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# Refrigeration & Air Conditioning

## MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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### ANSWER KEY ➤

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| 1. (b) | 7. (b)  | 13. (a) | 19. (c) | 25. (c) |
| 2. (b) | 8. (d)  | 14. (b) | 20. (c) | 26. (b) |
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| 4. (b) | 10. (a) | 16. (b) | 22. (b) | 28. (a) |
| 5. (b) | 11. (d) | 17. (a) | 23. (b) | 29. (a) |
| 6. (c) | 12. (b) | 18. (b) | 24. (c) | 30. (a) |

## DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (b)

For saturated hydrocarbon, refrigerant chemical formula is  $C_m H_n F_p Cl_q$

$$R - (m - 1)(n + 1)p$$

where  $n + p + q = 2m + 2$

$$\therefore m - 1 = 1, m = 2$$

$$n + 1 = 1, n = 0$$

$$p = 3$$

$$\therefore 0 + 3 + q = 2 \times 2 + 2 = 6$$

$$q = 3$$

$$\therefore R - 113 = C_2 H_0 F_3 Cl_3 = C_2 Cl_3 F_3$$

3. (c)

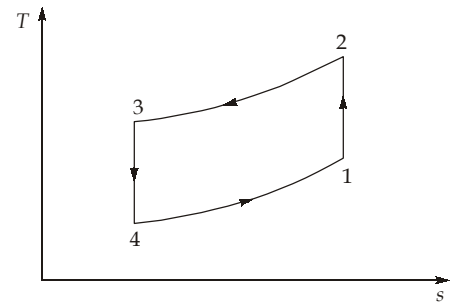
$$r_p = 10 = \frac{P_2}{P_1}, T_1 = 283 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{1.4-1/1.4}$$

$$\text{COP} = \frac{1}{r_p^{\gamma-1/\gamma} - 1}$$

$$\text{COP} = \frac{1}{10^{1.4-1/1.4} - 1}$$

$$\text{COP} = 1.0745$$



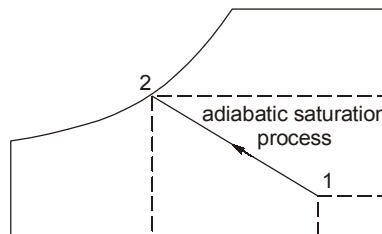
4. (b)

$$(\text{COP}) = \frac{(\text{COP})_1 \times (\text{COP})_2}{1 + (\text{COP})_1 + (\text{COP})_2} = \frac{2.3 \times 1.6}{1 + 2.3 + 1.6} = 0.751$$

7. (b)

As from diagram  $\omega_2 > \omega_1$

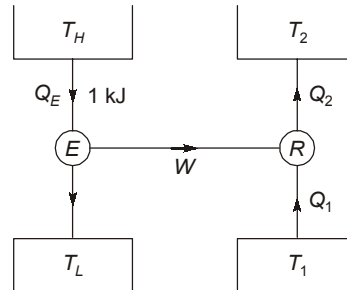
So its a humidification process.



9. (b)

$$\text{Given: } \eta_E = 0.8 = \frac{W}{Q_E} = \frac{W}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow W = 0.8 \text{ kJ}$$



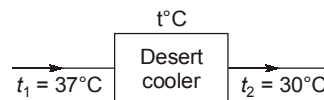
$$\text{COP}_R = \frac{Q_2 - W}{W} = 6$$

$$\text{or } Q_2 = 5.6 \text{ kJ}$$

10. (a)

Absorption of ammonia in absorber lowers the pressure which helps to draw more ammonia.

11. (d)



$$\therefore \eta = 1 - \left( \frac{t_2 - t}{t_1 - t} \right)$$

$$0.7 = 1 - \left( \frac{30 - t}{37 - t} \right)$$

$$\therefore t = 27^\circ\text{C}$$

$\therefore$  (D) is the correct answer.

