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[Chapter 13. Vapor Power Cycles](#)

Practice Problems

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An air combustion cycle operates between 650°F and 100°F (340°C and 38°C). The maximum possible thermal efficiency is most nearly

(A)

42%

(B)

49%

(C)

54%

(D)

58%

[2.](#)

A steam Carnot cycle operates between 650°F and 100°F (340°C and 38°C). The turbine and compressor (pump) isentropic efficiencies are 90% and 80%, respectively. The thermal efficiency is most nearly

(A)

32%

(B)

37%

(C)

42%

(D)

48%

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A steam turbine cycle produces 600 MWe (mega-watts of electrical power). The condenser load is 3.07×10^9 Btu/hr (900 MW). The thermal efficiency is most nearly

(A)

32%

(B)

37%

(C)

40%

(D)

44%

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A steam Rankine cycle operates with 100 psia (700 kPa) saturated steam that is reduced to 1 atm through expansion in a turbine with an isentropic efficiency of 80%. There is significant subcooling, and water is at 80°F (27°C) and 1 atm when it enters the boilerfeed pump. The pump's isentropic efficiency is 60%. The cycle's thermal efficiency is most nearly

(A)

10%

(B)

14%

(C)

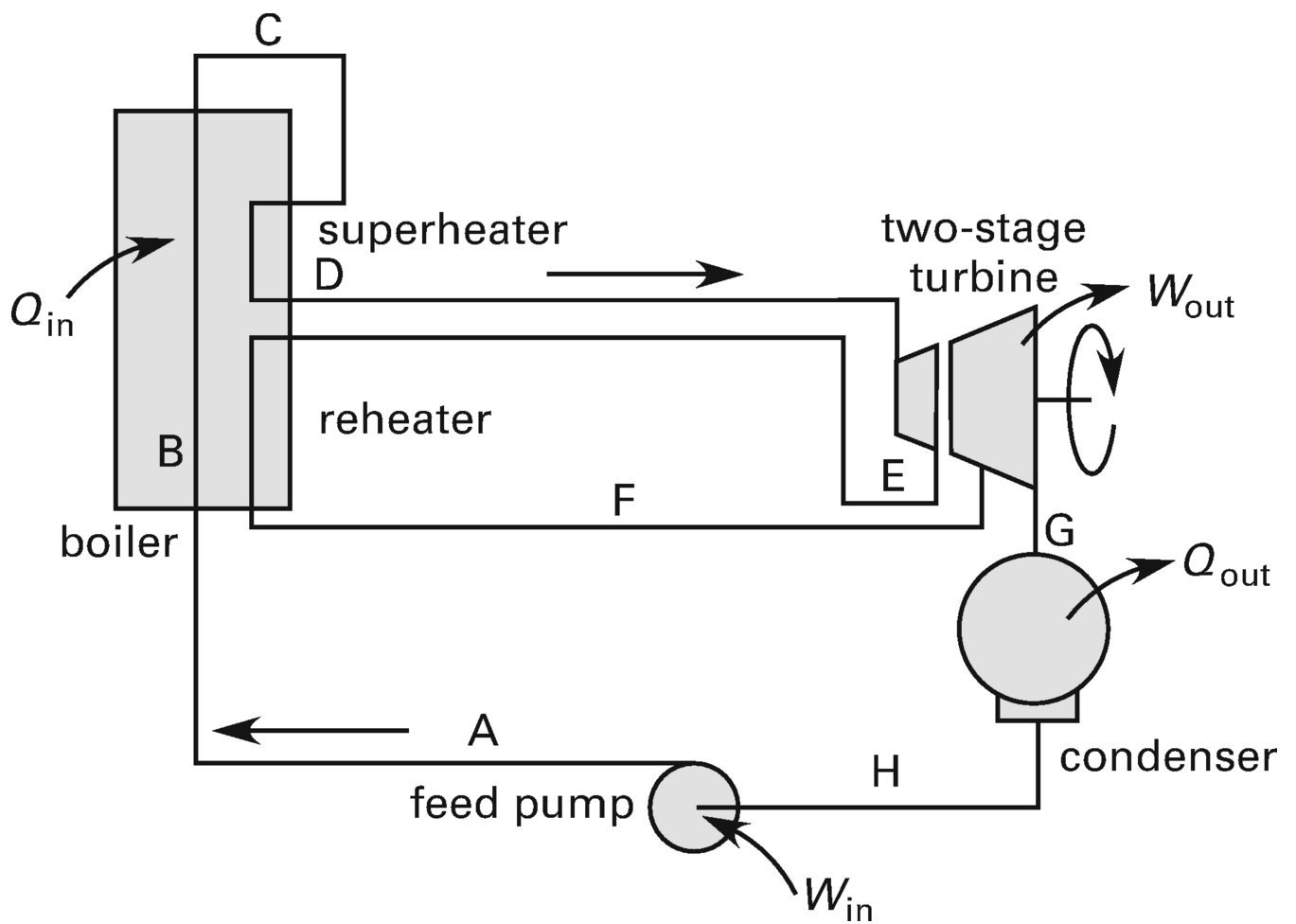
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(D)

26%

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A turbine and the boilerfeed pumps in a reheat cycle have isentropic efficiencies of 88% and 96%, respectively. The cycle starts with water at 60°F (16°C) at the entrance to the boilerfeed pump and produces 600°F (300°C), 600 psia (4 MPa) steam. The steam is reheated when its pressure drops during the first expansion to 20 psia (150 kPa).



