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This paper consists of SIX (6) questions. Answer any FOUR (4) questions in the answer booklet provided. All questions carry equal marks.

Materials permitted : Calculator

Materials provided : List of Formulas, Periodic Table

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Question 1

- (a) Aluminum foil used for storing food weighs about 0.3 grams per square inch. **How many atoms** of aluminum are contained in one cm^2 of foil? (Note: 1 inch = 2.54 cm, $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms/mol) (6 marks)
- (b) **Determine Miller indices** for the planes in the cubic unit cell shown in Figure Q1.

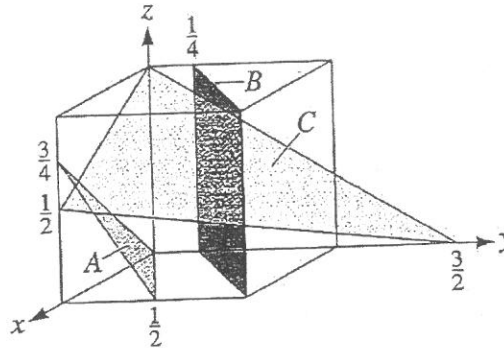


Figure Q1

- (c) **Briefly describe the following terms** that related to mechanical test. (6 marks)
- (i) Ductility (3 marks)
 - (ii) Modulus of elasticity (3 marks)
 - (iii) Impact test and name an impact test. (3 marks)
- (d) State the **electronic configuration** of Sc and Ni^{2+} . (4 marks)

Question 2

- (a) Tin substitutional atoms are introduced into a FCC copper crystal, producing an alloy with a lattice parameter of 3.7589×10^{-8} cm and a density of 8.772 g/cm^3 . Calculate the atomic percentage of tin present in the alloy. ($N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$ atoms/mol) (8 marks)
- (b) Briefly describe the following terms that related to fatigue test of materials.
- Endurance limit (3 marks)
 - Fracture surface of fatigue failure (3 marks)
- (c) Consider the binary eutectic copper-silver phase diagram in Figure Q2. Make phase analyses of an 88 wt % Ag–12 wt % Cu alloy at the temperatures
- 1000°C,
 - 800°C,
 - $780^\circ\text{C} + \Delta T$, and
 - $780^\circ\text{C} - \Delta T$.

Note: In the phase analyses, include the phases present, chemical compositions of the Phases the amounts of each phase.

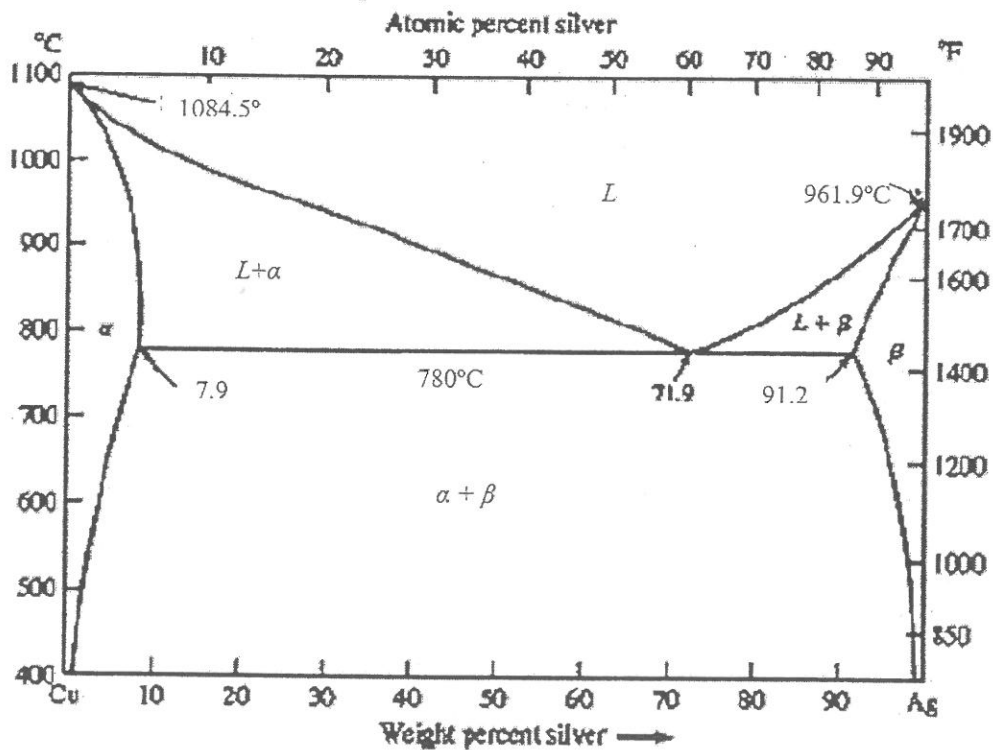


Figure Q2

(10 marks)

Question 3

(a) A part produced from the acetal polymer to survive for a million cycles under conditions that of equal compressive and tensile stresses. From Figure 3, **determine**

