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(May)

PHYSICS

(Major)

Course : 201

(Thermal Physics and Waves and Oscillations)

Full Marks : 80

Pass Marks : 32/24

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

1. Choose and write the correct answer : $1 \times 8 = 8$

(a) If V_a be the average velocity of the molecules of a gas in equilibrium state, then

(i) $V_a \propto T^2$

(ii) $V_a \propto T$

(iii) $V_a \propto \sqrt{T}$

(iv) $V_a \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$

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- (b) The constant a in van der Waals equation arises due to the
- (i) attractive forces between the gas molecules
 - (ii) repulsive forces between the gas molecules
 - (iii) attractive forces between the gas molecules and the wall of the container
 - (iv) finite volume of the gas
- (c) The first evidence in favour of the molecular structure of gas comes from the experimental observation of
- (i) gas equation
 - (ii) tracks of particles in cloud chamber
 - (iii) motion of molecules in a conduction phenomenon
 - (iv) Brownian movement of colloidal particles
- (d) The efficiency of a Carnot engine operating between the temperatures T_1 and T_2 of the source and the sink respectively can be increased by
- (i) increasing the sum $(T_1 + T_2)$
 - (ii) decreasing the difference $(T_1 - T_2)$
 - (iii) decreasing the ratio (T_2 / T_1)
 - (iv) increasing the ratio (T_2 / T_1)

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- (e) Internal energy of a real gas depends upon
- (i) both temperature and volume
 - (ii) temperature only
 - (iii) volume only
 - (iv) pressure
- (f) Zeroth law of thermodynamics is related to
- (i) internal energy
 - (ii) heat
 - (iii) temperature
 - (iv) work
- (g) The amplitude resonance in forced vibration occurs, when the frequency of the applied force is
- (i) slightly less than the natural frequency of the body
 - (ii) slightly greater than the natural frequency of the body
 - (iii) equal to the natural frequency of the body
 - (iv) twice the natural frequency of the body

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- (h) The velocity of sound (V) in a gaseous medium is related to its pressure (P) by the relation

(i) $V \propto P$

(ii) $V \propto \frac{1}{P}$

(iii) $V \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{P}}$

(iv) $V \propto \sqrt{P}$

2. (a) State and prove the law of equipartition of energy. 2+5=7

- (b) What is meant by mean free path of the molecules of a gas? Find an expression for it. How is the mean free path related to the pressure and absolute temperature of the gas? 1+4+2=7

Or

What are transport phenomena? Deduce an expression for the viscosity of a gas in terms of mean free path of molecules of the gas. 2+5=7

- (c) In what respect a real gas differs from an ideal gas? Describe Andrews' experiment on carbon dioxide and draw the curves at different temperatures. Give a discussion on the results. 1+2+3+2=8

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3. (a) State and explain the first law of thermodynamics. 1+2=3

- (b) What is an adiabatic process? Explain why the temperature of a gas drops in an adiabatic expansion. 1+2=3

- (c) One gram molecule of a diatomic gas at 27°C expands adiabatically until its volume is doubled. Calculate the work done. 3
(Given $R = 8.3 \text{ joule degree}^{-1}\text{mol}^{-1}$.)

4. (a) Describe Carnot's reversible heat engine and calculate its efficiency. 2+4=6

- (b) Derive the following Maxwell's thermodynamical equations : 4+2=8

(i) $\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial P}\right)_T = -\left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial T}\right)_P$

(ii) $\left(\frac{\partial T}{\partial P}\right)_S = \left(\frac{\partial V}{\partial S}\right)_P$

5. (a) State Stefan-Boltzmann law of radiation. Derive this law by applying thermodynamical relations. 1+4=5

- (b) State Wien's law of energy distribution and describe how it can be verified experimentally. 1+3=4

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6. (a) Derive an expression for the velocity of sound in a gaseous medium. On what factors, the velocity of sound in such medium depends? $4+2=6$
- (b) What are Lissajous figures? Show that the shape of these figures depends upon the phase difference and amplitudes of the component motions. $1+5=6$
- (c) Deriving necessary expressions, state under what conditions, a body can vibrate about its mean position of equilibrium in presence of damping forces. What happens if the damping force is totally withdrawn from the system? $5+1=6$
