



Section A: Example Questions

**For full marks: Show clearly written calculations below/or in answer booklet
and mark data points on the graph in figure 1**

Marks	Section A: Example Question Question 1	Final Answers
	Using the phase diagram for the aluminium-copper Alloy binary system shown in figure 1 , answer the following questions:	
	[a] What phases are present at 600°C, 15wt% Cu ?	<input type="text"/>
	[b] What is the composition of each phase from part (a), in wt% Cu?	<input type="text"/>
		<input type="text"/>
	[c] What is the fraction of liquid phase at 600°C and 15wt% Cu ?	<input type="text"/>
	[d] At what temperature does an alloy material of 45 wt% Cu begin to start melting?	<input type="text"/>
	[e] At what temperature does an alloy material of 3 wt% Cu begin to start solidifying?	<input type="text"/>
	[f] What is the eutectic temperature and composition for the Al-Cu system?	<input type="text"/>
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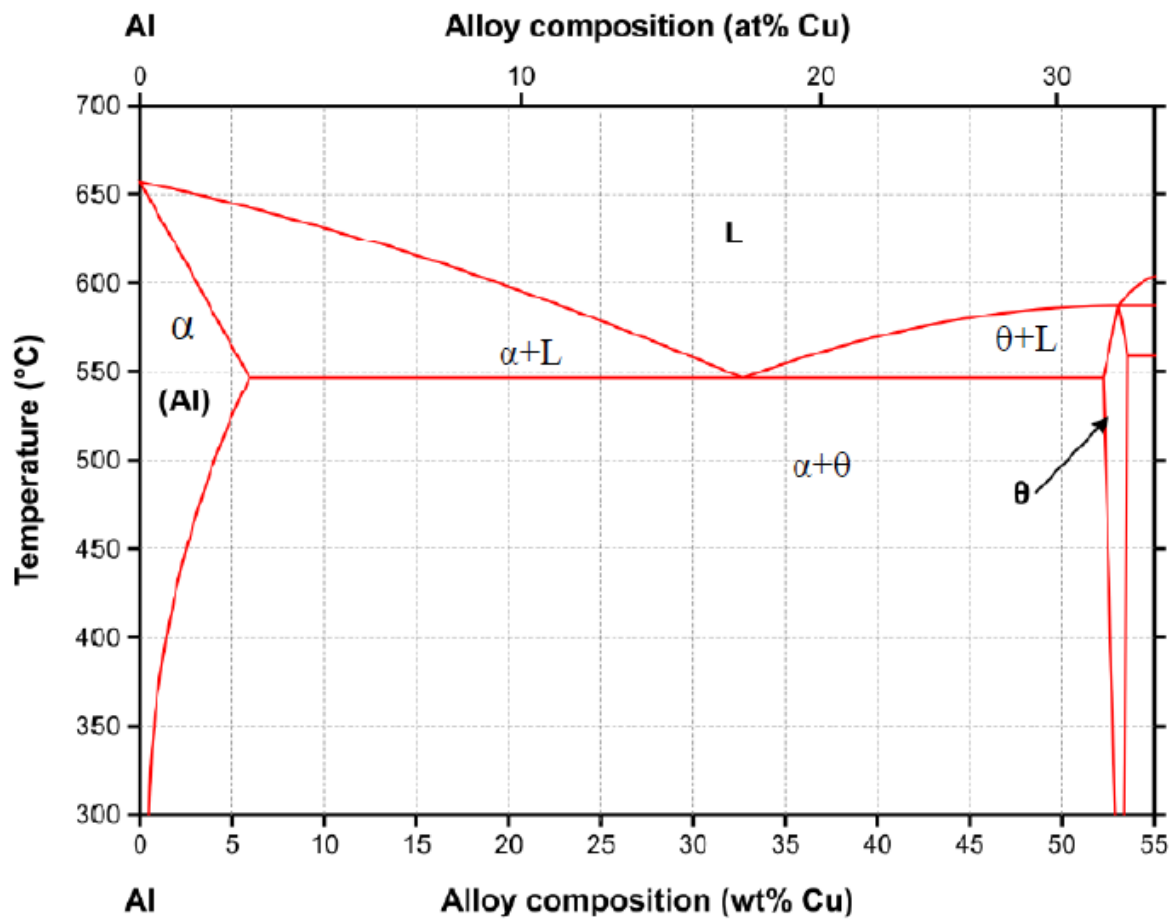


Figure 1:



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Question 2

- [a] Block of cast iron has dimensions of 35 mm by 24 mm by 18 mm and is at temperature of 12°C. Determine the increase in volume when the temperature of the block is raised to 67°C.