12. (b)

$$RC = \frac{600 \times 10^3}{24 \times 3600} \text{ kJ/sec}$$

$$RC = 6.944 \text{ kW}$$

$$1 \text{ TR} = \frac{6.944}{3.5} = 1.98 \text{ TR}$$

13. (a)

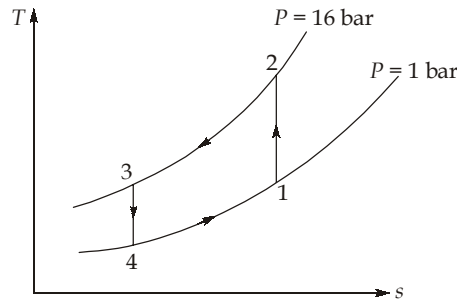
Air passing through silica gel - Chemical dehumidification

Summer air conditioning - Cooling and Dehumidification

Winter air conditioning - Heating and humidification

Cooling tower - Adiabatic evaporative cooling

14. (b)



$$T_1 = -5^\circ\text{C} = 268 \text{ K}$$

$$T_3 = 30^\circ\text{C} = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{T_3}{T_4} = (r_p)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} = (16)^{0.4/1.4} = 2.208$$

$$T_2 = 591.74 \text{ K}, T_4 = 137.22 \text{ K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Refrigeration effect} &= h_1 - h_4 = c_p (T_1 - T_4) \\ &= 1.005(268 - 137.22) \\ &= 131.43 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mass flow rate} = \frac{\text{Refrigeration capacity}}{\text{Refrigeration effect}} = \frac{33.5}{131.43} = 0.2548 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{\text{compressor}} &= \frac{mRT_1}{P_1} = \frac{0.2548 \times 0.287 \times 268}{100} \\ &= 0.196 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 11.76 \text{ m}^3/\text{min} \end{aligned}$$

15. (b)

$$\eta_v = 1 - c \left[ \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\eta_v = 1 - c \left[ (r_p)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right]$$

$$\text{For } (r_p)_{\max}, \quad \eta_v = 0$$

$$1 - c \left[ (r_p)_{\max}^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (r_p)_{\max} &= \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{c} \right]^n = \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{0.05} \right]^{1.25} \\ &= 44.95 \simeq 45 \end{aligned}$$

16. (b)

$$\text{At inlet,} \quad \phi_1 = 100\%$$

$$\left( \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}} \right)_1 = 1$$

$$p_v = p_{vs} = 1.7057 \text{ kPa}$$

Since there is no pressure losses,

$$(p_v)_1 = (p_v)_2 = 1.7057 \text{ kPa}$$

Relative humidity at output,

$$\phi_2 = \left( \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}} \right)_2 = \frac{1.7057}{4.2469}$$

$$\phi_2 = 40.16\%$$

17. (a)

$$\text{COP} = \frac{T_H}{T_H - T_L} = \frac{Q_s}{W_{in}}$$

$$T_H = 273 + 74 = 347 \text{ K}$$

$$T_L = 273 - 4 = 269 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{347}{347 - 269} = \frac{2000 \times 10^6}{\frac{24 \times 3600}{W_{in}}}$$

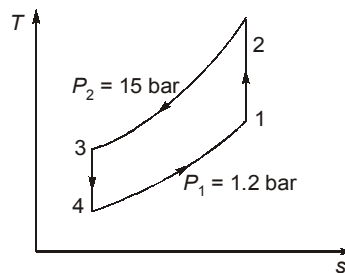
$$\Rightarrow 4.4487 = \frac{23148}{W_{in}}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_{in} = 5203 \text{ W} = 5.2 \text{ kW}$$

18. (b)

The discharge pressure at a given condenser temperature should be as small as possible to allow lightweight construction of compressor, condenser etc.

