



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.Sc. Honours 3rd Semester Examination, 2021-22

PHSACOR06T-PHYSICS (CC6)

THERMAL PHYSICS

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 40

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

Answer Question No. 1 and any *two* questions from the rest

1. Answer any *ten* questions from the following: 2×10 = 20
- (a) Find the temperature at which the RMS velocity of a gas will be $\frac{1}{4}$ th of that at zero degree Celsius.
 - (b) Calculate what fraction of gas molecules dies out in moving a distance of mean free path.
 - (c) Show that the number of molecules obeying Maxwell distribution law strike unit area per sec is given by $p/\sqrt{2\pi mkT}$.
 - (d) What are the corrections added to the perfect gas equation so as to get Van der Waals equation for real gas.
 - (e) Show that at the critical temperature the departure of Van der Waals law from ideal gas law is 62.5%.
 - (f) What is quasi-static process? Is this process always reversible one?
 - (g) Deduce the expression for the work done in the adiabatic expansion of a perfect gas in terms of temperature.
 - (h) Show that an isothermal curve for an ideal gas drawn on a P-V diagram is isenthalpic.
 - (i) "Specific heat at constant pressure is always greater than the specific heat at constant volume"— Explain.
 - (j) Find the efficiency of a Carnot's engine working between 127 °C and 27 °C. It absorbs 80 cal of heat. How much heat is rejected?
 - (k) Why are the Helmholtz function F and Gibbs function G called thermodynamic potentials?
 - (l) Calculate the change in entropy when 10 gram of ice at 0 °C is converted into the vapour at 100 °C.
 - (m) State the law of corresponding state.
 - (n) Derive the following TdS equation. Terms have their conventional meaning.

$$TdS = C_p dT - T \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T} \right)_P dP$$

2. (a) If the equation of state for a real gas is given by $P = \frac{RT}{V-b} e^{-\frac{a}{RTV}}$, obtain the virial expansion in power series of $(1/V)$. Find the second and third virial co-efficients. 2+1+1
- (b) Show the variation of the second virial coefficient with absolute temperature T and hence obtain the Boyle temperature. 1+1
- (c) For a thermodynamic system $U = \frac{3}{2}PV$ and $P = AT^4V$, find the Gibbs' potential G and Helmholtz function F . 2+2
3. (a) Show that the mean square displacement of a Brownian particle suspended in a liquid is directly proportional to the absolute temperature of the liquid. 4
- (b) Draw the Carnot cycle in the T-S diagram. Derive the expression for the efficiency of the Carnot engine directly from this diagram. 1+2
- (c) A reversible engine converts $\frac{1}{6}$ th of heat which it absorbs at heat source into work. When the temperature of the heat sink is reduced by 82°C , its efficiency is doubled. Calculate the temperature of the source and the sink. 3
4. (a) Draw the Maxwell's velocity distribution curve at different temperature. Discuss the shifting of the peak of the curve and also the broadening of the curve with temperature variation. 1+2
- (b) Using Maxwell thermodynamic relation establish Clausius-Clapeyron equation. 4
- (c) Show that in case of vapourization of liquid this equation reduces to $\ln P = -L/RT + \text{constant}$. (assuming the vapour to behave as a perfect gas of one mole) 3
5. (a) Calculate the mean free path and collision frequency of hydrogen molecules at STP. Given: coefficient of viscosity = 0.00008 CGS unit, density (ρ) of hydrogen at STP = 0.00009 gm/cc. 4
- (b) For an isentropic transformation show that, 3+3

$$(i) \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_S = -\frac{C_V}{C_P - C_V} \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P \text{ and}$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_S = \frac{C_P}{C_P - C_V} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T}\right)_V$$

N.B. : Students have to complete submission of their Answer Scripts through E-mail / Whatsapp to their own respective colleges on the same day / date of examination within 1 hour after end of exam. University / College authorities will not be held responsible for wrong submission (at in proper address). Students are strongly advised not to submit multiple copies of the same answer script.

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