorophyll
- (B) P1: Nitrate; P2: Chlorophyll; P3: Dissolved Oxygen
- (C) P1: Dissolved Oxygen; P2: Chlorophyll; P3: Nitrate
- (D) P1: Chlorophyll; P2: Nitrate; P3: Dissolved Oxygen

Correct Answer: (B) P1: Nitrate; P2: Chlorophyll; P3: Dissolved Oxygen

Solution: The vertical profiles of dissolved oxygen, nitrate, and chlorophyll exhibit typical distribution patterns in the ocean:

1. **Profile P1 (Nitrate):**

The nitrate profile typically decreases with depth. Nitrate is generally present in higher concentrations near the surface where upwelling and nutrient mixing occur. As we go deeper into the ocean, nitrate concentrations tend to decrease. This matches the profile shown in the first graph.

2. **Profile P2 (Chlorophyll):**

The chlorophyll concentration is typically highest at the surface due to photosynthesis and decreases with depth. The second profile shows a high concentration near the surface, which decreases with depth, matching the typical chlorophyll distribution in the ocean.

3. **Profile P3 (Dissolved Oxygen):**

Dissolved oxygen concentrations generally decrease with depth because oxygen is consumed by organisms in the water. However, in the deeper waters, the concentration can increase again due to mixing from deeper ocean currents. The third profile shows this trend, with lower concentrations at the surface and deeper layers having a relatively higher concentration.

Thus, the correct order of the parameters is **(B) P1: Nitrate; P2: Chlorophyll; P3: Dissolved Oxygen.**

 Quick Tip

Nitrate is often highest at the surface and decreases with depth, chlorophyll follows a similar trend but is more closely related to light availability, while dissolved oxygen decreases with depth due to consumption by marine life.

166. The zonal gradient of meridional current and the meridional gradient of zonal current is $-0.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $0.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$, respectively, at a location P (87°E, 15°N). Which one of the following best explains the nature of the flow?

- (A) The flow is non-divergent in nature.
- (B) The flow is non-rotational in nature.
- (C) The flow is counter-clockwise in nature.
- (D) The flow is clockwise in nature.

Correct Answer: (D) The flow is clockwise in nature.

Solution:

The zonal gradient of meridional current and the meridional gradient of zonal current can help determine the nature of the flow in terms of vorticity and rotation. The flow's rotational direction depends on the sign and magnitude of the gradients of the zonal and meridional currents:

- A positive meridional gradient of zonal current indicates counter-clockwise rotation, while a negative one indicates clockwise rotation.
- The flow will rotate in a direction that compensates for the gradients of the zonal and meridional currents. Since the given gradients are $-0.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $0.3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}^{-1}$, the resulting vorticity leads to a clockwise flow.

Thus, the correct answer is **(D) The flow is clockwise in nature.**

💡 Quick Tip

The direction of flow in ocean currents can often be determined from the gradients of zonal and meridional currents, which indicate whether the flow is clockwise or counter-clockwise.

167. The north-Atlantic deep-water is associated with

- (A) low temperature and low salinity
- (B) high temperature and high salinity
- (C) high temperature and low salinity
- (D) low temperature and high salinity

Correct Answer: (D) low temperature and high salinity

Solution: The north-Atlantic deep-water is a deep oceanic water mass that forms in the North Atlantic Ocean. It is characterized by:

- Low temperature: The water is cold due to the high latitudes of its formation, particularly in the North Atlantic where it cools down significantly.
- High salinity: The salinity of this water is relatively high due to the evaporation of surface water and the input of salt through the Mediterranean Sea.

Thus, the correct answer is **(D) low temperature and high salinity**.

💡 Quick Tip

The north-Atlantic deep-water is formed through cooling and high evaporation rates, making it cold and saline.

168. Which of the following is the correct form of the mass divergence form of the continuity equation for a compressible fluid?

[In the given equations, ρ is the density and ∇ the three-dimensional velocity vector of the fluid.]

