

Uva Wellassa University, Sri Lanka
End Semester Examination – July 2010
SCT 254-1 Thermodynamics



Time: One (01) hour

Total 05 Questions

Answer four (04) questions only

$$R = 8.31 \text{ J/mol} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 101,325 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\text{Specific heat of water} = 4.186 \text{ Joule/gram}$$

- 01) I. State 1st law of thermodynamics. (04 marks)
- II. Explain three processes of thermodynamics. (06 marks)
- III. For an adiabatic expansion of a perfect gas, show that
 $PV^\gamma = K$, where γ and K are constants. (10 marks)
- IV. A quantity of air at 27 °C and atmospheric pressure is suddenly compressed to half of its original volume. Find the final pressure. Take γ is 1.4 for air. (05 marks)
- 02) I. Give Kelvin-Plank statement for the second law of thermodynamics. (04 marks)
- II. What are heat engines? Give a schematic diagram of a steam engine and describe its operation. (08 marks)
- III. Derive an expression for the efficiency of a heat engine. (04 marks)
- IV. A 100 KW engine is operating between 217 °C and 17 °C. Calculate
- (a) The amount of heat absorbed,
 - (b) The amount of heat rejected and
 - (c) The efficiency of the engine. (09 marks)

- 03) I. Explain why P-V diagrams are important ? (05 marks)
- II. When a system is taken from the state A to the state B along the path ACB, 80 Joules of heat flows into the system, and the system does 30 Joules of work. (see Fig. 01)
- (a). How much heat flows into the system along the path ADB, if the work done is 10 Joules. (07 marks)
- (b). The system is returned from the state B to the state A along the curved path. The work done on the system is 20 Joules. Does the system absorb or liberate heat and how much ? (07 marks)
- (c). If $U_A = 0$, $U_B = 40$ Joules, find the heat absorbed in the process AD and DB. Here U_A and U_B are internal energies of the state A and state B respectively. (07 marks)

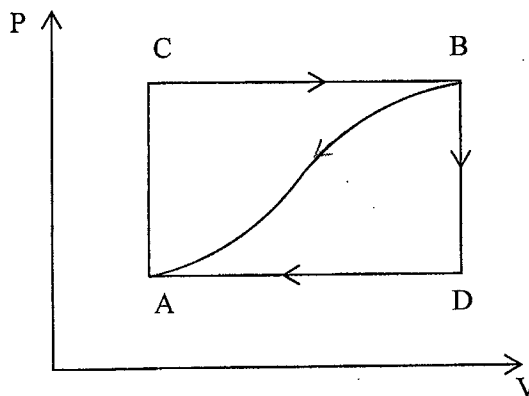


Figure 01

- 04) I. What do you mean by entropy in a system ? (04 marks)
- II. Give T-S diagrams for an isothermal process and a reversible adiabatic process. Acceptable explanations should be given for the shapes of the diagrams in two separate processes. (06 marks)
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- II. 1 kg of water at 273 K is brought in contact with a heat reservoir at 373 K. Then
- (a) What is the change in entropy of water when its temperature reaches 373 K ?
- (b) What is the change in entropy of the reservoir and the universe. (15 marks)

05) An adiabatic cylinder, closed at both ends, is fitted with a frictionless adiabatic piston that divides the cylinder into two parts. Initially the pressure, volume, and temperature are the same on both sides of the piston (P_0 , V_0 , and T_0). The gas is ideal with C_v independent of temperature and $\gamma = 1.5$. By means of a heating coil in the gas on the left side, heat is slowly supplied to the gas on the left until the pressure reaches $27P_0/8$. In terms of n, R, V_0 and T_0 ;

- (a) Calculate the final volume and the temperature on the right side.
- (b) What is the final temperature on the left side ?
- (c) How much heat must be supplied to the gas on the left side ?
- (d) How much work is done on the gas on the right side ?
- (e) Calculate the entropy change of the gas on the left side, right side and the universe.

(25 marks)