

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE GENERAL DEGREE LEVEL II(SEMESTER I)  
EXAMINATION JULY 2016

Subject: PHYSICS  
Course Unit: PHY2114

Time: Two hours & 30 minutes

Part II

Answer FIVE(05) questions only  
At least 01(ONE) question from **Part B** should be answered

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All symbols have their usual meaning

**Part A**

1. (a) Explain the following statements briefly.

i. Radiators are used to cool almost all petrol and diesel engines in vehicles except one type.

(04 marks)

ii. When touched a piece of metal and a piece of wood which are at same temperature (< body temperature) one can feel that the metal piece is colder than the wooden piece.

(03 marks)

(b) One end of a metal rod of uniform cross section and length 10m is in contact with ice at 0°C and the other end with water at 100°C. The whole system is insulated from the surroundings. At what point along the rod should the temperature of 175°C be maintained, so that at the steady state, the mass of ice melted is equal to the mass of steam produced in a given interval of time. Latent heat of vaporization of water and latent heat of fusion of ice are  $2.27 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$  and  $3.36 \times 10^5 \text{ J kg}^{-1}$ , respectively.

(10 marks)

(c) If the surface temperature of the sun is 6000 K, calculate the sun's thermal radiation energy falling on the earth per second per square meter.

Distance from sun to earth  $R = 1.5 \times 10^{11} \text{ m}$

Radius of the sun  $r_s = 6.9 \times 10^8 \text{ m}$

Stefan's-Boltzmann constant,  $\sigma = 5.7 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$

Assume that the emissivity of the sun  $e = 1$

(08 marks)



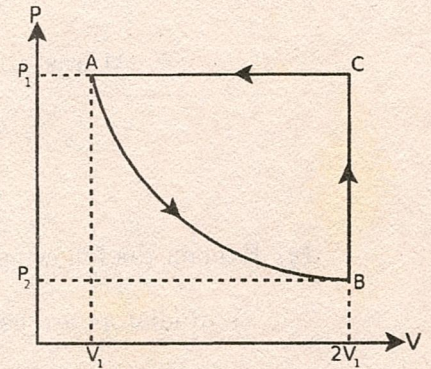
2. (a) Write down the first law of thermodynamics. Define each term and briefly explain the physical meaning of the law.

(05 marks)

- (b) What is meant by thermally contacted and physically contacted systems? Explain briefly.

(02 marks)

- (c) One mole of an ideal gas can perform the cyclic process indicated in the PV diagram.



- i. If the process  $A \rightarrow B$  is an isothermal process identify heat absorbing and heat rejecting processes.

(03 marks)

- ii. Find temperatures at the points  $A, B$  and  $C$  in terms of  $P_1, V_1$  and  $R$ .

(03 marks)

- iii. If  $C_P = \frac{5R}{2}$  and  $C_V = \frac{3R}{2}$ , calculate the amounts of heat absorbed/rejected by the gas during the processes  $B \rightarrow C$  and  $C \rightarrow A$ .

(04 marks)

- iv. Calculate the work done by the gas during the cyclic process.

(05 marks)

- v. If the heat absorbed by the gas during the process  $A \rightarrow B$  is  $Q$ , obtain an expression for  $Q$ .

(03 marks)

3. (a) Write down the second law of thermodynamics. Explain the physical meaning of this law.

(03 marks)

- (b) Compare the differences between a reversible engine and an irreversible engine.

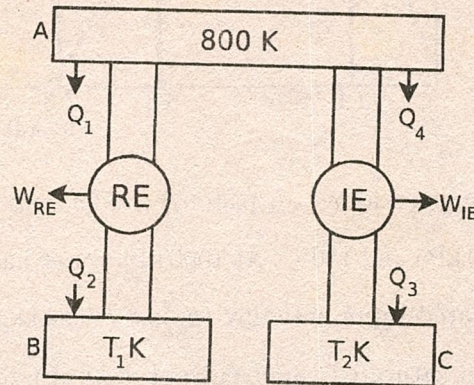
(03 marks)



- (c) Consider a four stroke engine. Name four strokes and write down which stroke generates the highest amount of heat.

(05 marks)

- (d) Figure shows a reversible engine (*RE*) and an irreversible engine (*IE*) operating between three reservoirs *A*, *B* and *C*.



- i. If the efficiencies  $\eta_{RE} = \eta_{IE} = 40\%$  compare the temperatures of the reservoirs *B* and *C*.