The thermal efficiency of the cycle is most nearly

(A)

28%

(B)

34%

(C)

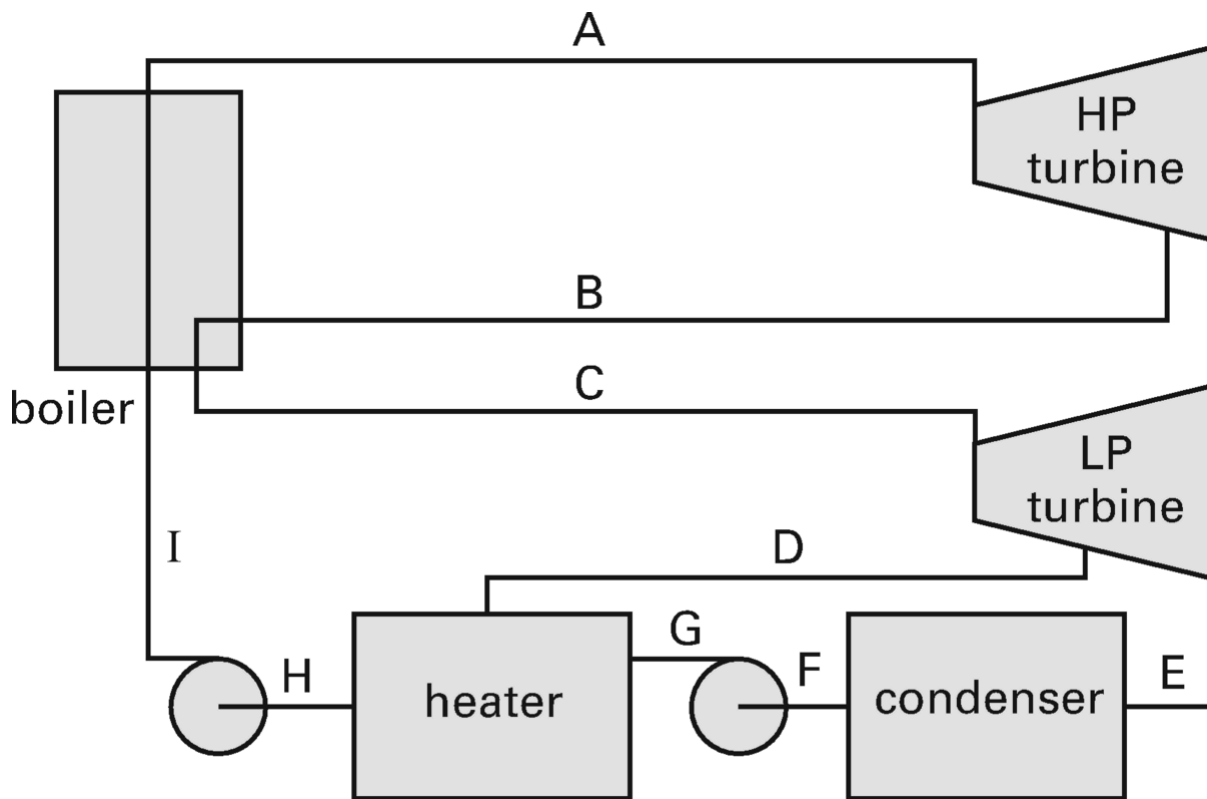
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(D)

42%

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A reheat steam cycle operates as shown. The pump work between points F and G is 0.15 Btu/lbm (0.3 kJ/kg).



- At A: 900 psia (6.2 MPa) 800°F (420°C)
 At B: 200 psia (1.5 MPa) 1270 Btu/lbm (2960 kJ/kg)
 At C: 190 psia (1.4 MPa) 800°F (420°C)
 At D: 50 psia (350 kPa) 1280 Btu/lbm (2980 kJ/kg)
 At E: 2 in Hg absolute (6.8 kPa) 1075 Btu/lbm (2500 kJ/kg)
 At F: 69.73 Btu/lbm (162.5 kJ/kg)
 At H: 250.2 Btu/lbm (583.0 kJ/kg) 0.0173 ft³/lbm
 (0.0011 m³/kg)
 At I: 253.1 Btu/lbm (589.7 kJ/kg)

The thermal efficiency of the cycle is most nearly

(A)

22%

(B)

29%

(C)

34%

(D)

41%

Solutions

[1.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

As in the *NCEES Handbook*: section titled “Temperature,” the absolute temperatures are

$$T_{\text{high}} = 650^{\circ}\text{F} + 460^{\circ} = 1110^{\circ}\text{R}$$

$$T_{\text{low}} = 100^{\circ}\text{F} + 460^{\circ} = 560^{\circ}\text{R}$$

The maximum possible thermal efficiency is given by the Carnot cycle. From equation MERM28008 (also the *NCEES Handbook*: section titled “Gas Power Cycles”),

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{T_{\text{high}} - T_{\text{low}}}{T_{\text{high}}} \\ &= \frac{1110^{\circ}\text{R} - 560^{\circ}\text{R}}{1110^{\circ}\text{R}} \\ &= 0.495 \quad (49\%) \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (B).

SI Solution

As in the *NCEES Handbook*: section titled “Temperature”), the absolute temperatures are

$$T_{\text{high}} = 340^{\circ}\text{C} + 273^{\circ} = 613\text{K}$$

$$T_{\text{low}} = 38^{\circ}\text{C} + 273^{\circ} = 311\text{K}$$

The maximum possible thermal efficiency is given by the Carnot cycle. From equation MERM28008 (also the *NCEES Handbook*: section titled “Gas Power Cycles”),

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{T_{\text{high}} - T_{\text{low}}}{T_{\text{high}}} = \frac{613\text{K} - 311\text{K}}{613\text{K}} \\ &= 0.493 \quad (49\%) \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (B).

