



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE TATI (UC TATI)

FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION BOOKLET

COURSE CODE	: DGE 1103
COURSE	: MATERIALS SCIENCE
SEMESTER/SESSION	: 1-2024/2025
DURATION	: 3 HOURS

Instructions:

1. This booklet contains **3** questions. Answer **ALL** questions.
2. All answers should be written in answer booklet.
3. Write legibly and draw sketches wherever required.
4. If in doubt, raise up your hands and ask the invigilator.

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QUESTION 1

a) Define the definition given.

- i. Covalent bond. (2 marks)
- ii. Proton. (2 marks)
- iii. Isotope. (2 marks)
- iv. Relative mass. (2 marks)

b) By referring to periodic table (see appendix 2) , find for element Ni (nickel), from information obtained :-

- i. Describe the element by its group of element, atomic number, mass number and period. (2 marks)
- ii. Construct electron configuration for the element by using aufbau's rule. (4 marks)
- iii. Given the crystal structure of Ni is face centred cube (FCC) with lattice constant $a = 350 \text{ pm}$, calculate the radius of Ni atom. (2 marks)
- iv. Using information from iii), calculate the atomic packing factor of the element. (4 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Converting pig iron into steel involves several steps in oxygen furnace. Regarding the process :-
- i. List four (4) main component used in the steel production process. (2 marks)
 - ii. Describe the process of steel production from pig iron (5 marks)
- b) Iron with relative mass of 56, can be strengthen by adding carbon which has a relative mass of 12. Regarding to this strengthening methods :-
- i. State the types of hardening mechanism. (2 marks)
 - ii. Illustrate by sketching on how carbon atom will take part in the atomic plane of iron (label your drawings). (4 marks)
 - iii. Explain from your sketching on how carbon addition in iron will make it much stronger. (4 marks)
- c) As an engineer in a metal production company, you have been assigned to proposed a prevention method for products listed below from corrosion. Suggest one (1) method and show how it will protect the metal from corrosion.
- i. Automotive body. (4 marks)
 - ii. Laptop aluminium case. (4 marks)

- d) Describe the Hall-Herot process in converting alumina into aluminium. (9 marks)
- e) Describe for aluminium alloys listed below on term of its major composition and application.
- i. 1xxx aluminium alloys. (2 marks)
 - ii. 3xxx aluminium alloys. (2 marks)
 - iii. Cast aluminium alloys. (2 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) Define for a given term below.
- i. Mer. (2 marks)
 - ii. Hydrocarbon. (2 marks)
 - iii. Trifunctional mer. (2 marks)
 - iv. Unsaturated hydrocarbon. (2 marks)
 - v. Co-polymer. (2 marks)
- b) Polymerisation process of ethylene (Figure 1) consist of three (3) steps, which is initiation, propagation and termination. Describe on how a polymer chain will formed by this steps. (12 marks)

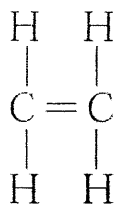


Figure 1

- c) Choose one (1) suitable co-polymer for the applications given and explain why it is suitable for that purpose.
- i. Automotive tyre. (3 marks)
 - ii. Engine seals and gaskets. (3 marks)
 - iii. Tubes for transferring food. (3 marks)
 - iv. Formula 1 racing suit. (3 marks)
- d) Analysis sample taken from polycarbonate manufacturing plant. Given polycarbonate molecular chain formula $(C_{16}H_{22}O_4)_n$. Sample of chain molecular weight distribution was taken and tabulated in Table 1. Redraw Table 1 in your answer booklet, and use it to calculate the average molecular weight and degree of polymerisation for the particular sample. (6 marks)

Table 1

Molecular weight (gram/mol)	weight fraction
7500	0.06
12500	0.07
17500	0.02
22500	0.20
27500	0.29
32500	0.20
37500	0.20

*****END OF QUESTIONS*****

APPENDIX 1

CRYSTAL PROPERTIES

$$4R = a\sqrt{3} \quad \text{BCC CRYSTAL}$$

$$4R = a\sqrt{2} \quad \text{FCC CRYSTAL}$$

$$\text{atoms volume} = \text{number of atoms in unit cell} \times \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3$$

$$\text{unit cell volume for BCC and FCC} = a^3$$

$$\text{total atoms mass} = \frac{\text{relative mass}}{N_A} \times \text{number of atom in a unit cell}$$

$$APF = \frac{\text{total atoms volume}}{\text{unit cell volume}}$$

$$\text{density, } \rho = \frac{\text{total atoms mass}}{\text{unit cell volume}}$$

APPENDIX 2

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