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**CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST - II**

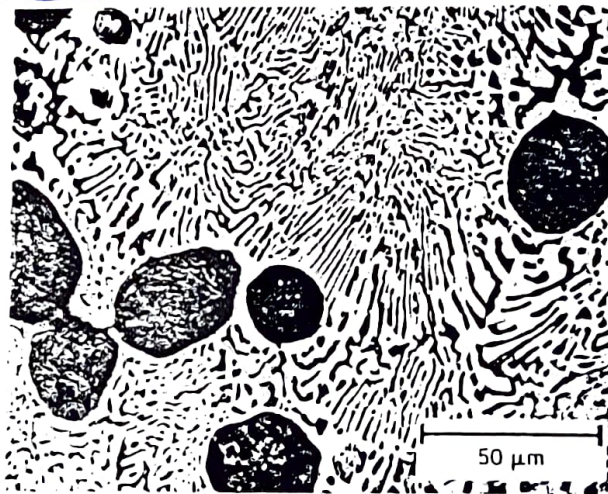
**FALL SEMESTER 2022-2023**

**SLOT:B2+TB2**

**Programme Name & Branch** : B-Tech, Mechanical Engineering  
**Course Code** : BMEE209L  
**Course Name** : Materials Science and Engineering  
**Faculty Name(s)** : Dr. A. Raja Annamalai, Dr. Rijesh M, Dr. M S Sreekanth,  
Dr. Md.Faseeullakhan, Dr. Ashish  
**Class Number(s)** : VL2022230100545/536/547/560/562  
**Duration: 90min.** **Max. Marks: 50**

**General instruction(s): Answer All questions**

- | Q.No | Question   | Marks |
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| 1. ✓ | Determine the undercooling temperature for homogeneous nucleation if the number of atoms in the critical nucleus for Iron (Fe) is 734. Given: The melting temperature of Fe is 1538°C, heat of fusion 1737 J/cm <sup>3</sup> , solid-liquid interfacial energy 204 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> J/cm <sup>2</sup> , and lattice parameter for Fe 2.85 Å. | 10    |
| 2. ✓ | A microstructure of a <u>Pb-Sn alloy</u> is shown below. The <u>dark</u> constituent is a <u>lead-rich solid α</u> , and the <u>light</u> constituent is a <u>tin-rich solid β</u> . Specify the nature of the alloy. The weight fraction of the <u>proeutectic phase</u> is 0.21. Determine the composition of the alloy.                     |       |



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| 3. ✓ | For hypo-eutectoid steel of 0.3 wt% carbon, calculate the following:                                |    |
| ✓    | (i) The amount of <u>austenite</u> and proeutectoid phase, just above the eutectoid temperature     |    |
| ✓    | (ii) The amount of ferrite and cementite just below the eutectoid temperature.                      |    |
| ✓    | Draw the microstructure of this steel just above the eutectoid temperature and at room temperature. | 10 |
| ✓    | Explain the microstructural evolution and origin of a hypoeutectoid pearlite.                       |    |



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**FALL SEMESTER 2022-2023**

**SLOT: B1+ TB1**

Programme Name & Branch : B. Tech - Mechanical Engineering  
Course Code : BMEE 2091  
Course Name : Materials Science & Engineering  
Faculty Name(s) : Prof(s). SITARAM DASH, M. S. SREEKANTH,  
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Class Number(s) : VL2022230100537/561/540/543  
Duration: 90 min.

**Max. Marks: 50**

**General instruction(s):** All questions are compulsory. Please read the questions carefully before answering.  
Each sub-question carries 5 marks.

Q. No	Question	Marks
1.	<p>[a] Differentiate between homogeneous and heterogeneous nucleation that accompanies a solidification process. Provide a suitable example for heterogeneous nucleation.</p> <p>[b] Calculate the radius of the critical nucleus that proceeds to form crystalline Nickel during a solidification event. Use the following data in calculation of critical radius and state significance of this critical size.</p> <p>Latent Heat of Fusion for Nickel: <math>2756 \text{ J/cm}^3</math> Solid-Liquid Interfacial Energy: <math>255 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J/cm}^2</math> Typical Value for Undercooling: <math>480^\circ\text{C}</math> Freezing Temperature for Molten Nickel: <math>1453^\circ\text{C}</math></p>	10
2.	<p>[a] State and explain Ficks first and second law of diffusion. Explain significance of various terms in expression</p> $D = D_0 \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{k_B T}\right)$ <p>[b] Obtain an expression for ratio of Diffusion coefficients at 800 K and 500 K i.e. <math>D(800\text{K})/D(500\text{K})</math>. Justify the inequality: <math>D_{800\text{K}} \neq D_{500\text{K}}</math></p>	10
3.	<p>[a] State Hume-Rothery rules and spell out criteria for formation of substitutional solid solutions. Based on this state whether completely miscible solid solution will be formed in case of Copper-Titanium system. Atomic size of Copper: <math>0.1278 \text{ nm}</math> and that of Titanium is <math>0.147 \text{ nm}</math>.</p> <p>[b] A Copper(50%)-Nickel(50%) alloy is subjected to slow as well as sudden cooling from a temperature of <math>1500^\circ\text{C}</math> to room temperature. Compare and contrast the room temperature micro structures that evolve in each case.</p>	10
4.	<p>[a] Draw the crystal structures of <math>\alpha</math>-Ferrite and <math>\gamma</math>-Austenite phases in Fe-Fe<sub>3</sub>C system. State reasons for higher carbon solubility in <math>\gamma</math>-Austenite phase as compared to <math>\alpha</math>-Ferrite</p> <p>[b] Differentiate between eutectic and eutectoid transformations in partially miscible binary systems. State reasons for lamellar architecture that forms in such processes. Comment on the mechanical strength of such alloys.</p>	10
5.	<p>[a] Compare the microstructure of hypo-eutectoid, eutectoid and hyper eutectoid steels. Comment upon evolution of various phases and microstructures. Arrange them in order of their mechanical strength</p> <p>[b] A hypo-eutectoid steel with 0.4 wt% carbon content is cooled below the Eutectoid Temperature. Calculate the fraction of pro-eutectoid ferrite, pearlite and cementite phases</p>	10