

**MSE 2001-B: Exam #3**

Answer Key

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## Part I: Conceptual

True/False/Maybe: 20 points (2 point each)

(The answer to the following questions are either true, false, or maybe)

- (1) T Interstitial diffusion mechanisms are generally faster than vacancy diffusion mechanisms.
- (2) T Diffusion-based phase transformations are highly dependent on time, whereas diffusionless phase transformations are near instantaneous.
- (3) T When casting steel and aluminum, shrinkage is always experienced as the material solidifies.
- (4) T Sintering of ceramic particles at high temperatures allows the particles to join together via diffusion but results in tiny formation of pores (i.e. porosity).
- (5) T Cold working (i.e. strain hardening) tends to align the grains of a sample in the direction of the applied stress.
- (6) F The yield strength of a material,  $\sigma_y$ , is highly dependent on the cross-sectional area of the material.
- (7) F Process annealing is a heat treatment used to harden a material by restricting/limiting dislocation motion.
- (8) F A material phase begins to melt (i.e. turn to liquid) above the Solvus Line in a Eutectic Phase Diagram.
- (9) F A carbon-carbon double bond ( $C=C$ ) is considered a "saturated" bond.
- (10) M A change in a material's composition (i.e. adding/subtracting substitutional atoms) will result in a phase transformation in an effort to minimize energy and reach equilibrium.

Fill in the Blank: 8 points (1 points each)

(Using the answers to the right, fill in the blanks in the correct order)

<u># of Carbons in Chain</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Answers</u>
1-4	<u>Propane</u>	Candles/Wax
5-11	<u>Gasoline</u>	Gasoline
9-16	<u>Kerosene</u>	Propane Gas
16-25	<u>Oil n Grease</u>	Bulletproof vests
25-50	<u>Candles/Wax</u>	Adhesives
50-1000	<u>Adhesives</u>	Kerosene
1000-5000	<u>Plastic Bottles</u>	Plastic Bottles
$3-6 \times 10^5$	<u>Bulletproof Vests</u>	Oil and Grease

Conceptual:

- (1) You happen to crash your motorcycle at the track and need to replace a critical part in the frame. You order the part from two different manufacturers to compare the quality of the parts. Even though they are supposed to be the same part, one is much heavier than the other. Furthermore, one part was much more expensive than the other. Which part was likely "cast" and which part was likely "formed/wrought"? (5 pts) Why? (5 pts)

Heavier / Cheaper Part  $\Rightarrow$  Cast

Lighter / Expensive Part  $\Rightarrow$  Formed (5pts)

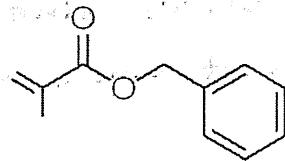
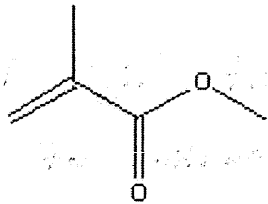
Cast materials are bulky / overdesigned  
and hence heavier. (2.5pts)

Forming processes require extra processing  
steps and are expensive. (2.5 pts)

$\hookrightarrow$  note: casting may require extra machining  
to finish a part; however, this  
is relatively inexpensive.

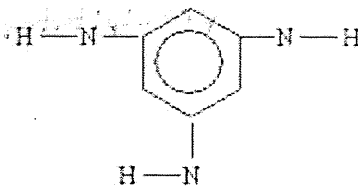
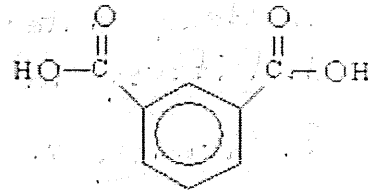
$\hookrightarrow$  note: if student mentions castings are  
rougher (on surface) than formed  
parts, credit should be given.

- (2) Which pair of monomers is designed to polymerize via step-growth polymerization and which set is designed to polymerize via chain-growth polymerization? (5 pts)



Set 1

Chain Growth



Set 2

Step Growth

Which set will synthesize a thermoplastic and which set will synthesize a thermoset? (2 pts) Why? (3 pts)

Set 1  $\Rightarrow$  thermoplastic (1pt)  $\rightarrow$  mono-functional monomers  
 Set 2  $\Rightarrow$  thermoset (1pt)  $\rightarrow$  tri-functional monomer } 3pts.

