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ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT EXAMINATIONS, APRIL - 2009

NON-OXIDE CERAMICS**SEMESTER - 8**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Full Marks : 70

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.*Answer any *five* questions of the following.

1. What do you mean by graphitic carbon ? Discuss the essential structural features of graphite in relation to its important properties. State the effect of fabrication variables in processing during graphitization. Write in brief the thermal properties of graphite.
1 + 4 + 5 + 4
2. State the important methods of synthesising carbides. Mention the important properties of carbides and also their applications. Why SiC cannot be used as heating above 1400°C ?
5 + 6 + 3
3. State the important methods of synthesis of nitride. Why greasy feel appears in Boron Nitride ? Discuss in detail the synthetic method for the production of Si_3N_4 body.
5 + 3 + 6
4. Discuss the general techniques of consolidation of powder silicides. Write in detail the manufacturing method of MoSi_2 including the thermal nature of the process. State the important application and limitation of metal silicide.
5 + 5 + 4
5. What are Cermet ? What are the properties required for cermet ? State different factors affecting the strain of cermets. How cermets differ from conventional refractories ? What are the applications of cermet ?
1 + 2 + 5 + 3 + 3



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6. What is Sialon ? How is it industrially prepared and what are their applications ?

What are the other methods of preparation of Sialon ?



3 + 4 + 4 + 3

7. Why Sialon ceramics developed ? How many types of Sialon exist ? Is there any

difference between the different forms ? If so, discuss their differences in detail. What

are the methods used for consolidation of Sialon ? What are the sintering aid used

during sintering of Sialon ceramics ?

2 + 2 + 1 + 5 + 2 + 2

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