[2.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

Refer to the Carnot cycle (see figure MERM28002 and *NCEES Handbook*: Power Cycles).

At point A, from appendix MERM24A (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (U.S. Units)—Temperature Table”), for saturated liquid at $T_A = 650^{\circ}\text{F}$,

$$h_A = 696.0 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$s_A = 0.8833 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^{\circ}\text{F}$$

At point B, from appendix MERM24A, for saturated vapor at $T_B = 650^{\circ}\text{F}$,

$$h_B = 1119.7 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$s_B = 1.2651 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^{\circ}\text{F}$$

At point C,

$$T_C = 100^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$s_C = s_B$$

$$= 1.2651 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^{\circ}\text{F}$$

From appendix MERM24A,

$$s_f = 0.1296 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$s_g = 1.9819 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^{\circ}\text{F}$$

$$h_f = 68.03 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$h_{fg} = 1036.7 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

As in *NCEES Handbook: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems*, the quality of the system at point C is

$$x_C = \frac{s_C - s_f}{s_g - s_f} = \frac{1.2651 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}} - 0.1296 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}}}{1.9819 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}} - 0.1296 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}}} = 0.613$$

The specific enthalpy of the system at point C is

$$\begin{aligned} h_C &= h_f + x_C h_{fg} \\ &= 68.03 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + (0.613) \left(1036.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\ &= 703.5 \text{ Btu/lbm} \end{aligned}$$

At point D,

$$\begin{aligned} T_D &= 100^\circ\text{F} \\ s_D &= s_A = 0.8833 \text{ Btu/lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F} \end{aligned}$$

As in *NCEES Handbook: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems*, the quality of the system at point D is

$$x_D = \frac{s_D - s_f}{s_g - s_f} = \frac{0.8833 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}} - 0.1296 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}}}{1.9819 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}} - 0.1296 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{F}}} = 0.407$$

The specific enthalpy of the system at point D is

$$\begin{aligned} h_D &= h_f + x_D h_{fg} \\ &= 68.03 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + (0.407) \left(1036.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\ &= 489.8 \text{ Btu/lbm} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28009 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned} h'_C &= h_B - \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} (h_B - h_C) \\ &= 1119.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \\ &\quad - (0.9) \left(1119.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 703.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\ &= 745.1 \text{ Btu/lbm} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28010 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the pump,

$$\begin{aligned} h'_A &= h_D + \frac{h_A - h_D}{\eta_{s,\text{pump}}} \\ &= 489.8 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \\ &\quad + \frac{696.0 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 489.8 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}}{0.8} \\ &= 747.6 \text{ Btu/lbm} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28008 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the entire cycle is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{(h_B - h'_C) - (h'_A - h_D)}{h_B - h'_A} \\
 &= \frac{\left(1119.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 745.1 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right) - \left(747.6 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 489.8 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right)}{1119.7 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 747.6 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}} \\
 &= 0.314 \quad (32\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (A).

SI Solution

At point A, $T_A = 340^\circ\text{C}$.

From appendix MERM24N (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (U.S. Units)—Temperature Table”), for saturated liquid,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_A &= 1594.5 \text{ kJ/kg} \\
 s_A &= 3.6601 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point B, $T_B = 340^\circ\text{C}$.

From appendix MERM24N, for saturated vapor,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_B &= 2621.9 \text{ kJ/kg} \\
 s_B &= 5.3356 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point C,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_C &= 38^\circ\text{C} \\
 s_C &= s_B \\
 &= 5.3356 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24N,

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_f &= 0.5456 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \\
 s_g &= 8.2935 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \\
 h_f &= 159.17 \text{ kJ/kg} \\
 h_{fg} &= 2410.7 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

As in *NCEES Handbook: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems*, the quality of the system at point C is

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_C &= \frac{s_C - s_f}{s_g - s_f} = \frac{5.3356 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 0.5456 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}}{8.2935 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 0.5456 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}} \\
 &= 0.618
 \end{aligned}$$

The specific enthalpy of the system at point C is

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_C &= h_f + x_C h_{fg} = 159.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + (0.618) \left(2410.7 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) \\
 &= 1649.0 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point D,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_D &= 38^\circ\text{C} \\
 s_D &= s_A = 3.6601 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

As in *NCEES Handbook: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems*, the quality of the system at point D is

$$x_D = \frac{s_D - s_f}{s_g - s_f} = \frac{3.6601 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 0.5456 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}}{8.2935 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 0.5456 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}} = 0.402$$

The specific enthalpy of the system at point D is

$$\begin{aligned} h_D &= h_f + x_D h_{fg} \\ &= 159.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + (0.402) \left(2410.7 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\ &= 1128.3 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28009 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned} h'_C &= h_B - \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} (h_B - h_C) \\ &= 2621.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - (0.9) \left(2621.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 1649.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\ &= 1746.3 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28010 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the pump,

$$\begin{aligned} h'_A &= h_D + \frac{h_A - h_D}{\eta_{s,\text{pump}}} \\ &= 1128.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + \frac{1594.5 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 1128.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}{0.8} \\ &= 1711.1 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28008 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the entire cycle is

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{(h_B - h'_C) - (h'_A - h_D)}{h_B - h'_A} \\ &= \frac{\left(2621.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 1746.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) - \left(1711.1 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 1128.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right)}{2621.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 1711.1 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}} \\ &= 0.321 \quad (32\%) \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (A).

