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B.E. (Mechanical Engineering)
Sixth Semester
MEC-604: Heat Transfer

Time allowed: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 50

NOTE: Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. 1 which is compulsory and selecting two questions from each Part.

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- 1 a Define the concept of view factor and explain its significance in the calculation of radiation heat transfer. 10
b Why is the heat transfer coefficient higher in forced convection compared to free convection?
c What role does the thermal boundary layer play in convective heat transfer?
d When film condensation occurs on a vertical plate, would the heat flux be higher at the top or bottom of the plate, and what is the reason behind it?
e What causes metals to exhibit high conductivity for both heat and electricity, whereas certain non-metallic crystalline solids possess excellent heat conductivity but poor electrical conductivity?
- Part -A
- 2 a Consider a 0.8-m-high and 1.5-m-wide glass window with a thickness of 8 mm and a thermal conductivity of $k = 0.78 \text{ W/m} \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$. Determine the steady rate of heat transfers through this glass window and the temperature of its inner surface for a day during which the room is maintained at 20°C while the temperature of the outdoors is -10°C . Take the heat transfer coefficients on the inner and outer surfaces of the window to be $h_1 = 10 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$ and $h_2 = 40 \text{ W/m}^2 \cdot ^\circ\text{C}$, which includes the effects of radiation. 7
b When insulating electrical cables, should the outer radius of the insulator be greater or lesser than the critical radius and why? 3
- 3 Derive the 3D heat conduction equation in the Cartesian coordinate system for constant properties of the medium. 10
- 4 a A very long rod of 50 mm diameter has one of its ends maintained at 130°C . The surface of the rod is exposed to ambient air at 20°C with a convection heat transfer coefficient of $9 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2 \text{ K})$. Calculate the heat loss from rod if its thermal conductivity is $390 \text{ W}/(\text{m K})$. 6
b What are the influences of (a) fin length and (b) fin thickness on the efficiency of a fin? 4
- Part-B
- 5 a A spherical ball of 10 cm diameter maintained at a constant temperature of 1100 K is suspended in air. Assuming the ball to closely approximate a blackbody, determine (a) the total blackbody emissive power, (b) the total amount of radiation emitted by the ball in 10 minutes, and (c) the spectral blackbody emissive power at a wavelength of $3 \mu\text{m}$. 7
b What is meant by blackbody radiation function? 3
- 6 a In a food processing facility, a brine solution undergoes heating in a double-pipe heat exchanger. The initial temperature of the brine solution is 8°C , and it is heated to 14°C . The heating is achieved by water entering the heat exchanger at 55°C and leaving at 40°C , with a flow rate of 0.18 kg/s . Given that the overall heat transfer coefficient is $800 \text{ W}/(\text{m}^2\text{K})$, 7

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calculate the required heat exchanger area for both (a) a parallel flow arrangement and (b) a counter flow arrangement. The specific heat capacity of water is 4.18 kJ/ (kg K) .

- b How does the fouling effect rate of heat transfer and pressure drop in a heat exchanger? 3
- 7 a What is the definition of a gray body? 2
- b What is the reason for the significantly higher heat transfer coefficients in condensation and boiling compared to forced convection without phase change? 2
- c (i) List the relevant dimensionless terms that govern forced convection. Give it physical significance. 3
- (ii) Provide the pertinent dimensionless terms associated with free convection. Give it physical significance. 3

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