19. (c)



Given:

$$T_1 = 10^\circ\text{C} = 283 \text{ K}$$

$$T_3 = 25^\circ\text{C} = 298 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{T_4}{T_3} = \left( \frac{P_1}{P_2} \right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{T_4}{298} = \left( \frac{1.2}{15} \right)^{\frac{0.4}{1.4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_4 = 144.81 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Cooling load} = \dot{m} c_p (T_1 - T_4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 50 = \dot{m} \times 1.005 \times (283 - 144.81)$$

$$\dot{m} = 0.36 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\text{Volume handled by the compressor, } \dot{V}_c = \frac{\dot{m} R T_1}{P_1} = 0.24 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Volume handled by the expander, } \dot{V}_e = \frac{\dot{m} R T_4}{P_1} = 0.12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

20. (c)

Since a temperature difference of 7K is required for heat transfer, the  $\text{CO}_2$  evaporator and  $\text{NH}_3$  condenser temperature are given by:

$$T_{e, \text{CO}_2} = -36 - 7 = -43^\circ\text{C} = 230 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{c, \text{NH}_3} = 43 + 7 = 50^\circ\text{C} = 323 \text{ K}$$

In the cascade condenser

$$T_{c, \text{CO}_2} = T_{e, \text{NH}_3} + 7$$

Also;

$$(T_{c, \text{CO}_2} - T_{e, \text{CO}_2}) = (T_{c, \text{NH}_3} - T_{e, \text{NH}_3})$$

$$T_{c, \text{CO}_2} = 280 \text{ K}$$

$$T_{e, \text{NH}_3} = 273 \text{ K}$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{CO}_2} = \frac{T_{e, \text{CO}_2}}{T_{c, \text{CO}_2} - T_{e, \text{CO}_2}} = \frac{230}{280 - 230}$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{CO}_2} = 4.6$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{NH}_3} = \frac{T_{e, \text{NH}_3}}{T_{c, \text{NH}_3} - T_{e, \text{NH}_3}} = \frac{273}{323 - 273} = 5.46$$

$$\text{Power input to } \text{CO}_2 \text{ compressor} = W_{c, \text{CO}_2} = \frac{Q_{e, \text{CO}_2}}{(\text{COP})_{\text{CO}_2}}$$

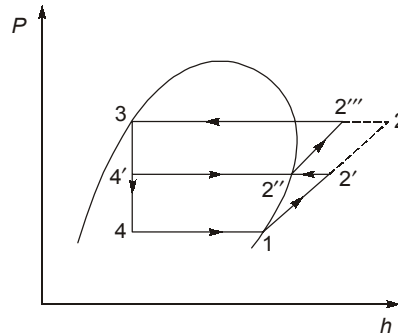
$$= \frac{10 \times 3.517}{4.6} = 7.65 \text{ kW}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{e, \text{NH}_3} &= Q_{c, \text{CO}_2} = Q_{e, \text{CO}_2} + W_{c, \text{CO}_2} \\ &= 35.17 + 7.65 = 42.82 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Power input to } \text{NH}_3 \text{ compressor} = \frac{Q_{e, \text{NH}_3}}{(\text{COP})_{\text{NH}_3}} = \frac{42.82}{5.46} = 7.84 \text{ kW}$$

21. (d)

Two stage system:



Mass flow rate through first compressor,  $\dot{m}_{r1} = \frac{Q_e}{(h_1 - h_4)}$

$$\dot{m}_{r1} = \frac{100}{392.7 - 248.4}$$

$$\dot{m}_{r1} = 0.693 \text{ kg/s}$$

Energy balance across intercooler

$$\dot{m}_{r2}h_{1'} = \dot{m}_{r1}h_{2'} + (\dot{m}_{r2} - \dot{m}_{r1})h_{4'} \quad (h_{4'} = h_3 = 248.4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m}_{r2}(407.2) = 0.693 \times 424.4 + (\dot{m}_{r2} - 0.693) \times 248.4$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m}_{r2} = 0.768 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\frac{\dot{m}_{r1}}{\dot{m}_{r2}} = 0.902$$

22. (b)

$$V = 0.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$v = \frac{R_a T}{P_a} = \frac{R_a T}{P_t - P_v}$$

$$P_v = 0.8 \times P_{vs} = 1.3 \text{ kPa}$$

$$T = 15 + 273 = 288 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{0.287 \times 288}{100 - 1.3} = 0.84 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg d.a.}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m}_a = \frac{V}{v} = \frac{0.1}{0.84} = 0.12 \text{ kg/s}$$