[3.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

The condenser load is $Q_{\text{out}} = 3.07 \times 10^9 \text{ Btu/hr.}$

The net work is

$$W_{\text{net}} = Q_{\text{in}} - Q_{\text{out}}$$

The boiler load is

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{\text{in}} &= W_{\text{net}} + Q_{\text{out}} \\
 &= (600 \text{ MW}) \left(1000 \frac{\text{kW}}{\text{MW}} \right) \left(3412 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{kW-hr}} \right) \\
 &\quad + 3.07 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}} \\
 &= 5.12 \times 10^9 \text{ Btu/hr}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28001 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{Q_{\text{in}} - Q_{\text{out}}}{Q_{\text{in}}} = \frac{5.12 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}} - 3.07 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}}}{5.12 \times 10^9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{hr}}} \\
 &= 0.400 \quad (40\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (C).

SI Solution

The condenser load is $Q_{\text{out}} = 900 \text{ MW}$.

The boiler load is

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q_{\text{in}} &= W_{\text{net}} + Q_{\text{out}} = 600 \text{ MW} + 900 \text{ MW} \\
 &= 1500 \text{ MW}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28001 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{Q_{\text{in}} - Q_{\text{out}}}{Q_{\text{in}}} = \frac{1500 \text{ MW} - 900 \text{ MW}}{1500 \text{ MW}} \\
 &= 0.400 \quad (40\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (C).

4.

Customary U.S. Solution

At point A, $p_A = 100 \text{ psia}$.

From appendix MERM24B (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (U.S. Units)—Temperature Table”), the enthalpy of saturated liquid is $h_A = 298.5 \text{ Btu/lbm}$.

From appendix MERM24B, the enthalpy and entropy of saturated vapor are

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_B &= 1187.5 \text{ Btu/lbm} \\
 s_B &= 1.6032 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^\circ\text{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point C,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_C &= 1 \text{ atm} \\
 s_C &= s_B = 1.6032 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^\circ\text{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24B, the entropy and enthalpy of saturated liquid and entropy and enthalpy of vaporization are

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_f &= 0.3122 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^\circ\text{R} \\
 h_f &= 180.2 \text{ Btu/lbm} \\
 s_{fg} &= 1.4445 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^\circ\text{R} \\
 h_{fg} &= 970.1 \text{ Btu/lbm}
 \end{aligned}$$

As in *NCEES Handbook: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems*, the quality of the system at point C is

$$\begin{aligned}x_C &= \frac{s_C - s_f}{s_{fg}} \\&= \frac{1.6032 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}} - 0.3122 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}}}{1.4445 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}}} \\&= 0.894\end{aligned}$$

The specific enthalpy of the system at point C is

$$\begin{aligned}h_C &= h_f + x_C h_{fg} = 180.2 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + (0.894) \left(970.1 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\&= 1047.5 \text{ Btu/lbm}\end{aligned}$$

At point D, $T = 80^\circ\text{F}$ and $p_D = 1 \text{ atm}$ (subcooled). h and v are essentially independent of pressure.

From appendix MERM24A, the enthalpy and specific volume of saturated liquid are

$$\begin{aligned}h_D &= 48.07 \text{ Btu/lbm} \\v_D &= 0.01607 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lbm}\end{aligned}$$

At point E, $p_E = p_A = 100 \text{ psia}$.

From equation MERM28014 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*),

$$\begin{aligned}h_E &\approx h_D + v_D (p_E - p_D) \\&= 48.07 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + \left(0.01607 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\&\quad \times \frac{\left(100 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} - 14.7 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \right) \left(12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}} \right)^2}{778 \frac{\text{ft} \cdot \text{lbf}}{\text{Btu}}} \\&= 48.32 \text{ Btu/lbm}\end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28018 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned}h'_C &= h_B - \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} (h_B - h_C) \\&= 1187.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - (0.80) \left(1187.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1047.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\&= 1075.5 \text{ Btu/lbm}\end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28019 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the pump,

$$\begin{aligned}h'_E &= h_D + \frac{h_E - h_D}{\eta_{s,\text{pump}}} \\&= 48.07 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + \frac{48.32 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 48.07 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}}{0.6} \\&= 48.49 \text{ Btu/lbm}\end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28017 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the cycle is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{th} &= \frac{(h_B - h'_C) - (h'_E - h_D)}{h_B - h'_E} \\
 &= \frac{\left(1187.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1075.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right) - \left(48.49 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 48.07 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right)}{1187.5 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 48.49 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}} \\
 &= 0.098 \quad (10\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (A).

SI Solution

At point A, $p_A = 700 \text{ kPa}$ (7 bars).

