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(May)

PHYSICS

(Major)

Course : 201

(Thermal Physics and Waves and Oscillations)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose the correct answer : 1×8=8

(a) The root-mean-square speed of gas molecules at absolute temperature T is given by

(i) $C_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{3kT}{m}}$

(ii) $C_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{2kT}{m}}$

(iii) $C_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{kT}{m}}$

(iv) $C_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{kT}{3m}}$

(b) The constant a in van der Waals' equation arises due to the

- (i) attractive forces between the gas molecules
- (ii) repulsive forces between the gas molecules
- (iii) finite volume of the gas
- (iv) None of the above

(c) The relation between thermal conductivity (K) and coefficient of viscosity (η) of a gas is given by

(i) $\frac{K}{\eta} = C_v$

(ii) $\frac{K}{\eta} = C_p$

(iii) $\frac{\eta}{K} = C_p$

(iv) $K\eta = C_v$

(d) The efficiency of Carnot engine operating between temperatures T_1 of source and T_2 of sink can be increased by

- (i) increasing the ratio T_2 / T_1
- (ii) decreasing the ratio T_2 / T_1
- (iii) increasing the sum $(T_1 + T_2)$
- (iv) increasing the product $(T_1 \times T_2)$

- (e) Which of the following is not an irreversible effect?
- (i) Joule-Thomson effect
 - (ii) Transfer of heat by radiation
 - (iii) Transfer of heat from hot body to cold body
 - (iv) Isothermal expansion of a gas
- (f) When the temperature difference between the hot body and its surrounding is small, then Stefan-Boltzmann law reduces to
- (i) Newton's law of cooling
 - (ii) Kirchhoff's law
 - (iii) Planck's law of radiation
 - (iv) None of the above
- (g) In forced vibration, the amplitude resonance occurs when the applied frequency is
- (i) slightly greater than the natural frequency of the body
 - (ii) slightly less than the natural frequency of the body
 - (iii) equal to the natural frequency of the body
 - (iv) equal to the square of the natural frequency of the body

- (h) The velocity of sound in a gas is
- (i) proportional to its density
 - (ii) inversely proportional to its density
 - (iii) inversely proportional to the square root of its density
 - (iv) inversely proportional to the square of its density

2. (a) State and prove the law of equipartition of energy. 2+5=7

(b) What are transport phenomena? On the basis of kinetic theory of gases deduce an expression for the viscosity of a gas in terms of mean free path of its molecules. 2+5=7

(c) In what respect a real gas differs from an ideal gas? Describing Andrew's experiment on CO_2 , draw curves at different temperatures and discuss the result. What are critical temperature and critical pressure? 1+2+4+1=8

Or

What considerations led van der Waals to modify gas equation of state? Deduce van der Waals' gas equation. What are the limitations of this equation? 2+4+2=8

3. (a) State and explain zeroth law of thermodynamics. 1+2=3

(b) Explain why the temperature of a gas drops in adiabatic expansion. 2

(c) A certain mass of an ideal gas at 27°C and at a pressure of 8 atmosphere is expanded suddenly to four times of its volume. Find the final pressure and temperature. (Given, $\gamma = 1.5$) 3

4. (a) Describe Carnot's reversible heat engine and calculate the efficiency of this engine. 2+5=7

(b) Derive the following Maxwell's thermodynamical relations : 4+4=8

$$(i) \left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial S} \right)_V$$

$$(ii) \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial V} \right)_T = \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_V$$

5. (a) State and prove Kirchhoff's law. 1+4=5

(b) State Wien's law of energy distribution and describe how this law can be verified experimentally. 1+3=4

6. (a) Derive an expression for a plane progressive harmonic wave. What are particle velocity and wave velocity? Find expressions for these two velocities and a relation between them. $3+1+2=6$

(b) Derive an expression for the velocity of sound in gaseous medium. How is the velocity of sound affected by the temperature and pressure of the medium? $4+2=6$

Or

Derive an expression for the velocity of transverse waves in a stretched string. Find out the laws of vibrating string from this expression. $4+2=6$

(c) What is forced vibration? Derive an expression for the forced vibration of a body and solve it. Under what condition amplitude resonance occurs? $1+4+1=6$

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