

B.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2024

(Regulation 2018)

Third Semester

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

U18MET3003: Engineering Thermodynamics

(Use of approved Steam Tables, Psychrometric chart, gas tables and Refrigeration charts are permitted)

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1: Illustrate basic concepts for solving problems in open and closed system.
- CO2: Apply second law concepts to heat engine and heat pumps.
- CO3: Apply concepts of entropy
- CO4: Compare the performance of various vapor power cycles
- CO5: Illustrate the significance of thermodynamics relations
- CO6: Solve problems in various psychrometric processes

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

**Answer all the Questions: -
PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)
(Answer not more than 40 words)**

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| 1. Differentiate between open and closed systems. | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 2. Define specific heat capacity and its significance | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| 3. Define the Carnot theorem. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 4. Describe the Coefficient of Performance (COP) of a refrigerator. | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 5. Define entropy and explain its physical significance | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 6. Compare Rankine and modified Rankine cycles. | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 7. What are the key differences between ideal and real gases? | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 8. Explain the concept of the compressibility factor. | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 9. Define Dalton's law of partial pressure. | CO5 | [K ₁] |
| 10. Write the significance of psychrometric charts. | CO6 | [K ₂] |

**Answer any FIVE Questions:-
PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)
(Answer not more than 400 words)**

- 11. A gas turbine power plant operates with a simple Brayton cycle. The air enters the compressor at atmospheric pressure (1 bar) and 300 K, and it is compressed

to 6 bar. The turbine inlet temperature is 1200 K. Assume ideal gas behavior and isentropic efficiency for both the compressor and turbine as 85%. The gas constant for air is $R = 0.287 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$, and the specific heat ratio is $\gamma = 1.4$. Determine:

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| a) | The work input to the compressor. | 7 | CO1 | [K ₄] |
| b) | The thermal efficiency of the cycle. | 7 | CO2 | [K ₃] |
| c) | The entropy change in the compressor. | 2 | CO3 | [K ₂] |
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| 12. | A refrigerator working on an ideal vapor-compression cycle has a refrigerant R-134a entering the evaporator at 1.4 bar and -10°C . The refrigerant exits the evaporator as saturated vapor and enters the condenser at 10 bar and 60°C . Assume ideal processes and use thermodynamic tables for R-134a. Determine: | | | |
| a) | The cooling effect produced per kg of refrigerant. | 7 | CO2 | [K ₄] |
| b) | The work input to the compressor. | 7 | CO3 | [K ₃] |
| c) | The COP of the refrigerator. | 2 | CO1 | [K ₂] |
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| 13. | a) Analyze the entropy change for an ideal gas undergoing isothermal expansion. | 7 | CO3 | [K ₄] |
| | b) Apply the first law of thermodynamics to a closed system undergoing an adiabatic process. | 7 | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| | c) Discuss the significance of the specific heat at constant pressure (C_p). | 2 | CO2 | [K ₂] |
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| 14. | a) Compare the Rankine cycle with reheat and regenerative Rankine cycles. | 7 | CO4 | [K ₄] |
| | b) Explain Maxwell's thermodynamic relations. | 7 | CO5 | [K ₃] |
| | c) Discuss the Joule-Thomson effect. | 2 | CO6 | [K ₂] |
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| 15. | a) Evaluate the thermodynamic properties of a real gas using the compressibility chart. | 7 | CO5 | [K ₄] |
| | b) Calculate the mass flow rate of air in a psychrometric process when given the humidity ratio and specific enthalpy. | 7 | CO6 | [K ₃] |
| | c) Explain the relationship between the wet-bulb temperature and relative humidity. | 2 | CO4 | [K ₂] |
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| 16. | a) Analyze the performance of an ideal gas during isobaric expansion. | 7 | CO6 | [K ₄] |
| | b) Discuss the significance of Clausius Clapeyron equations in phase transitions. | 7 | CO4 | [K ₃] |
| | c) Explain Dalton's law in the context of gas mixtures. | 2 | CO5 | [K ₂] |