From appendix MERM24O (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (SI Units)—Temperature Table”), the enthalpy of saturated liquid is $h_A = 697.00 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

From appendix MERM24O, the enthalpy and entropy of saturated vapor are

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_B &= 2762.8 \text{ kJ/kg} \\
 s_B &= 6.7071 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point C,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_C &= 1 \text{ atm} \\
 s_C &= s_B = 6.7071 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}
 \end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24O, the entropy and enthalpy of saturated liquid, the entropy of saturated vapor, and the enthalpy of vaporization are

$$\begin{aligned}
 s_f &= 1.3062 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \\
 h_f &= 418.79 \text{ kJ/kg} \\
 s_g &= 7.3553 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \\
 h_{fg} &= 2256.6 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

As in *NCEES Handbook*: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems,

$$\begin{aligned}
 x_C &= \frac{s_C - s_f}{s_g - s_f} = \frac{6.7071 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 1.3062 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}}{7.3553 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 1.3062 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}} \\
 &= 0.893 \\
 h_C &= h_f + x_C h_{fg} = 418.79 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + (0.893) \left(2256.6 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) \\
 &= 2433.9 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point D, $T = 27^\circ\text{C}$ and $p_D = 1 \text{ atm}$ (subcooled). h and v are essentially independent of pressure.

From appendix MERM24N, the enthalpy and specific volume of saturated liquid are

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_D &= 113.19 \text{ kJ/kg} \\
 v_D &= 1.0035 \text{ cm}^3/\text{g}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point E, $p_E = p_A = 700 \text{ kPa}$.

From equation MERM28014,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_E &\approx h_D + v_D (p_E - p_D) \\
 &= 113.19 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + \frac{\left(1.0035 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{g}}\right) \left(1000 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{kg}}\right) \times (700 \text{ kPa} - 101 \text{ kPa})}{10^6 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{m}^3}} \\
 &= 113.79 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28018 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h'_C &= h_B - \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} (h_B - h_C) \\
 &= 2762.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - (0.80) \left(2762.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2433.9 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) \\
 &= 2499.7 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28019 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the pump,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h'_E &= h_D + \frac{h_E - h_D}{\eta_{s,\text{pump}}} \\
 &= 113.19 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + \frac{113.79 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 113.19 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}{0.6} \\
 &= 114.19 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28017 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the cycle is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{(h_B - h'_C) - (h'_E - h_D)}{h_B - h'_E} \\
 &= \frac{\left(2762.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2499.7 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) - \left(114.19 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 113.19 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right)}{2762.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 114.19 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}} \\
 &= 0.10 \quad (10\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (A).

[5.](#)

Customary U.S. Solution

At point B, $p_B = 600 \text{ psia}$.

From appendix MERM24B (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (U.S. Units)—Temperature Table”), the enthalpy of the saturated liquid is $h_B = 471.7 \text{ Btu/lbm}$.

At point C, $p_C = 600 \text{ psia}$.

From appendix MERM24B, the enthalpy of the saturated vapor is $h_C = 1203.8 \text{ Btu/lbm}$.

At point D,

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_D &= 600^\circ\text{F} \\
 p_D &= 600 \text{ psia}
 \end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24C (also *NCEES Handbook: Superheated Steam (U.S. Customary Units)*), the enthalpy and entropy of superheated vapor are

$$\begin{aligned}h_D &= 1289.9 \text{ Btu/lbm} \\s_D &= 1.5326 \text{ Btu/lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}\end{aligned}$$

At point E,

$$\begin{aligned}p_E &= 20 \text{ psia} \\s_E &= s_D = 1.5326 \text{ Btu/lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}\end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24B (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (U.S. Units)—Temperature Table”), the various saturation properties are

$$\begin{aligned}s_f &= 0.3358 \text{ Btu/lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R} \\s_{fg} &= 1.3961 \text{ Btu/lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R} \\h_f &= 196.3 \text{ Btu/lbm} \\h_{fg} &= 959.9 \text{ Btu/lbm}\end{aligned}$$

As in *NCEES Handbook: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems*,

$$\begin{aligned}x_E &= \frac{s_E - s_f}{s_g - s_f} = \frac{1.3961 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}} - 0.3358 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}}}{1.5236 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}}} \\&= 0.89 \\h_E &= h_f + x_E h_{fg} \\&= 196.3 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + (0.89) \left(959.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\&= 1050.6 \text{ Btu/lbm}\end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28038 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned}h'_E &= h_D - \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} (h_D - h_E) \\&= 1289.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - (0.88) \\&\quad \times \left(1289.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1050.6 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\&= 1079.3 \text{ Btu/lbm}\end{aligned}$$

At point F, the temperature has been returned to 600°F, but the pressure stays at the expansion pressure, p_E .

$$\begin{aligned}p_F &= 20 \text{ psia} \\T_F &= 600^\circ\text{F}\end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24C (also *NCEES Handbook: Superheated Steam (U.S. Customary Units)*), the enthalpy and entropy of the superheated vapor are

$$\begin{aligned}h_F &= 1334.9 \text{ Btu/lbm} \\s_F &= 1.9399 \text{ Btu/lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}\end{aligned}$$

At point G,

$$\begin{aligned}T_G &= 60^\circ\text{F} \\s_G &= s_F \\&= 1.9399 \text{ Btu/lbm} \cdot ^\circ\text{R}\end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24A (also *NCEES Handbook* “Saturated Steam (U.S. Units)—Temperature Table”), the various saturation properties are

$$s_f = 0.05554 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^\circ\text{R}$$

$$s_g = 2.0940 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^\circ\text{R}$$

$$h_f = 28.08 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$h_{fg} = 1059.3 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

From *NCEES Handbook: Properties for Two-Phase (Vapor-Liquid) Systems*,

$$\begin{aligned} x_G &= \frac{s_G - s_f}{s_g - s_f} \\ &= \frac{1.9399 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm-}^\circ\text{R}} - 0.05554 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm-}^\circ\text{R}}}{2.0940 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm-}^\circ\text{R}} - 0.05554 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm-}^\circ\text{R}}} \\ &= 0.924 \\ h_G &= h_f + x_G h_{fg} \\ &= 28.08 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + (0.924) \left(1059.3 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\ &= 1006.9 \text{ Btu/lbm} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28039 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*, due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned} h'_G &= h_F - \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} (h_F - h_G) \\ &= 1334.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - (0.88) \left(1334.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1006.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\ &= 1046.3 \text{ Btu/lbm} \end{aligned}$$

At point H, $T_H = 60^\circ\text{F}$.