(03 marks)

- ii. Calculate the temperature  $T_1$ .

(03 marks)

- iii. If the coefficient of performance of a hypothetical Carnot refrigerator operating between the reservoirs *B* and *C* is 1.0, calculate  $T_2$ .

(04 marks)

- iv. If  $W_{RE} = W_{IE} = 300$  J, calculate  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$  and  $Q_4$ .

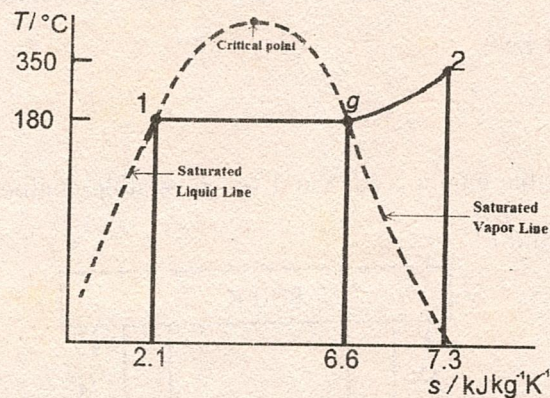
(04 marks)

4. (a) Define the quantity Enthalpy ( $H$ ) in a thermodynamic process. Show that the heat transfer in to a control-mass,  $Q_{in}$  during an isobaric process, can be written as  $Q_{in} = H_2 - H_1$ .

(05 marks)



(b)



Consider the  $T-s$  diagram given above. A piston/cylinder combination has 2 kg of water as a saturated-liquid at 1000 kPa and 180°C. At 1000 kPa water has a saturated-liquid enthalpy ( $h_f$ ) of 763 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup>, saturated-vapor enthalpy ( $h_g$ ) of 2778 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup>, saturated-liquid entropy  $s_f$  of 2.1 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>, and saturated-vapor entropy ( $s_g$ ) of 6.6 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. The system is **now heated** up to 350°C by adding heat from a reservoir at 350°C, without changing the mass on the piston. At 1000 kPa and 350°C water is a superheated-vapor and has an enthalpy ( $h$ ) of 3158 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup> and entropy ( $s$ ) of 7.3 kJ kg<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>. (Lowercase represent the specific values).

- i. Using the result in part-(a), find the heat transfer  $Q_{in}(1 \rightarrow 2)$  to the control-mass during the complete process using enthalpy.  
(05 marks)
- ii. By finding the relevant area for the process in the  $T-s$  diagram, find the heat transfer  $Q_{in}(1 \rightarrow 2)$  to the control-mass during the complete process. (assume the line from g to 2 in the diagram is linear.)  
(05 marks)
- iii. Write down the entropy equation for a thermal process. Then using the result in (b)-(i), find the total entropy generation ( $S_{gen}$ ) due to the complete process.  
(05 marks)
- iv. After reaching the final temperature at 350°C, the process is reversed to its initial state by removing heat to a reservoir at 180°C. Using the entropy equation, find the total entropy generation ( $S_{gen}$ ) due to this reversed-process.  
(05 marks)



5. (a) Using  $Tds = du + Pdv$  and  $du = C_v dT$ , show that  $dS = m[C_v(\frac{dT}{T}) + R(\frac{dv}{v})]$  for an ideal gas of mass  $m$ . Hence assuming that  $C_v$  is independent of temperature, show that the change in entropy of the gas for a process changing from state-1 to state-2 is given by

$$\Delta S = m \left[ C_v \ln \left( \frac{T_2}{T_1} \right) + R \ln \left( \frac{v_2}{v_1} \right) \right]$$

(Here  $R$  is the individual gas constant of the ideal gas. Lowercase represent the specific values.)

(08 marks)

- (b) If the change from the state-1 to state-2 in part (a) is done by a reversible isothermal process, then

- i. Using the result in part-(a), find the change in entropy ( $(\Delta S)_T$ ) in of the gas. What is the entropy generation ( $S_{gen}$ ) during the process?.

**Then** using the entropy equation find the entropy exchange ( $S_{in}$ ) in to the gas.

(08 marks)

- ii. Find the work done  $W(1 \rightarrow 2)$  by the gas. What is the change in internal energy ( $\Delta U$ ) of the gas?.