Assume the coefficient of linear expansion of cast iron to be $11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$.

- [b] To what temperature would 15kg of an aluminium specimen at 23°C be raised if 115 kJ of heat is supplied?

- [c] A manhole cover has a diameter of 0.95m at 23°C. The cover is made of a copper/zinc alloy with a coefficient of linear expansion of $2.6 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and Young's Modulus of 112GPa.

What temperature does the stress (σ) reach -142.68 MPa?

- [d] A Polyvinylchloride (PVC), sample was found to have the following molecular weight distribution described in **Table 1**. $m=62.5\text{g/mol}$.

Table 1: Molecular weight distribution data

Number fraction	Weight fraction	Molecular weight Range g.mol ⁻¹
X_i	w_i	M
0.05	0.02	12,000 - 16,000
0.16	0.11	16,000 - 24,000
0.21	0.20	24,000 - 32,000
0.25	0.26	32,000 - 40,000
0.20	0.23	40,000 - 48,000
0.13	0.18	48,000 - 56,000

- Calculate the number average and weight average molecular weights.
- Calculate the number average and weight average degree of polymerisation.

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Section B: Example Question Question 1

A continuous and aligned fiber–reinforced composite is to be produced consisting of 35 vol% Kevlar fibers and 65 vol% polyester matrix; the mechanical characteristics of these two materials are as follows:

Table 2: Composite material properties

	Modulus of Elasticity (GPa)	Tensile Strength (MPa)
Kevlar fiber	130	3720
Polyester	3.2	55.2

The composite has a cross-sectional area of 185 mm^2 and is subjected to a longitudinal load of 22 kN .

- [a] Calculate the modulus of elasticity of this composite where loading is applied in the longitudinal direction of the fibres
- [b] Calculate the fiber–matrix load ratio.
- [c] Calculate the actual loads carried by both fiber and matrix phases.
- [d] Compute the magnitude of the stress on each of the fiber and matrix phases.
- [e] What strain is experienced by each phase?

Final Answers



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Section B: Example Questions

Question 2

- [f] For intrinsic silicon, the electrical conductivity at room temperature is $4.39 \times 10^{-4} \text{ S/m}$. If the charge of an electron is $-1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$, and the electron and hole mobilities are $0.14 \text{ m}^2/\text{V.s}$ and $0.05 \text{ m}^2/\text{V.s}$ respectively:

Calculate the intrinsic carrier concentration (n_i) of the silicon at room temperature (25°C).

- (a) A gold wire 2.5 mm in diameter is to offer a resistance of no more than 2.4Ω . Using the data in Table 3, compute the maximum wire length.

Table 3: Room-Temperature Electrical Conductivities for Nine Common Metals and Alloys

<i>Metal</i>	<i>Electrical Conductivity</i> [$(\Omega \cdot \text{m})^{-1}$]
Silver	6.8×10^7
Copper	6.0×10^7
Gold	4.3×10^7
Aluminum	3.8×10^7
Brass (70 Cu–30 Zn)	1.6×10^7
Iron	1.0×10^7
Platinum	0.94×10^7
Plain carbon steel	0.6×10^7
Stainless steel	0.2×10^7



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$E_{cl} = E_m V_m + E_f V_f$	$A_f = V_f A$ $A_m = V_m A$
$\frac{F_f}{F_m} = \frac{E_f V_f}{E_m V_m}$	$\Delta l = \alpha l_0 \Delta T$
$\sigma = \frac{1}{\rho}$	$\sigma = -E \alpha_l \Delta T$ $\sigma = E \alpha_l (T_o - T_f)$
$R = \frac{V}{I}$	$\rho = \frac{RA}{l}$
$P = \frac{V^2}{R}$	$\sigma = q n (\mu_n)$
$\sigma = q p (\mu_p)$	$\sigma = q n_i (\mu_n + \mu_e)$
$C = \left(\frac{Q}{m \Delta T} \right)$	$DP = \frac{\bar{M}}{m_a}$
$\bar{M}_n = \sum_i x_i M_i$	$r = d \sqrt{N}$ $L = Nd \cdot \sin \left(\frac{\theta}{2} \right)$
$\bar{M}_w = \sum_i w_i M_i$	$W_L = \frac{C_\alpha - C_0}{C_\alpha - C_L}$