From appendix MERM24A (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (U.S. Units)—Temperature Table”), the saturation pressure, enthalpy, and specific volume of the saturated liquid are

$$p_H = 0.2564 \text{ psia}$$

$$h_H = 28.08 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$v_H = 0.01604 \text{ ft}^3/\text{lbm}$$

At point A, $p_A = 600 \text{ psia}$.

From equation MERM28014 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*),

$$\begin{aligned} h_A &\approx h_H + v_H (p_A - p_H) \\ &= 28.08 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \\ &\quad + \frac{\left(0.01604 \frac{\text{ft}^3}{\text{lbm}} \right) \times \left(600 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} - 0.2564 \frac{\text{lbf}}{\text{in}^2} \right) \left(12 \frac{\text{in}}{\text{ft}} \right)^2}{778 \frac{\text{ft-lbf}}{\text{Btu}}} \\ &= 29.86 \text{ Btu/lbm} \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28040 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the pump,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h'_A &= h_H + \frac{h_A - h_H}{\eta_{s,pump}} \\
 &= 28.08 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + \frac{29.86 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 28.08 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}}{0.96} \\
 &= 29.93 \text{ Btu/lbm}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28037 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the cycle for a non-isentropic process for the turbine and the pump is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{th} &= \frac{(h_D - h'_A) + (h_F - h'_E) - (h'_G - h_H)}{(h_D - h'_A) + (h_F - h'_E)} \\
 &\quad \left(1289.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 29.93 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \left(1334.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1079.3 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\
 &\quad - \left(1046.3 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 28.08 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\left(1289.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 29.93 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \left(1334.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1051.4 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} \right)}{ } \\
 &= 0.33 \quad (33\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (B).

SI Solution

At point B, $p_B = 4 \text{ MPa}$.

From appendix MERM240 (also *NCEES Handbook* “Saturated Steam (SI Units)—Temperature Table”), the enthalpy of saturated liquid is $h_B = 1082.5 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point C, $p_C = 4 \text{ MPa}$.

From appendix MERM240, the enthalpy of saturated vapor is $h_C = 2800.8 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point D, $p_D = 4 \text{ MPa}$ and $T_D = 300^\circ\text{C}$.

As in *NCEES Handbook* figure “Temperature-Entropy (T-S) Diagram (SI Units),” the enthalpy of superheated vapor is $h_D = 2980 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point E, in the diagram, assuming isentropic expansion, $h_E = 2395 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

From equation MERM28038 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h'_E &= h_D - \eta_{s,turbine} (h_D - h_E) \\
 &= 2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - (0.88) \left(2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2395 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\
 &= 2465.2 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

At point F,

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_F &= 150 \text{ kPa} \\
 T_F &= 300^\circ\text{C}
 \end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24P (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (SI Units)—Temperature Table”), the enthalpy and entropy of the superheated vapor are

$$\begin{aligned}h_F &= 3073.3 \text{ kJ/kg} \\s_F &= 8.0284 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}\end{aligned}$$

At point G,

$$\begin{aligned}T_G &= 16^\circ\text{C} \\s_G &= s_F = 8.0284 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}\end{aligned}$$

From appendix MERM24N (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Saturated Steam (SI Units)—Temperature Table”), the various saturation properties are

$$\begin{aligned}s_f &= 0.2390 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \\s_g &= 8.7570 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K} \\h_f &= 67.17 \text{ kJ/kg} \\h_{fg} &= 2463.0 \text{ kJ/kg}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_G &= \frac{s_G - s_f}{s_g - s_f} \\&= \frac{8.0284 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 0.2390 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}}{8.7570 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}} - 0.2390 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}\cdot\text{K}}} \\&= 0.914\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}h_G &= h_f + x_G h_{fg} \\&= 67.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + (0.914) \left(2463.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\&= 2318.4 \text{ kJ/kg}\end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28039, due to the inefficiency of the turbine,

$$\begin{aligned}h'_G &= h_F - \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} (h_F - h_G) \\&= 3073.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - (0.88) \left(3073.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2318.4 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\&= 2409.0 \text{ kJ/kg}\end{aligned}$$

At point H, $T_H = 16^\circ\text{C}$.

From appendix MERM24N (also *NCEES Handbook* “Saturated Steam (SI Units)—Temperature Table”), the saturation pressure, enthalpy, and specific volume of the saturated liquid are

$$\begin{aligned}p_H &= (0.01819 \text{ bar}) \left(100 \frac{\text{kPa}}{\text{bar}} \right) = 1.819 \text{ kPa} \\h_H &= 67.17 \text{ kJ/kg} \\v_H &= \frac{\left(1.0011 \frac{\text{cm}^3}{\text{g}} \right) \left(1000 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{kg}} \right)}{\left(100 \frac{\text{cm}}{\text{m}} \right)^3} \\&= 1.0011 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}\end{aligned}$$

At point A,

$$p_A = (4 \text{ MPa}) \left(1000 \frac{\text{kPa}}{\text{MPa}} \right) = 4000 \text{ kPa}$$