23. (b)

$$\dot{m}_a = 19 \text{ kg/s}$$

Humidity ratio at inlet,  $\omega_i = 0.0143 \text{ kg w.a./kg d.a.}$

Humidity ratio at outlet,  $\omega_o = 0.0203 \text{ kg w.a./kg d.a.}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Amount of make up water required} &= \dot{m}_a (\omega_o - \omega_i) \\ &= 19 \times (0.0203 - 0.0143) = 114 \text{ g/s} \end{aligned}$$

24. (c)

$$\text{RSHF} = \frac{SH}{SH + LH}$$

$$0.75 = \frac{75}{75 + LH}$$

$$LH = 25 \text{ kW}$$

Now, latent heat,  $LH = 50(\text{cmm}) \times \Delta\omega$

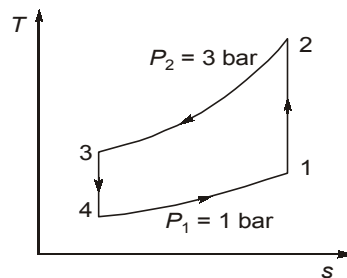
$$\Delta\omega = \frac{25}{50 \times 200} = 0.0025 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

$$\frac{25}{50 \times 200} = (\omega_{\text{room}} - \omega_{\text{supply}}) = 0.0025$$

$$\omega_{\text{room}} = 0.0025 + 0.005$$

$$\omega_{\text{room}} = 0.0075 \text{ kg/kg of dry air}$$

25. (c)



$$T_1 = 270 \text{ K}; P_1 = 1 \text{ atm}; P_2 = 3 \text{ atm}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_2 = T_1 \times \left[ \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right]^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} = 270 \times (3)^{0.4/1.4} = 370 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_3 = 300 \text{ K}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_4 = \frac{T_3}{\left[ \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right]^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}} = 300 / (3)^{0.4/1.4} = 219.35 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{Specific volume, } v_1 = \frac{RT_1}{P_1} = \frac{287 \times 270}{1.01 \times 10^5} = 0.765 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$



$$\text{Mass flow rate, } \dot{m} = \frac{\dot{V}}{v_1} = \frac{1.5}{0.765} = 1.96 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Net power input} &= \dot{m} c_p [(T_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T_4)] \\ &= 1.96 \times 1.005 [(370 - 270) - (300 - 219.35)] = 38.11 \text{ kW} \end{aligned}$$

26. (b)

$$(\text{COP})_A = (\text{COP})_B$$

$$\frac{T_L}{T - T_L} = \frac{T}{T_H - T}$$

$$T_L T_H - T_L T = T^2 - T_L T$$

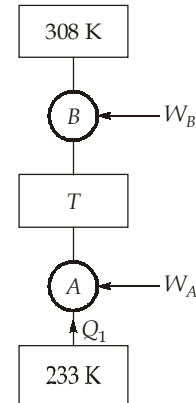
$$T^2 = T_L T_H$$

$$T = \sqrt{T_L T_H} = \sqrt{308 \times 233} = 267.88 \text{ K}$$

$$(\text{COP})_A = \frac{233}{267.88 - 233} = 6.68$$

$$W_A = \frac{Q_1}{(\text{COP})_A} = \frac{3}{6.68}$$

$$= 0.449 \text{ kJ/s} \simeq 0.45 \text{ kJ/s}$$



27. (d)

$$\dot{Q}_L = 4 \text{ kW}$$

$$T_L = 24 + 273 = 297 \text{ K}$$

$$T_H = 35^\circ\text{C} = 35 + 273 = 308 \text{ K}$$

COP of carnot refrigerator

$$\text{COP} = \frac{T_L}{T_H - T_L} = \frac{297}{308 - 297} = 27$$

Lower limit of power input required

$$\text{COP} = \frac{\text{Desired effect}}{\text{Power input}}$$

$$\text{Power input} = \frac{4}{27} = 0.148 \approx 0.15 \text{ kW}$$

30. (a)

As the flash chamber reduces the mass flow of refrigerant through the evaporator, it helps in reduction of size of evaporator.

