



SA – 625

II Semester B.Sc. Examination, April/May 2015
(Semester Scheme)
(CBCS – 14 – 15 and Onwards)
PHYSICS – II
Thermal Physics and Statistical Mechanics
(NS-70 Marks – 2011-12 and Onwards)



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

Instruction : Answer **any five** questions from **each** Part.

PART – A

Answer **any five** questions. **Each** question carries **eight** marks. (5×8=40)

1. a) Mention any two assumptions of kinetic theory of gases.
b) Derive an expression for pressure due to an ideal gas enclosed in a cubical vessel on the basis of kinetic theory of gases. (2+6)
2. Describe Andrew's experiment on carbon dioxide and discuss the results. 8
3. a) Distinguish between isothermal and adiabatic processes.
b) Derive an expression for work done during an isothermal process. (4+4)
4. a) State and explain Zeroth law of thermodynamics.
b) State and explain Carnot's theorem. (4+4)
5. a) Write a note on Gibb's free energy.
b) Write four Maxwell's thermodynamic relations and hence deduce an expression for difference in molar specific heats for a perfect gas. (2+6)
6. Obtain the Clausius – Claypeyron latent heat equation. Discuss the elevation of boiling point with pressure. 8
7. a) Define Joule-Thomson co-efficient and derive an expression for the same.
b) Write any two difference between adiabatic expansion of a gas and Joule-Kelvin effect. (6+2)
8. What is a black body ? Explain black body radiation curves and its spectral energy distribution based on Stefan-Boltzmann law and Wien's displacement law. 8

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PART – B

Solve **any five** of the following problems. **Each** problem carries **four** marks. **(5×4=20)**

9. Calculate the mean free path of a gas molecule whose diameter is 4×10^{-10} m and the number of molecules per unit volume is $1.5 \times 10^{25} \text{ m}^{-3}$.
10. Calculate the rms velocity of oxygen molecules at 27°C . Density of oxygen at NTP = 1.43 kg m^{-3} .
11. A definite mass of a perfect gas is compressed adiabatically to half its original volume. Determine the resultant pressure if the initial pressure was one atmosphere. (Given $\gamma = 1.4$).
12. A Carnot engine with the cold body temperature 17°C has 50% efficiency. By how much should the temperature of its hot body be changed to increase the efficiency to 60%.
13. Van der Waals constants for a gas are $a = 0.0245 \text{ Nm}^4 \text{ mole}^{-2}$; $b = 2.68 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$ and $R = 8.15 \text{ Jk}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1}$. Calculate the temperature of inversion and critical temperature.
14. Calculate the percentage error in using Stirling's formula $\log_e (n!) = n \log_e n - n$ where $n = 4$.
15. Calculate the change in temperature when helium gas suffers Joule-Thomson expansion at -173°C , the pressure difference on the two sides of the porous plug being 20 atmospheres. Does the gas show a heating effect or a cooling effect in this expansion, given $R = 8.3 \text{ Jk}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1}$ and for helium Van der Waals constants $a = 0.0341 \text{ Nm}^4$, $b = 2.37 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ mole}^{-1}$ and $C_p = 20.75 \text{ Jk}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1}$.
16. If the average energy radiated per unit area of the surface of the sun is $7.452 \times 10^4 \text{ kW}$, estimate the surface temperature of the sun, assuming it to be a black body. Stefan's constant is $5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W m}^{-2} \text{ K}^{-4}$.

PART – C

Answer **any five** of the following questions. **Each** question carries **two** marks. **(5×2=10)**

17. a) An ascending balloon filled with hydrogen bursts. Explain.
b) Can a temperature of OK be attained? Explain.
c) Can two isothermals intersect? Explain.
d) Can the work done during a cyclic process be zero? Explain.
e) Can a Carnot's engine have an efficiency of 100%? Explain.
f) Can a room be cooled by leaving the door of an electric refrigerator open? What will happen?
g) Why are clear nights colder than cloudy nights?
h) What is meant by adiabatic demagnetisation?
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