**Then** using the energy equation, find the heat exchange  $Q_{in}(1 \rightarrow 2)$  to the gas.

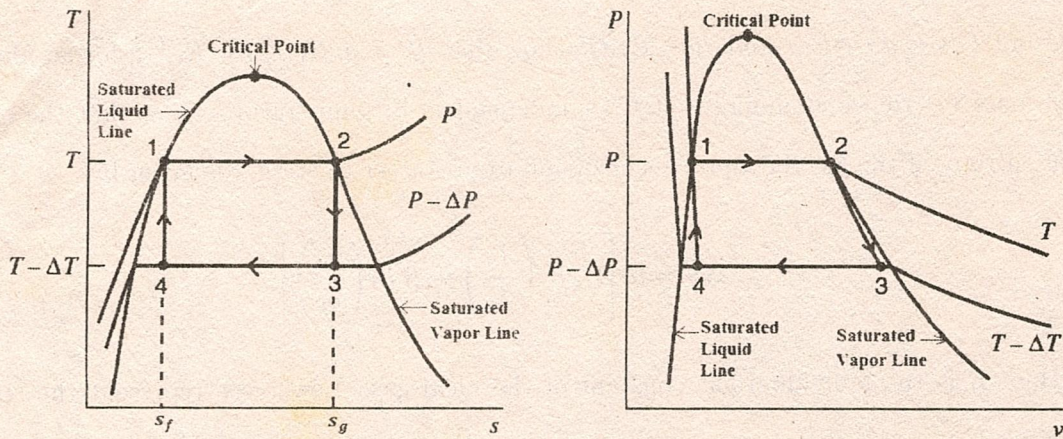
(06 marks)

- (c) If the process was done by a reversible adiabatic process from the state-1 to the state-2 then using the entropy equation show that this process is an isentropic process.

(03 marks)

6. The  $T$ - $s$  and  $P$ - $v$  diagrams shown below are for a Carnot heat engine that uses a working fluid in a piston/cylinder combination. At  $T$  and  $P$  the fluid changes from saturated liquid to saturated vapor due to heat addition and the heat removal process occurs at a lower temperature and a pressure of  $(T - \Delta T)$  and  $(P - \Delta P)$ , respectively.





(a) Using the  $T$ - $s$  diagram, obtain expressions for the heat exchange to the working fluid and heat exchange from the working fluid during the two isothermal processes separately.

**Hence**, show that the net work done  $w_{net}$  by the fluid during the cycle is given by

$$w_{net} = \Delta T(s_g - s_f).$$

(Lower case indicate specific values).

(05 marks)

(b) Using the  $P$ - $v$  diagram, find the work done by **each** of **four** processes during the cycle **separately**. (Assume the linearity of the lines in the diagram).

(10 marks)

(c) Adding the four results in part-(b), show that the net work done ( $w_{net}$ ) is given by

$$w_{net} = \frac{\Delta P}{2}[v_3 + v_2 - v_4 - v_1]. \text{ Hence show that } w_{net} = \Delta P(v_g - v_f), \text{ taking the limits } v_4 \rightarrow v_1 = v_f \text{ and } v_3 \rightarrow v_2 = v_g.$$

(10 marks)

### Part B

7. A point particle of mass  $m$  moves under a helical potential given by

$$U(\rho, \phi, z) = v_0 \rho \cos\left(\phi - \frac{2\pi z}{b}\right)$$

where  $b$  and  $v_0$  are positive constants and  $\rho, \phi$  and  $z$  are cylindrical coordinates of the particle.

(a) Write down the Lagrangian for the particle choosing  $(\rho, \phi, z)$  as generalized coordinates

(15 marks)



(b) Obtain the equations of motion of the particle (10 marks)

8. An object of mass  $m$  moves under the influence of a central potential

$$U = kr^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

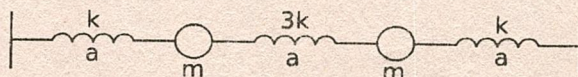
(a) Show that the angular momentum,  $l$  of the object is conserved. (06 marks)

(b) Obtain an expression for the effective potential of the system. (06 marks)

(c) For what value of radius,  $r$ , does a circular orbit exist? (08 marks)

(d) Is the circular orbit stable or unstable? (05 marks)

9. Two identical masses of mass  $m$  each are connected to two rigid walls with three springs of negligible mass and unstretched length  $a$  for each as shown in the following diagram. The force constants of springs are marked on the figure.



For small horizontal oscillations of the system, find

(a) the eigen-frequencies and (17 marks)

(b) the normal modes of vibration (08 marks)