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# Physics 3410

Sample Exam 2 2016  
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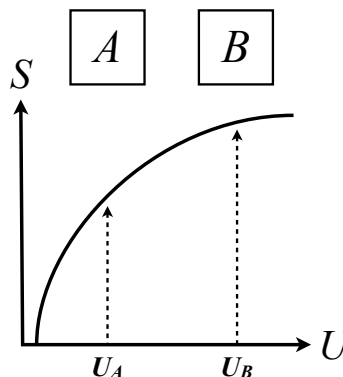
- Turn off your cell phone NOW, if you have one, and put it away. Avoid the appearance of impropriety.
- This is a closed-book exam. You may use two sheets of notes (two-sided) and your own calculator (not a cell phone or other wireless device, and not shared with another student).
- This test contains 17 questions and 72 points. The point value of each question may be found in a little box, like so: 3.
- If any question seems ambiguous, **ask me** about it. Raise your hand (and maybe clear your throat if I'm not looking) and I will come to you; please remain seated.
- Partial credit is available *everywhere*; when in doubt, explain your reasoning. If you need more room to write, use the back of a sheet, but tell me that you are continuing on the back.  
**Show your work.**
- In the event that I have to make a correction or clarification to the exam, I will announce it and write it on the board; if I do so, you are responsible for taking these corrections into account.
- Look out for *emphasized* and **bolded** words; they are usually important.
- Make sure that all answers that need units, get units.
- Please use the little blank ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) for your answers, where provided. If there is no blank, please box or circle your final answer.
- When you're done, place the exam in the appropriate pile, and leave quietly; please do not stand outside the doors talking about the exam.

$$k = 1.38 \times 10^{-23} \text{ J/K}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} dU = T dS - P dV + \mu dN & dF = -S dT - P dV + \mu dN \\ dH = T dS + V dP + \mu dN & dG = -S dT + V dP + \mu dN \end{array}$$

Good luck!

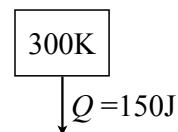
1. This graph shows the entropy of a system as a function of its energy. There are two copies of the system next to each other, one with energy  $U_A$  and one with energy  $U_B$ .



- 3 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ If the systems are put into contact, heat will flow  
**A)** from A to B (A is “hotter”)  
**B)** from B to A (B is “hotter”)
- 3 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ These systems have  
**A)** negative temperature  
**B)** negative heat capacity  
**C)** neither of these

- 3 2. \_\_\_\_\_ A system absorbs 50 J of heat, and its temperature drops by 1 K. This system has  
**A)** negative temperature    **B)** negative heat capacity    **C)** neither of these

- 3 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 150 J of heat flows out of a thermal reservoir at temperature  $T = 300$  K. Find the change  $\Delta S$  in the reservoir’s entropy.



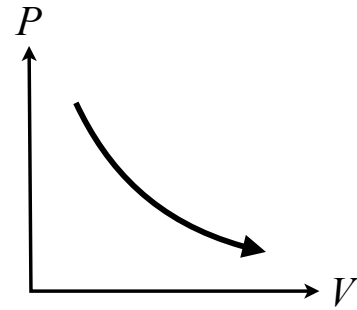
- 2 4. By what process can a system decrease in entropy? (And I don’t mean “by increasing the entropy somewhere else”).

5. Consider this process of an ideal gas on a PV diagram.

- 3 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ This process is  
A) constant-volume    B) isobaric    C) isothermal

- 3 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ During this process,  
A) work flows into the system  
B) work flows out of the system  
C) no work is involved

- 3 (c) \_\_\_\_\_ During this process,  
A) heat flows into the system  
B) heat flows out of the system  
C) no heat is involved



6. Answer the following true/false questions about an adiabatic process. Feel free to explain your answer.

- 1 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ An adiabatic process is never quasistatic.

- 1 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ An adiabatic process does not change a system's entropy.

