



B.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: MAY 2017

(Regulation 2014)

Sixth Semester

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

U14METE69: Composite Materials

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Explain the various types of composites and its fabrication techniques
CO2: Discuss the applications of metal matrix composites.
CO3: Explain the production and applications of ceramic matrix composites.
CO4: Know different types of fibres and fibre composites
CO5: Discuss about advanced composite fabrication techniques

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

1. Matching type item with multiple choice code

CO1 [K₁]

List I	List II
A. Powder metallurgy	i. Ceramic matrix composites
B. Hot pressing	ii. Metal matrix composites
C. Compression moulding	iii. Carbon composites
D. Chemical vapour deposition	iv. Polymer composites

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| a) | ii | i | iv | iii |
| b) | iii | iv | ii | i |
| c) | ii | iv | iii | i |
| d) | iii | i | ii | iv |

2. Usually stronger constituent of a composite is

CO1 [K₁]

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| a) Matrix | b) Reinforcement |
| c) Both are of equal strength | d) Can't define |

3. The following material can be used for filling in sandwich structures CO5 [K₁]
1. Polymers 2. Cement 3. Wood 4. Binder
a) 1 & 2 b) 2 & 3
c) 3 & 4 d) 1 & 2 & 3
4. Al-alloys for engine/automobile parts are reinforced to increase their CO2 [K₁]
a) Strength b) Wear resistance
c) Elastic modulus d) Density
5. Assertion (A): The matrix binds the fibres together, holding them aligned in the important stressed directions. CO3 [K₁]
Reason (R): The matrix should protect the reinforcing filaments from mechanical damage and from environmental attack
a) A is True b) R is false
c) Both A and R is True d) Both A and R is False
6. Longitudinal strength of fiber reinforced composite is mainly influenced by CO4 [K₁]
a) Fiber strength b) Fiber orientation
c) Fiber volume fraction d) Fiber length
7. Rule-of-mixture provides _____ bounds for mechanical properties of particulate composites. CO2 [K₂]
a) Lower b) Upper
c) Lower & upper d) Same
8. Size range of dispersoids used in dispersion strengthened composites CO1 [K₁]
a) 0.01-0.1 μm b) 0.01-0.1 nm
c) 0.01-0.1 mm d) All
9. Assertion (A): Stir casting method is mostly used to manufacture composite materials CO2 [K₁]
Reason (R): Stir casting method is economical and easily available.
a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
c) A is true but R is false d) A is false but R is true
10. SAP is a typical example of CO5 [K₁]
a) Dispersion strengthened composite b) Particle strengthened composite
c) Fiber strengthened composite d) Laminate composite

PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

(Answer not more than 40 words)

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| 11. Classify composite materials. | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 12. Explain particulate reinforced composites. | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 13. State rule of mixtures applicable to composite materials. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 14. List the characteristics of metal matrix composites. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 15. What is the need for ceramic matrix composite materials? | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 16. Give the matrices used for making CMCs. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 17. Name any two methods for producing polymer matrix composites. | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 18. What is meant by fibre reinforced plastics? | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 19. Give the advantages of carbon matrices. | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 20. What are the applications of carbon-carbon composites? | CO5 | [K ₂] |

Answer any FIVE Questions:-

PART C (5 x 14 = 70 Marks)

(Answer not more than 300 words)

Q.No. 21 is Compulsory

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| 21. Explain in detail about fiber strengthened composites. | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| 22. Draw and explain the squeeze casting and powder metallurgy process with neat sketch. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 23. Explain diffusion bonding and stir casting method for producing metal matrix composites with neat sketch. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 24. Explain the various steps involved in processing of ceramics. | CO3 | [K ₃] |
| 25. With a neat sketch explain the cold isostatic and hot isostatic process for producing ceramic matrix composites. | CO3 | [K ₃] |
| 26. Draw and explain the pultrusion and injection molding process with neat sketch. | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 27. Explain the chemical vapour deposition process with neat sketch. | CO5 | [K ₂] |