From equation MERM28014 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*),

$$\begin{aligned}
 h_A &\approx h_H + v_H (p_A - p_H) \\
 &= 67.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + \left(1.0011 \times 10^{-3} \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{kg}} \right) \\
 &\quad \times (4000 \text{ kPa} - 1.819 \text{ kPa}) \\
 &= 71.17 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28040 (also *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*), due to the inefficiency of the pump,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h'_A &= h_H + \frac{h_A - h_H}{\eta_{s,\text{pump}}} \\
 &= 67.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + \frac{71.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 67.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}{0.96} \\
 &= 71.34 \text{ kJ/kg}
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation MERM28037 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the cycle for a non-isentropic process for the turbine and the pump is

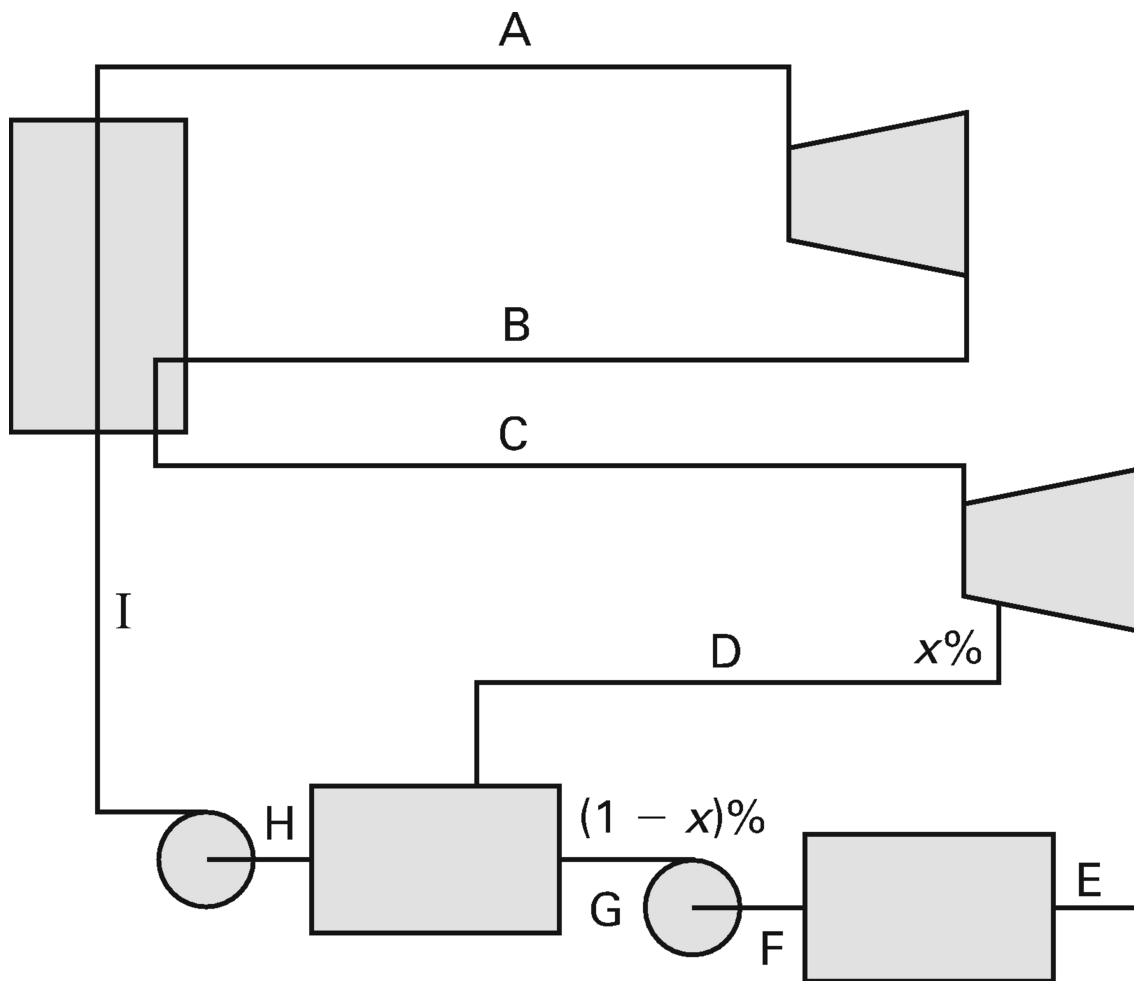
$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{(h_D - h'_A) + (h_F - h'_E) - (h'_G - h_H)}{(h_D - h'_A) + (h_F - h'_E)} \\
 &\quad \left(2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 71.34 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\
 &\quad + \left(3073.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2465.2 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\
 &\quad - \left(2409.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 67.17 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\
 &= \frac{\left(2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 71.34 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right)}{\left(2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 71.34 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right)} \\
 &\quad + \left(3073.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2465.2 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} \right) \\
 &= 0.334 \quad (34\%)
 \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (B).

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Customary U.S. Solution

Refer to the given illustration in the problem statement and to the following diagram.



At point A,

$$p_A = 900 \text{ psia}$$

$$T_A = 800^\circ\text{F}$$

Using *NCEES Handbook* table “Superheated Steam (U.S. Units),”

$$h_A = 1393.9 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$s_A = 1.5816 \text{ Btu/lbm-}^\circ\text{R}$$

From the Mollier diagram, assuming isentropic expansion to 200 psia, $h_B = 1230 \text{ Btu/lbm}$.

