

Assignment 15, due Wednesday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>

Assume that the mode I plane strain fracture toughness ( $K_{IC}$ ) for partially stabilized zirconia is  $10 \text{ MPa}\cdot\text{m}^{1/2}$ . Assume a **VERY** wide plate ( $W \gg a$ ) of this material contains an edge crack  $100 \mu\text{m}$  deep and is subjected to a  $300 \text{ MPa}$  tensile stress applied normal to that crack. Determine if this plate fail by fracture (crack will propagate through).