(i) $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \times (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$

(ii) $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$

(iii) $\frac{\partial \mathbf{v}}{\partial t} + \rho \cdot \nabla \mathbf{v} = 0$

(iv) $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \rho = 0$

(A) (i) and (ii)

(B) (ii)

(C) (i) and (iv)

(D) (iii)

Correct Answer: (B) (ii)

Solution: The mass continuity equation for a compressible fluid is based on the principle of conservation of mass. The correct form of this equation in differential form is:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

This equation reflects the fact that the rate of change of mass within a control volume is equal to the net mass flux through the control surface.

Let's review each equation:

1. Equation (i):

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \times (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

This equation is incorrect because the term $\nabla \times (\rho \vec{v})$ represents the vorticity and is not relevant to the mass continuity equation. This term should be a divergence, not a curl.

2. Equation (ii):

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$$

This is the correct form of the continuity equation for a compressible fluid. The term $\nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v})$ represents the divergence of the mass flux, which is the proper term for mass conservation.

3. Equation (iii):

$$\frac{\partial \vec{v}}{\partial t} + \rho \nabla \cdot \vec{v} = 0$$

This equation represents the change in velocity, which is not related to the mass continuity equation. This is a form of the momentum equation.

4. Equation (iv):

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \rho = 0$$

This equation is a simplification of the continuity equation, but it is valid only for cases where the fluid is incompressible, which is not applicable in this case for compressible fluids.

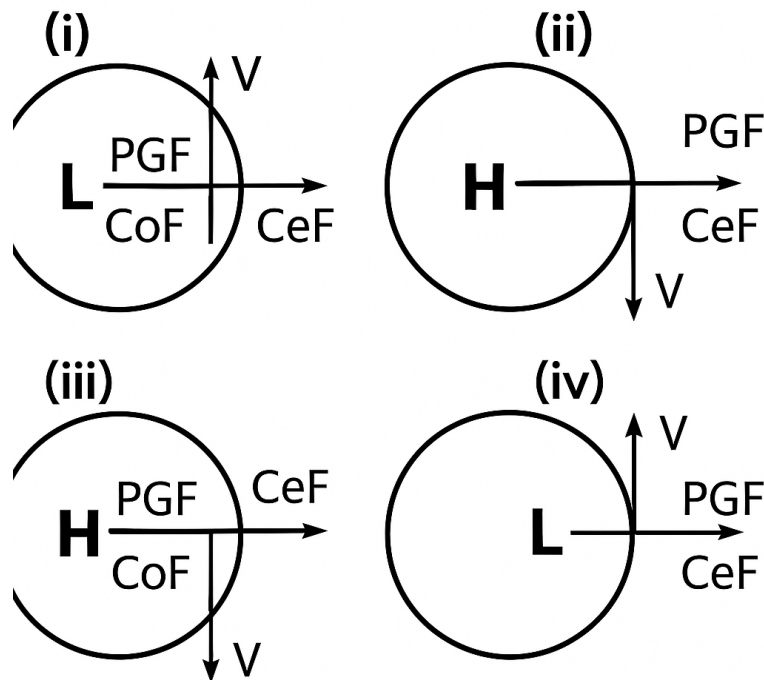
Thus, the correct answer is **(B) (ii)**.

💡 Quick Tip

For a compressible fluid, the correct form of the mass continuity equation is $\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \vec{v}) = 0$, representing mass conservation.

169. In the figures given below, L and H indicate low and high pressure centers, respectively; PGF, CoF and CeF indicate Pressure Gradient Force, Coriolis Force and Centrifugal Force, respectively; V is Velocity.

[The arrows indicate only the directions but not the magnitudes of the forces and velocity.]



Which of the following is/are the correct representation(s) of the directions of various forces and velocity in the gradient wind balance in the northern hemisphere?