As in *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*, isentropic efficiency of the high pressure turbine is

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{s,\text{turbine}} &= \frac{h_A - h'_B}{h_A - h_B} \\ &= \left(\frac{1393.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1270 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}}{1393.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1230 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}} \right) \times 100\% \\ &= 75.59\% \end{aligned}$$

At point C,

$$p_C = 190 \text{ psia}$$

$$T_C = 800^\circ\text{F}$$

Using appendix MERM24C (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Superheated Steam (U.S. Units)”), $h_C = 1426.0 \text{ Btu/lbm}$.

$$\text{At D: } h'_D = 1280 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$\text{At E: } h'_E = 1075 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$\text{At F: } h_F = 69.73 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$\text{At G: } W_{\text{pump}} = 0.15 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$W_{\text{pump}} = h'_G - h_F$$

$$h'_G = W_{\text{pump}} + h_F$$

$$= 0.15 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} + 69.73 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}$$

$$= 69.88 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$\text{At H: } h_H = 250.2 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

$$\text{At I: } h'_I = 253.1 \text{ Btu/lbm}$$

From an energy balance in the heater,

$$x h'_D + (1 - x) h'_G = h_H$$

$$x (h'_D - h'_G) = h_H - h'_G$$

$$x = \frac{h_H - h'_G}{h'_D - h'_G} = \frac{250.2 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 69.88 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}}{1280 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 69.88 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}}$$

$$= 0.149$$

From equation MERM28008 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the cycle is

$$\begin{aligned} \eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{W_{\text{out}} - W_{\text{in}}}{Q_{\text{in}}} \\ &= \frac{(h_A - h'_B) + (h_C - h'_D) + (1 - x)(h'_D - h'_E) - (h'_I - h_H) - (1 - x)(h'_G - h_F)}{(h_A - h'_I) + (h_C - h'_B)} \\ &= \frac{\left(1393.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1270 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right) + \left(1426.0 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1280 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right) + (1 - 0.149) \left(1280 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1075 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right) - \left(253.1 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 250.2 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right) - (1 - 0.149) \left(69.88 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 69.73 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right)}{\left(1393.9 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 253.1 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right) + \left(1426.0 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}} - 1270 \frac{\text{Btu}}{\text{lbm}}\right)} \\ &= 0.340 \quad (34\%) \end{aligned}$$

The answer is (C).

SI Solution

Refer to the illustration in the problem statement and to the diagram in the customary U.S. solution.

At point A,

$$p_A = 6.2 \text{ MPa}$$

$$T_A = 420^\circ \text{C}$$

From (also *NCEES Handbook* figure “Temperature-Entropy (T-S) Diagram (SI Units)”),

$$h_A = 3235.0 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$s_A = 6.65 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot\text{K}$$

Use *NCEES Handbook* table “Pressure-Enthalpy (p-H) Diagram (SI Units).” Assuming isentropic expansion to 1.5 MPa, $h_B = 2860 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

As in *NCEES Handbook: Open Thermodynamic Systems*, isentropic efficiency of the high pressure turbine is

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{s,\text{turbine}} &= \frac{h_A - h'_B}{h_A - h_B} = \frac{3235.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2960 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}{3235.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2860 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}} \\ &= 0.733 \quad (73\%) \end{aligned}$$

At point C,

$$p_C = 1.4 \text{ MPa}$$

$$T_C = 420^\circ\text{C}$$

Using appendix MERM24P (also *NCEES Handbook* table “Superheated Steam (SI Units)”), $h_C = 3301.3 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point D, $h'_D = 2980 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point E, $h'_E = 2500 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point F, $h'_F = 162.5 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point G,

$$W_{\text{pump}} = 0.3 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$= h'_G - h_F$$

$$h'_G = W_{\text{pump}} + h_F$$

$$= 0.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} + 162.5 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}$$

$$= 162.8 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

At point H, $h_H = 583.0 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

At point I, $h'_I = 589.7 \text{ kJ/kg}$.

From an energy balance in the heater,

$$x h'_D + (1 - x) h'_G = h_H$$

$$x (h'_D - h'_G) = h_H - h'_G$$

$$x = \frac{h_H - h'_G}{h'_D - h'_G}$$

$$= \frac{583.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 162.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}{2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 162.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}}$$

$$= 0.149$$

From equation MERM28008 (also *NCEES Handbook: Power Cycles*), the thermal efficiency of the cycle is

$$\begin{aligned}
\eta_{\text{th}} &= \frac{W_{\text{out}} - W_{\text{in}}}{Q_{\text{in}}} \\
&= \frac{(h_{\text{A}} - h_{\text{B}}') + (h_{\text{C}} - h_{\text{D}}') + (1 - x)(h_{\text{D}}' - h_{\text{E}}') - (h_{\text{I}}' - h_{\text{H}}) - (1 - x)(h_{\text{G}}' - h_{\text{F}})}{(h_{\text{A}} - h_{\text{I}}') + (h_{\text{C}} - h_{\text{B}}')} \\
&= \frac{\left(3235.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2960 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) + \left(3301.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) + (1 - 0.149) \left(2980 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2500 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) - \left(598.7 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 583.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) - (1 - 0.149) \left(162.8 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 162.5 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right)}{\left(3235.0 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 598.7 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right) + \left(3301.3 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}} - 2960 \frac{\text{kJ}}{\text{kg}}\right)} \\
&= 0.332 \quad (34\%)
\end{aligned}$$

The answer is (C).