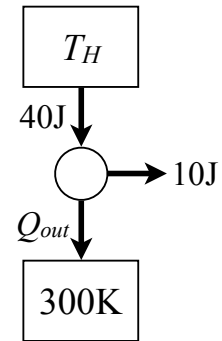
- 1 (c) \_\_\_\_\_ During an adiabatic process, no heat flows into or out of the system.

- 1 (d) \_\_\_\_\_ An adiabatic process is relatively slow.

7. This figure shows a heat engine operating between two reservoirs.

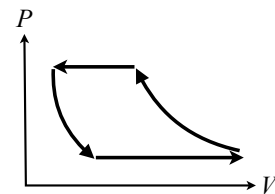
3 (a) What is its efficiency?

3 (b) How much heat  $Q_{out}$  flows into the cold reservoir?



2 (c) If this is a Carnot engine, what is the temperature  $T_H$  of the hot reservoir?

3 8. \_\_\_\_\_ This figure shows a cyclic process on a PV diagram. The net work of flow during this cycle is  
**A)** outward    **B)** inward    **C)** zero



3 9. \_\_\_\_\_ When a liter of a certain fuel burns, its internal energy decreases by 80 J ( $\Delta U = -80$  J) and its Helmholtz free energy  $F$  decreases by 50 J ( $\Delta F = -50$  J). How much work could be done on the environment by burning this liter of fuel?  
**A)** 0 J    **B)** 30 J    **C)** 50 J    **D)** 80 J

- 3 10. A system at standard temperature and pressure (300 K,  $10^5$  Pa) expands from  $2 \text{ m}^3$  to  $2.1 \text{ m}^3$ . What is the change in the Helmholtz free energy  $\Delta F$ ? The temperature and pressure remain constant throughout the expansion.

- 3 11. \_\_\_\_\_ When you burn wood, its enthalpy  
**A)** increases    **B)** stays the same    **C)** decreases

- 3 12. I slowly expand a gas in contact with a thermal reservoir. Write the derivative (in the form  $(\frac{\partial A}{\partial B})_C$ ) you would use to find the change in the system's entropy.

13. Consider the new thermodynamic potential  $\Phi = F - \mu N$ , which has the thermodynamic identity

$$d\Phi = -S dT - P dV - N d\mu$$

- 3 (a) What are the natural variables of  $\Phi$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 (b) Find  $\left(\frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial \mu}\right)_{T,V}$ .

- 3 (c) Find a derivative which is equal to this one, using a Maxwell relation related to  $\Phi$ .

$$\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial \mu}\right)_{T,V} =$$

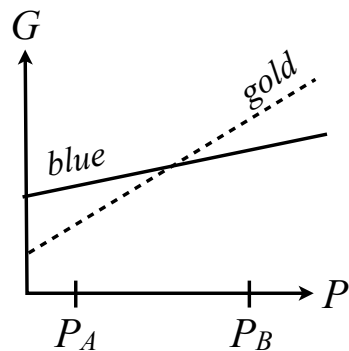
- 2 14. \_\_\_\_\_ At  $-10^\circ\text{C}$  at standard pressure, ice has a ... Gibbs free energy than liquid water.  
**A)** higher    **B)** lower

- 2 15. When does the Gibbs free energy of ice equal the Gibbs free energy of liquid water?

16. This graph shows the Gibbs free energy of two crystal structures (called “blue” and “gold”) of toledium, as a function of pressure.

- 3 (a) \_\_\_\_\_ At which pressure is blue toledium more stable?  
**A)**  $P_A$     **B)**  $P_B$

- 3 (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Which type of toledium is less dense?  
**A)** blue    **B)** gold



- 3 17. In the van der Waals model of an ideal gas,  $\left(P + a\frac{N^2}{V^2}\right)(V - Nb) = NkT$ . Explain what the quantity  $Nb$  describes in physical terms.