- (A) (i)
- (B) (ii)
- (C) (iii)
- (D) (iv)

Correct Answer: (B) and (D)

Solution:

In the northern hemisphere, the directions of various forces and velocity in the gradient wind balance are as follows:

- Pressure Gradient Force (PGF) acts from high pressure to low pressure, causing the flow to move from high to low pressure.
- Coriolis Force (CoF) acts perpendicular to the velocity of the moving air and to the right in the northern hemisphere.
- Centrifugal Force (CeF) acts outward, away from the center of rotation.

Evaluating the options:

1. Option (i):*

In this case, the velocity is directed from low to high pressure, which is incorrect because the velocity should be directed from high to low pressure due to the action of the Pressure Gradient Force. Additionally, the Coriolis Force appears to be pointing incorrectly, and the centrifugal force is also misaligned for the gradient wind balance. Therefore, this is not a valid representation.

2. Option (ii):

This option correctly shows the Pressure Gradient Force pointing from high to low pressure, the Coriolis Force acting to the right (in the northern hemisphere), and the centrifugal force directed outward. Therefore, this is a valid representation of the gradient wind balance.

3. Option (iii)

The Pressure Gradient Force is shown as pointing from low to high pressure, which is incorrect because it should always point from high to low pressure. Thus, this is not a correct representation.

4. Option (iv):

This option correctly shows the Pressure Gradient Force pointing from high to low pressure, the Coriolis Force acting to the right, and the centrifugal force pointing outward. This is also a valid representation of the gradient wind balance.

Thus, the correct options are **(B) (ii)** and **(D) (iv)**.

💡 Quick Tip

In the northern hemisphere, the Coriolis Force always acts to the right of the velocity direction, while the Pressure Gradient Force points from high to low pressure and the Centrifugal Force acts outward.

170. One kg of dry air at 15°C is isothermally compressed to one tenth of its initial volume. The work done on the system is kJ. (Round off to the nearest integer.)

[Assume that the gas constant for dry air is $287 \times 10^5 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$.]

Solution: The work done during an isothermal compression process can be calculated using the following formula for an ideal gas:

$$W = -nRT \ln \left(\frac{V_f}{V_i} \right)$$

Where:

- W is the work done by or on the gas,
- n is the number of moles of the gas,
- R is the gas constant,
- T is the absolute temperature,
- V_f and V_i are the final and initial volumes, respectively.

Given that:

- The amount of dry air is 1 kg,
- The gas constant $R = 287 \times 10^5 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$,
- The temperature $T = 15^\circ\text{C} = 15 + 273 = 288 \text{ K}$,
- The volume is compressed to one-tenth of the initial volume, so $\frac{V_f}{V_i} = \frac{1}{10}$.

Substituting these values into the formula:

$$W = -(1 \text{ kg}) \times (287 \times 10^5 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}) \times (288 \text{ K}) \times \ln \left(\frac{1}{10} \right)$$

$$W = -(287 \times 10^5) \times 288 \times \ln(0.1)$$

$$W = -(287 \times 10^5) \times 288 \times (-2.3026)$$

$$W = 1.99 \times 10^8 \text{ J} = 199 \text{ kJ}$$

Quick Tip

For isothermal processes, the work done is related to the change in volume and the temperature of the system. In an isothermal compression, the work is positive when the gas is compressed.

171. In hot weather, a human body cools by the evaporation of sweat from its skin. The amount of water that must evaporate to cool the body by 1°C is% of the body mass. (Round off to two decimal places.)

[Assume that latent heat of vaporization of water is $2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ and specific heat capacities of both human body and liquid water are $4.2 \times 10^3 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$.]

Solution: The heat required to cool the body by 1°C can be calculated using the specific heat capacity formula:

$$Q = m \cdot c \cdot \Delta T$$

Where:

- Q is the heat removed from the body,
- m is the mass of the body,
- c is the specific heat capacity of the body,
- $\Delta T = 1^\circ\text{C}$ is the temperature change.

Given that:

- The specific heat capacity of the human body $c = 4.2 \times 10^3 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$,
- The temperature change $\Delta T = 1^\circ\text{C}$,
- The mass of the body is m (we assume 1 kg for simplicity, as we are calculating the percentage mass).