If you were to manufacture a plastic toy dinosaur out of the thermoplastic and thermoset, name a processing technique you could use to create the dinosaur? (i.e. how would you process the thermoset and how would you process the thermoplastic?) (5 pts)

Thermoplastic

- Machine
- Cast
- Mold
- Injection Mold
- Compression Mold

Thermoset

- ~ Machine
- ~ Cast
- $\hookrightarrow$  I will accept "synthesize in mold" but not injection mold or other mold techniques

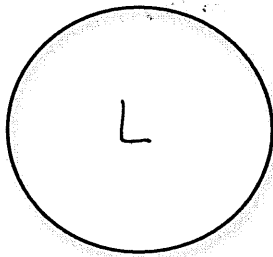
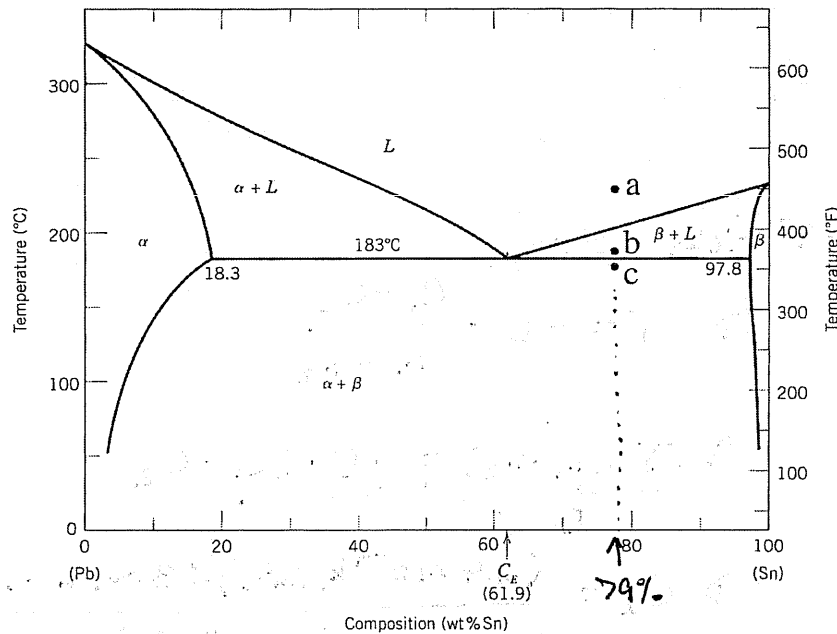
- (3) Starting with a piece of pure iron (i.e. carbon-less iron), how could you create a piece of precipitate hardened steel. Remember, you need to control the growth of precipitates in precipitate hardening.

(Hint: There are 4 steps). (3 pts each)

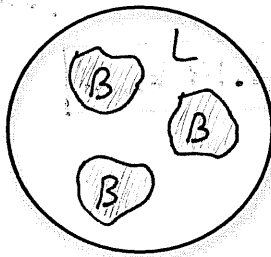
1. Heat material
2. Diffuse in Carbon at high Temp.
3. Quench to prevent formation of precipitates.
4. Reheat just below solvus line to form precipitates. (will accept anneal or age material)

## Conceptual + Quantitative

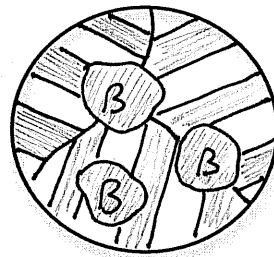
- (1) Draw the microstructure of at each location (a, b, and c) during equilibrium cooling. (2 pts, 4 pts, 4 pts)



a



b



c

Calculate the amount of each primary and eutectic constituent at c.  
(Note: There are 3 mass fractions you need to calculate). (5pts each).

$$\text{Primary } \beta \rightarrow W_{\beta}' = \frac{79 - 61.9}{97.8 - 61.9} = 0.476$$

$$\text{Eutectic } \alpha \rightarrow W_{\alpha E} = \frac{97.8 - 79}{97.8 - 18.3} = 0.236$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eutectic } \beta \rightarrow W_{\beta E} &= 1 - W_{\beta}' - W_{\alpha E} \\ &= 1 - (0.476) - (0.236) \\ &= 0.288 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or Total } \beta \rightarrow W_{\beta} = \frac{79 - 18.3}{97.8 - 18.3} = 0.764$$

2 ways  
to solve  
for  $W_{\beta E}$

- (2) A plate of iron is exposed to a carburizing (carbon-rich) atmosphere on one side and a decarburizing (carbon-deficient) atmosphere on the other side. The temperature is at  $700^{\circ}\text{C}$ , with a diffusion coefficient ( $D$ ) of  $3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$ . The diffusion flux ( $J$ ) is  $2.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kg/m}^2\text{s}$ . If steady-state diffusion is assumed and the concentration of carbon at 3 mm beneath the carburizing surface is  $1.5 \text{ kg/m}^3$ , what is the concentration of carbon at 7.5 mm. (10 pts)

→ Fick's Law

$$J = -D \cdot \frac{C_1 - C_2}{x_1 - x_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{J(x_1 - x_2)}{D} + C_1 = C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 = \frac{(2.4 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kg/m}^2\text{s})(0.003 \text{ m} - 0.0075 \text{ m})}{(3 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^2/\text{s})} + (1.5 \text{ kg/m}^3)$$

$$= \boxed{1.14 \text{ kg/m}^3}$$

Extra Credit: (1) Swell thermoset in solvent (i.e.  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ )

(2). Diffuse in drugs

$$J = -D \cdot dc/dx$$

$$D = D_0 \cdot e^{(Q \cdot d/R \cdot T)}$$