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NOIDA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, GREATER NOIDA

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M.Tech

SEM: II - THEORY EXAMINATION (2023 - 2024)

Subject: Composite Materials

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 70

General Instructions:

IMP: Verify that you have received the question paper with the correct course, code, branch etc.

1. This Question paper comprises of **three Sections -A, B, & C.** It consists of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) & Subjective type questions.
2. Maximum marks for each question are indicated on right -hand side of each question.
3. Illustrate your answers with neat sketches wherever necessary.
4. Assume suitable data if necessary.
5. Preferably, write the answers in sequential order.
6. No sheet should be left blank. Any written material after a blank sheet will not be evaluated/checked.

SECTION A

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1. Attempt all parts:-

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| 1-a. | Size range of dispersoids used in dispersion strengthened composites. (CO1) | 1 |
| | (a) 0.01-0.1 μm | |
| | (b) 0.01-0.1 nm | |
| | (c) 0.01-0.1 mm | |
| | (d) None | |
| 1-b. | which of the fiber material would be highly strong (CO2) | 1 |
| | (a) whisker | |
| | (b) fiber | |
| | (c) wires | |
| | (d) none of above | |
| 1-c. | Which of the following materials can be used to make the thermoplastic prepreg tapes for the Thermoplastic Tape Winding? (CO3) | 1 |
| | (a) Carbon | |
| | (b) Polypropylene | |

- (c) Polyamide
- (d) All of these
- 1-d. Which of the following is/are the disadvantage(s) of Carbon-Carbon Composites? (CO4) 1
- (a) Low coefficient of thermal expansion
- (b) High thermal conductivity
- (c) Low oxidation resistance
- (d) All of these
- 1-e. A laminate is called quasi-isotropic when its is similar to that of an isotropic material. (CO5) 1
- (a) bending stiffness matrix
- (b) extensional stiffness matrix
- (c) coupling stiffness matrix
- (d) extensional and coupling stiffness matrix

2. Attempt all parts:-

- 2.a. How to identify the potential application of the Al-MMCs material? (CO1) 2
- 2.b. Which material properties that can be improved by forming a composite material? (CO2) 2
- 2.c. What is a material with very similar properties to carbon fiber but is much cheaper? (CO3) 2
- 2.d. What is the failure criteria for composite materials? (CO4) 2
- 2.e. Is the parallel axis theorem concept valid with the laminate plate theory? (CO5) 2

SECTION B

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3. Answer any five of the following:-

- 3-a. What is the difference between a composite and an alloy? (CO1) 4
- 3-b. What is the role reinforcement in composite materials? (CO1) 4
- 3-c. Describe the major differences in the processing of composites having a thermoset matrix and those having a thermoplastic matrix. (CO2) 4
- 3-d. Aluminum and magnesium are two common metal matrix materials. What is the viscosity of molten aluminum and magnesium? (CO2) 4
- 3.e. Explain briefly any two methods used for producing laminar composites. Give examples and applications for laminar composites. (CO3) 4
- 3.f. Why do we need standards in composites testing? List down the common 4

standards available for testing in composites. (CO4)

- 3.g. Write the number of independent elastic constants for three-dimensional anisotropic, monoclinic, orthotropic, transversely isotropic, and isotropic materials. (CO5) 4

SECTION C

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4. Answer any one of the following:-

- 4-a. Describe the use of composite materials in the Voyager airplane that circled the globe for the first time without refueling in flight. (CO1) 7
- 4-b. Discuss the use of composite materials in civilian aircraft, with special attention to Boeing 787 and Airbus A380 aircraft. (CO1) 7

5. Answer any one of the following:-

- 5-a. What are the different physical forms that reinforcements are available in? Discuss and make a comparative note of these forms in glass, carbon fibers, and aramid fibers. (CO2) 7
- 5-b. What are prepregs and molding compounds? Write a brief note giving the similarities and differences between the two ready-to-use material forms. (CO2) 7

6. Answer any one of the following:-

- 6-a. Write a brief note on the need for machining of composites. What are the different types of machining involved in PMCs? (CO3) 7
- 6-b. Consider a cylindrical mandrel with hemispherical end domes. Consider a geodesic helical fiber path. Show that the mandrel rotation corresponding to the fiber path in one end dome is 90° , irrespective of the diameters at the cylinder and pole openings. (CO3) 7

7. Answer any one of the following:-

- 7-a. Compare the tensile strength, tensile modulus of elasticity, elongation, and density properties of glass, carbon, and aramid fibers. (CO4) 7
- 7-b. What are the main property contributions of the carbon fibers in carbon-fiber-reinforced plastics? What are the main property contributions of the matrix plastic? (CO4) 7

8. Answer any one of the following:-

- 8-a. A unidirectional composite is subjected to the following stresses: $\sigma_L = 3.0$ MPa, $\sigma_T = 0.5$ MPa, and $\tau_{LT} = 3.5$ MPa, Find the normal and shear strains. Engineering constants are $E_L = 14.0$ GPa, $E_T = 3.5$ GPa, $G_{LT} = 4.2$ GPa, $\nu_{LT} = 0.4$ and $\nu_{TL} = 0.1$ (CO5) 7
- 8-b. Explain why a high-modulus unidirectional graphite-fiber-reinforced epoxy 7

beam fractured in impact breaks cleanly into two halves without delamination and with little fiber pullout, whereas an equivalent glass fiber composite exhibits considerable delamination on failure. (CO5)

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