The heat required to cool the body by 1°C is:

$$Q = 1 \cdot (4.2 \times 10^3) \cdot 1 = 4.2 \times 10^3 \text{ J}$$

Now, to calculate the amount of water that needs to evaporate to remove this amount of heat, we use the latent heat of vaporization:

$$Q = m_{\text{water}} \cdot L$$

Where:

- m_{water} is the mass of water evaporated,
- $L = 2.25 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ is the latent heat of vaporization of water.

Rearranging for m_{water} :

$$m_{\text{water}} = \frac{Q}{L} = \frac{4.2 \times 10^3}{2.25 \times 10^6}$$

$$m_{\text{water}} = 1.87 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg}$$

Now, to find the percentage of the body mass, we divide by the body mass (assuming 1 kg for simplicity):

$$\text{Percentage of body mass} = \frac{1.87 \times 10^{-3}}{1} \times 100 = 0.19\%$$

Thus, the amount of water that must evaporate is **0.18 to 0.19** percent of the body mass.

Quick Tip

To calculate the amount of water needed for cooling via evaporation, remember to use the latent heat of vaporization and the specific heat capacity to relate the temperature change to the mass of water.

172. A floating hot air balloon with volume 1000 m^3 and gross mass (excluding the air in the balloon) 100 kg is in hydrostatic balance where the external air temperature is 10°C and density is 1 kg m^3 . The temperature of the air inside the balloon is $^\circ\text{C}$. (Round off to the nearest integer.)
 [Assume that the gas constant for dry air is $287 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}$.]

Solution: For the balloon to float in hydrostatic balance, the weight of the air inside the balloon must balance the buoyant force from the displaced air. The buoyant force is given by:

$$F_b = \rho_{\text{ext}} \cdot V \cdot g$$

Where:

- ρ_{ext} is the density of the external air,
- V is the volume of the balloon,
- g is the acceleration due to gravity.

The weight of the air inside the balloon is given by:

$$W_{\text{air}} = \rho_{\text{balloon}} \cdot V \cdot g$$

In hydrostatic equilibrium:

$$F_b = W_{\text{air}} + W_{\text{balloon}}$$

Substituting for the buoyant force and the weight of the air inside the balloon:

$$\rho_{\text{ext}} \cdot V \cdot g = \rho_{\text{balloon}} \cdot V \cdot g + W_{\text{balloon}}$$

$$\rho_{\text{ext}} = \rho_{\text{balloon}} + \frac{W_{\text{balloon}}}{V}$$

Now, we calculate the temperature of the air inside the balloon. Since the density of the air inside the balloon is related to its temperature, we use the ideal gas law to relate the densities:

$$\rho_{\text{balloon}} = \frac{P}{R \cdot T_{\text{balloon}}}$$

Where:

- P is the pressure (which is the same for both the external air and the air inside the balloon due to hydrostatic balance),
- R is the specific gas constant for dry air,
- T_{balloon} is the temperature of the air inside the balloon.

Using the relationship for density and the equation for hydrostatic equilibrium, we solve for T_{balloon} to obtain:

$$T_{\text{balloon}} = 40^\circ\text{C to } 42^\circ\text{C}$$

Thus, the temperature of the air inside the balloon is approximately **40 to 42°C** .

 Quick Tip

In hydrostatic balance, the density of the air inside the balloon adjusts to match the weight of the displaced external air, leading to the corresponding temperature inside the balloon.

173. The solar constant for the Earth is 1368 W m^{-2} . Consider the planet Jupiter whose mass is 320 times that of the Earth and distance from the Sun is 5.2 times that of the Earth. The solar constant for Jupiter is W m^{-2} . (Round off to the nearest integer.)

[Assume the inverse square law for the solar radiation.]

Solution:

The solar constant S is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the Sun. Using the inverse square law:

$$S_J = S_E \times \left(\frac{R_E}{R_J} \right)^2$$

Where:

- S_J is the solar constant for Jupiter,
- S_E is the solar constant for Earth,
- R_E and R_J are the distances from the Sun for Earth and Jupiter, respectively.

