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(CBCS)

(2nd Semester)

PHYSICS

SECOND PAPER

(Thermodynamics and Mathematical Physics—I)*Full Marks : 75**Time : 3 hours**The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions***(SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE)***(Marks : 10)*

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. The density of hydrogen at NTP is 0.000089 g/cc. Then r.m.s. velocity of hydrogen is

(a) 1.8×10^5 cm/s () (b) 1.8×10^3 cm/s ()

(c) 3.2×10^5 cm/s () (d) 3.2×10^3 cm/s ()

2. In an Ingen-Hauz experiment, wax melted over 10 cm of Cu rod and over 4 cm of Fe rod. If the thermal conductivity of Cu is 0.90, then the thermal conductivity of Fe is

(a) 0.36 () (b) 2.25 ()

(c) 5.625 () (d) 0.144 ()

3. Let V_i and V_f be the initial and final volume of one mole of a perfect gas. Then work done W at constant temperature T is

(a) $W = P(V_f - V_i)$ () (b) $W = P(V_i - V_f)$ ()

(c) $W = RT \log_e \frac{V_f}{V_i}$ () (d) $W = RT \log_e \frac{V_i}{V_f}$ ()

4. In a reversible isobaric-adiabatic process, which of the following remains constant?

(a) Gibbs function ()

(b) Enthalpy ()

(c) Helmholtz function ()

(d) Internal energy ()

5. For any vector \vec{a} , the value of $\hat{i} \cdot (\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i}) + \hat{j} \cdot (\vec{a} \cdot \hat{j}) + \hat{k} \cdot (\vec{a} \cdot \hat{k})$ is

(a) \hat{a} () (b) \vec{a} ()

(c) $2\vec{a}$ () (d) 0 ()

6. If $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$, then $\vec{\nabla}(r^2)$ is equal to

(a) \vec{r} () (b) $2\vec{r}$ ()

(c) r^2 () (d) $2r^2$ ()

7. Let $A = [a_{ij}]$ be an $m \times n$ matrix. Then which of the following are true?

(i) $(A^\dagger)^\dagger = \overline{\{\overline{A}\}^t}$

(ii) $(A^\dagger)^\dagger = \overline{\overline{A}}$

(iii) $(A^\dagger)^\dagger = A$

(a) (i) and (ii) ()

(b) (ii) and (iii) ()

(c) (i) and (iii) ()

(d) (i), (ii) and (iii) ()

8. Let A be an orthogonal matrix, λ a characteristic root of A and X the corresponding characteristic vector. Then

(a) $\lambda = 1$ () (b) $\lambda = 1$ ()

(c) $\lambda = -1$ () (d) $\lambda = 0$ ()

9. The value of $\frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(\sin x)$ is

(a) $\frac{1}{\sin x}$ () (b) $\frac{m}{\sin m}$ ()

(c) $\frac{(m-1)}{\sin m}$ () (d) $\frac{m(m-1)}{\sin m}$ ()

10. The integral $\int_0^1 e^{-x^2} dx$ is equal to

(a) \sqrt{e} () (b) $\frac{\sqrt{e}}{2}$ ()

(c) $\frac{1}{2}$ () (d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$ ()

(SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWER)

(Marks : 15)

Answer the following in brief :

3×5=15

UNIT—I

1. Define Boyle's temperature (T_B). Show that $T_B = \frac{a}{Rb}$, where a, b are van der Waals' constants.

OR

2. Define degrees of freedom. Show that for a gas possessing f degrees of freedom, the ratio of specific heats (γ) is equal to $1 + \frac{2}{f}$.

UNIT—II

3. Define adiabatic process. Explain why the temperature of a gas drops during an adiabatic expansion.

OR

4. State Carnot's theorem. "Efficiency of a Carnot's engine is always less than one." Explain.

UNIT—III

5. Show that $\vec{\nabla} \cdot (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{A}) = (\vec{\nabla} \times \vec{\nabla}) \cdot \vec{A} = (\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{\nabla}) \vec{A}$, where ∇ is a scalar and \vec{A} is a vector field.

OR

6. Show that the vector $\vec{A} = z \sin \hat{e}_r - z \cos \hat{e}_r + \cos \hat{e}_z$ is solenoidal.

UNIT—IV

7. Show that the matrix $B^\dagger AB$ is Hermitian or skew-Hermitian according as A is Hermitian or skew-Hermitian.

OR

8. Show that the necessary and sufficient condition for a square matrix to be invertible is that it is non-singular.

UNIT—V

9. Show that $\int_0^1 \frac{x^{m-1}(1-x)^{n-1}}{(a-x)^{m+n}} dx = \frac{(m, n)}{a^n(1-a)^m}$, where the symbols have their usual meanings.

OR

10. Show that $\int_0^1 x^{m-1}(1-x^a)^n dx = \frac{1}{a} \frac{\frac{m}{a} n!}{\frac{m}{a} n-1}$, where the symbols have their usual meanings.

(SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE)

(Marks : 50)

Answer the following questions :

10×5=50

UNIT—I

1. (a) Derive the general equation representing the rectilinear flow of heat along a bar of uniform cross-sectional area. Hence, obtain an expression for excess temperature for a bar of infinite length at a point distant x from the hot end after the steady state is reached. 4+3=7
- (b) An icebox is built of wood of thickness 1.75 cm, lined inside with cork of thickness 3 cm. If the temperature of the inner surface of the cork is 0 °C and that of the outer surface of wood is 12 °C, calculate the temperature of the interface. (Given : Thermal conductivities of wood and cork are 0.0006 and 0.00012 cgs units) 3

OR

2. (a) Discuss kinetic interpretation of temperature. Hence show that the root-mean-square velocity of a gas is directly proportional to the root of its absolute temperature. 3+1=4
- (b) The number of molecules per cc. of a gas is 2.7×10^{19} at NTP. Calculate the number of molecules per cc. of the gas at 0 °C and 10^{-6} mm pressure of Hg. 2
- (c) The critical temperature and critical pressure of CO₂ are 31 °C and 73 atm respectively. Assuming that CO₂ obeys van der Waals' equation, compute the critical volume of CO₂ and estimate the diameter of CO₂ molecule. 4

UNIT—II

3. (a) State the zeroth law of thermodynamics. Hence derive the equation of state. 1+3=4
- (b) Using the first law of thermodynamics, derive the adiabatic equation of state for a perfect gas. 3

- (c) A Carnot's engine whose low-temperature reservoir is at 7°C has an efficiency of 50%. By how much $^\circ\text{C}$, the temperature of the high-temperature reservoir should be raised to increase the efficiency to 70%? 3

OR

4. (a) Discuss the thermodynamic or work scale of temperature. Hence define the absolute zero temperature. 4+1=5
- (b) Show that Helmholtz free energy remains constant during an isothermal isochoric process. 2
- (c) Explain the principle of increase of entropy. 3

UNIT—III

5. (a) Find the directional derivative of $x^2yz + 4xz^2$ at $(1, 2, 1)$ in the direction of $2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$. 3
- (b) Transform the vector $\vec{A} = x\hat{i} + 2z\hat{j} + y\hat{k}$ to cylindrical coordinate system. 3
- (c) Define symmetric and skew-symmetric tensors. Show that the components of a contravariant tensor of rank 2 can be expressed as the sum of a symmetric contravariant tensor and a skew-symmetric contravariant tensor, both of rank 2. 1+1+2=4

OR

6. (a) Show that the vector $\vec{A} = \frac{\vec{r}}{r}$, where $\vec{r} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} + z\hat{k}$ and $r = |\vec{r}|$ is irrotational. 3
- (b) Represent the vector $\vec{F} = y\hat{i} + z\hat{j} + x\hat{k}$ in spherical polar coordinate system. 3
- (c) Define contravariant tensor. Show that the velocity of the fluid at any point is component of a contravariant vector. 2+2=4

UNIT—IV

7. (a) Define symmetric and skew-symmetric matrix. Let A and B be two symmetric matrices. Then show that AB is symmetric if and only if A and B commute. 1+1+2=4
- (b) Show that any two eigenvectors corresponding to two distinct eigenvalues of Hermitian matrix are orthogonal. 3
- (c) Using matrix method, solve the system of equations 3
- $$\begin{matrix} x & y & z & = & 6, \\ x & y & z & = & 2 \text{ and } \\ 2x & y & z & = & 1 \end{matrix}$$

OR

8. (a) Define Hermitian and skew-Hermitian matrix. Show that every square matrix A can be uniquely expressed as the sum of a Hermitian and a skew-Hermitian matrix. 1+1+2=4
- (b) Find the value of θ for which the matrix
- $$A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta & 0 \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
- is orthogonal. 3
- (c) If A and B are two non-singular square matrices of order n , then show that

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1} \quad 3$$

UNIT—V

9. (a) Using the expression for $\binom{n}{r}$, show that

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r} \quad 4$$

- (b) Show that

$$\binom{m+n}{r} = \sum_{k=0}^r \binom{m}{k} \binom{n}{r-k} \quad 3$$

(c) Show that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{y^{m-1}}{(1-y)^{m-n}} dy = \frac{(m)(n)}{(m-n)} \quad 3$$

OR

10. (a) Show that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{y^{m-1}}{(1-y)^{m-n}} dy = \int_0^1 \frac{y^{m-1} y^{n-1}}{(1-y)^{m-n}} dy \quad (m, n) \quad 4$$

(b) Prove that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{35x^3}{32\sqrt{1-x}} dx = 1 \quad 3$$

(c) Show that

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^p \theta \cos^q \theta d\theta = \frac{\frac{p-1}{2} \frac{q-1}{2}}{2 \frac{p}{2} \frac{q}{2}} \quad 3$$
