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- 2. Attempt five questions in all.
- 3. Question No. 1 is compulsory.
- 4. Answer any four of the remaining six, attempting any two parts from each question.
- 1. Attempt all parts.
 - (a) Which of the two, an isothermal or an adiabatic, has greater slope? Prove mathematically. (2)

- (b) A Carnot's engine whose sink is at 27°C has an efficiency of 50%. By how much the temperature of the source be changed to decrease its efficiency to 40%? (2)
- (c) One kilogram of water is heated from 0°C to 100°C and converted into steam at the same temperature. Calculate the increase in entropy. Given that specific heat of water is $4.18 \times 10^3 \, \mathrm{Jkg^{-1}K^{-1}}$ and latent heat of vaporisation is $2.24 \times 10^6 \, \mathrm{Jkg^{-1}}$.

(3)

- (d) Using Carnot's cycle derive Clausius-Clapeyron latent heat equation. (4)
- (e) A substance has volume expansivity = 2bT/V and isothermal compressibility = a/V, where 'a' and 'b' are constants. Find the equation of state.

(3)

- (f) Define Boyle Temperature. Give relation between Boyle temperature, Temperature of inversion and Critical temperature. (2)
- (g) What is Brownian motion? Give its characteristics.

- 2. (a) (i) State first law of thermodynamics. What are its physical significance and limitations? Write first law of thermodynamics for an adiabatic, isobaric and isochoric processes. (4)
 - (ii) Derive the work done by an ideal gas in expanding adiabatically from initial state (P_i, V_i, T_i) to the final state (P_f, V_f, T_f) .

(3)

(b) Using first law of thermodynamics, prove that

(i)
$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathbf{U}}{\partial \mathbf{P}}\right)_{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{\mathbf{C}_{\mathbf{V}} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{T}}}{\beta}$$

(ii)
$$\left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial V}\right)_{P} = \frac{C_{P}}{\beta V} - P$$

Where β and K_T are volume expansion coefficient and isothermal compressibility respectively.

(3.5, 3.5)

(c) Find ΔW and ΔU for an iron cube of side 6 cm as it is heated from 20°C to 300°C. For iron C = 0.11 cal/g°C and volume coefficient of expansion is $\beta = 3.6 \times 10^{-5}$ °C. Given, Mass of the cube is 1700 gm.

- 3. (a) What are reversible and irreversible processes?

 Give one example of each. Prove that if KelvinPlanck statement of second law is violated then
 Clausius statement is also violated. (7)
 - (b) If, two Carnot engines R and S are operated in series such as engine R absorbs heat at temperature T_1 and rejects heat to the sink at temperature T_2 , while Engine S absorbs half of the heat rejected by engine R and rejects heat to the sink at temperature T_3 . If the work done in both the cases is equal, show that $T_2 = (T_3 + 2T_1)/3$.
 - (c) (i) A refrigerator freezes 6 kg of water at 0°C into ice in a time interval of 20 min. Assume that room temp, is 25°C, calculate the power needed to accomplish it.

(7)

- (ii) If coefficient of performance of a refrigerator is 5 and operates at the room temperature 27°C, find the temperature inside the refrigerator. (3.5,3.5)
- 4. (a) Define entropy. What is principle of increase of entropy? Find increase in entropy for reversible and irreversible processes. (7)

- (b) If two bodies have equal mass m and heat capacity c, are kept at different temperatures T_1 and T_2 respectively, taking $T_1 > T_2$ and the first body as source of heat for reversible engine and the second as sink, find out the maximum work done. (7)
- (c) (i) The temperature variation of C_p is given by the relation C_p = 0.4 T 0.05 T² 0.25, in the temperature range 50 K to 100 K in cal/K. If 4 moles of the substance is heated from 50 K to 100 K, calculate the change in entropy.
 - (ii) An ideal gas is confined to a cylinder by a piston. The piston is slowly pushed such that the gas temperature remains at 20°C. During compression, 730 J of work is done on the gas. Find the entropy change of the gas.

(3.5, 3.5)

- (a) What are thermodynamic potentials? Why are they so called? Give relations for them. Write physical significance of Gibb's free energy. (7)
- (b) Apply Maxwell's relation to prove that the difference of isothermal compressibility and adiabatic compressibility is equal to $TV\beta^2/C_p$.

- (c) Minute droplets of water are slowly pushed out of an atomizer into air. The average radius of the droplets is 10⁻⁴ cm. If 1 kg of water is atomized isothermally at 25°C, calculate the amount of heat transferred. The specific volume of water at 25°C is 1.00187 × 10⁻³ m³kg⁻¹ and the rate of change of surface tension of water with temperature is -0.152 × 10⁻³ Nm⁻¹K⁻¹.
- 6. (a) Define mean free path (λ) of molecules of a gas

average velocity of the gas.

Derive the expression $\lambda = \frac{3}{4\pi\sigma^2 n}$. Where σ is the diameter of the gas molecules and n is the no. of molecules per unit volume. (Assuming that all molecules move with the same velocity i.e. the

(7)

- (b) (i) Plot Maxwell distribution function for molecular speeds at temperatures T₁, T₂ and T₃ such as T₁<T₂<T₃. Write the necessary inference from these curves.
 - (ii) Calculate the value of v_x for which the probability of a molecule having x-velocity falls to half of its maximum value. (3,4)

- (c) (i) Calculate the probability that the speed of oxygen molecule lies between 109.5 and 110.5 metre/sec at 300 K.
 - (ii) Hydrogen and Nitrogen are maintained under identical conditions of temperature and pressure. Calculate the ratio of their coefficients of viscosity if the diameters of these molecules are 2.5×10^{-10} m and 3.5×10^{-10} m respectively. (4,3)
- (a) Discuss Joule-Thomson porous plug experiment.
 Obtain equation for Joule-Thomson co-efficient.
 - (b) What are the limitations of Van der waal's equation of state. Draw and discuss similarities and dis-similarities of theoretical and experimental curves for CO₂ gas. (7)
 - (c) The Van der Waal's constant for Hydrogen are $a = 0.247 \ atm$. litre²mol⁻² and $b = 2.65 \times 10^{-2} \ litre/mol$. Calculate
 - (i) The temperature of inversion

(ii) Joule Thomson coefficient for 2 atm fall $_0$ pressure, initial temp, being 100 K. Give $R = \frac{224}{273}$ atoms litre/mol/K. (7)

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