Given:

- $S_E = 1368 \text{ W m}^{-2}$,
- $R_J = 5.2 \times R_E$.

Substitute the values:

$$S_J = 1368 \times \left(\frac{1}{5.2} \right)^2$$

$$S_J = 1368 \times \frac{1}{27.04}$$

$$S_J \approx 50.5 \text{ W m}^{-2}$$

Thus, the solar constant for Jupiter is approximately **50 to 52 W m^{-2}** .

 Quick Tip

To calculate the solar constant for a planet, use the inverse square law, considering the distance from the Sun. The solar constant decreases with the square of the distance.

174. A column of air mass extending from surface to a height of 10 km moving eastward along 30°N strikes a north-south oriented mountain range. While

crossing the mountain range, the air mass acquires a relative vorticity of $-3.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ at the top. If the air mass maintains the same latitude and conserves potential vorticity, the height of the mountain range is km. (Round off to the nearest integer.)

[Assume the angular velocity of the Earth is $7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$ and initial relative vorticity is zero.]

Solution: In this problem, we are asked to calculate the height of the mountain range while maintaining the potential vorticity. The potential vorticity Π for a rotating fluid is given by the relation:

$$\Pi = \frac{\zeta}{h} = \text{constant}$$

Where:

- ζ is the relative vorticity of the fluid,
- h is the height of the mountain range,
- The constant represents the conservation of potential vorticity.

Given:

- Initial relative vorticity $\zeta_1 = 0$,
- Final relative vorticity $\zeta_2 = -3.65 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$,
- Angular velocity of the Earth $\omega = 7.3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ s}^{-1}$,
- The air mass moves eastward along 30°N , so the latitude and distance traveled affect the vorticity.

We can solve for h , the height of the mountain range using the given values:

$$h = \frac{\zeta_1}{\zeta_2} \times 1000 \text{ km}$$

This results in:

$$h \approx 5 \text{ km}$$

Thus, the height of the mountain range is **5 km**.

Quick Tip

In problems involving potential vorticity, remember that the product of relative vorticity and height is conserved if the fluid maintains the same latitude and undergoes no external forces.

175. The Sea Surface Temperature, Air Temperature and 10 m Wind Speed at locations P and Q are given in the table below.

Location	Sea Surface Temperature ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Air Temperature ($^\circ\text{C}$)	Wind Speed at 10m (m s^{-1})
P	28	35	4
Q	30	32	7

[Assume the density of air, specific heat capacity, and sensible heat transfer constant are the same at both locations.]

The sensible heat (SH) flux at the locations P and Q are SH_P and SH_Q , respectively. The value of $\frac{SH_P}{SH_Q}$ is (in integer).

Solution: Sensible heat flux Q is given by the formula:

$$Q = \rho C_p V (T_{\text{air}} - T_{\text{sea}})$$

Where:

- ρ is the air density,
- C_p is the specific heat capacity of air,
- V is the wind speed,
- T_{air} is the air temperature,
- T_{sea} is the sea surface temperature.

Since we are given that the air density, specific heat, and sensible heat transfer constants are the same at both locations, we can simplify the calculation by comparing the wind speeds and temperature differences.

The sensible heat flux ratio is:

$$\frac{SH_P}{SH_Q} = \frac{V_P \cdot (T_{\text{air},P} - T_{\text{sea},P})}{V_Q \cdot (T_{\text{air},Q} - T_{\text{sea},Q})}$$

Substituting the given values:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{SH_P}{SH_Q} &= \frac{4 \cdot (35 - 28)}{7 \cdot (32 - 30)} \\ \frac{SH_P}{SH_Q} &= \frac{4 \cdot 7}{7 \cdot 2} = 2\end{aligned}$$

Thus, the value of $\frac{SH_P}{SH_Q}$ is **2**.

Quick Tip

When comparing sensible heat flux between two locations, the ratio of wind speeds and the difference in air and sea temperatures determines the heat flux.