(i) The stress amplitude, (1 mark)

(ii) The mean stress, tensile stress and compressive stress. (6 marks)

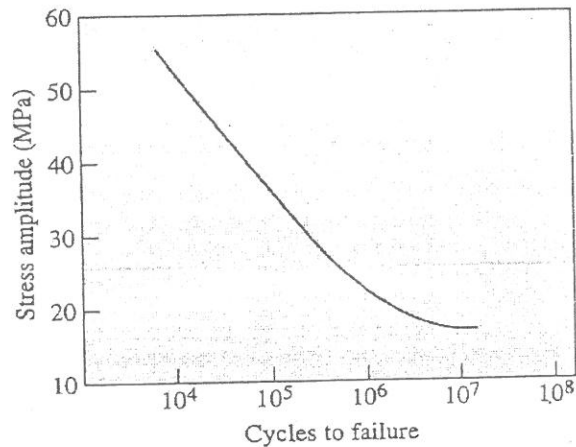


Figure Q3, S/N graph of acetal polymer

(b) **Briefly describe** the following terms that related to solidification of metal.

- (i) Dendrite
- (ii) Embryo
- (iii) Heterogeneous nucleation

(9 marks)

(c) The mobility of electrons in silver is $75 \text{ cm}^2/\text{V}\cdot\text{s}$ and the lattice constant of FCC silver is $4.0862 \times 10^{-8} \text{ cm}$. **Determine**

(i) **the number of charge carrier** if the conductivity of silver is $680000 \text{ (ohm}\cdot\text{cm)}^{-1}$ and absolute value of electron charge, $1.602 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$.

(2 marks)

(ii) **the total number of valence electrons per unit cell**, and consequently **find the fraction of the valence electrons that are carrying an electrical charge**.

(7 marks)

Question 4

- (a) The degree of polymerization of polytetrafluoroethylene $-\text{[C}_2\text{F}_4\text{]}_n-$ is 7500. If all of the polymer chains are the same length, **calculate the molecular weight** of the chains. (3 marks)
- (b) **Briefly describe** the following terms that related to electrical properties of materials.
- (i) Energy gap (3 marks)
 - (ii) Valence band (3 marks)
 - (iii) Hole (2 marks)
- (c) If we wish to double the electrical conductivity of cobalt from the electrical conductivity at 0 °C. To **what temperature** must we cool the metal?(Given the coefficient of resistivity α is $0.006 \text{ } \Omega/\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$) (5 marks)
- (d) **Calculate the linear atomic density** in atoms per millimeter for the following directions in FCC iridium, which has a lattice constant of 0.38389 nm:
- (i) [100]
 - (ii) [110]
 - (iii) [111]
- (9 marks)

Question 5

- (a) **Briefly describe** the following terms that related to polymeric materials.
- (i) Monomer
 - (ii) Thermosetting plastic
- (6 marks)
- (b) **Compute the atomic packing factor** for the cesium chloride structure in which $r_C/r_A = 0.735$. (r_C denotes radius of cation and r_A denotes radius of anion) (9 marks)

- (c) A cylindrical rod of copper ($E = 110$ GPa) having a yield strength of 240 MPa is to be subjected to a load of 6660 N. If the length of the rod is 380 mm, **what must be the diameter** to allow an elongation of 0.50 mm?
(6 marks)
- (d) For a ceramic compound, what are the two characteristics of the component ions that **determine the crystal structure**?
(4 marks)

Question 6

- (a) What **type(s) of bonding** would be expected for each of the following materials:
- brass (copper-zinc alloy),
 - rubber,
 - barium sulfide (BaS),
 - solid xenon.
- (4 marks)
- (b) Iodine has an orthorhombic unit cell for which the a , b , and c lattice parameters are 0.481, 0.720, and 0.981 nm, respectively.
- If the atomic packing factor and atomic radius are 0.547 and 0.177 nm, respectively, **determine the number of atoms** in each unit cell. (a simple orthorhombic structure shown in Figure 6)

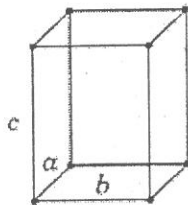


Figure 6

- (ii) The atomic weight of iodine is 126.91 g/mol; **compute its theoretical density**.
(4 marks)
- (c) **Calculate the composition**, in atomic percentage of an alloy that contains 218.0 kg titanium, 15 kg of aluminum, and 10 kg of vanadium.
(6 marks)
- (d) **Describe and illustrate with sketches** the solidification process of a pure metal in terms of the nucleation and growth of crystals.
(6 marks)

APPENDIX 1

PERIODIC TABLE

KEY		Atomic Number		Symbol of element		Name of element																																																	
1	H 1-008 Hydrogen	79	Au 197.0 Gold																																																				
3	Li 6.941 Lithium	4	Be 9.012 Beryllium	5	B 10.81 Boron	6	C 12.01 Carbon	7	N 14.01 Nitrogen	8	O 16.00 Oxygen	9	F 19.00 Fluorine	10	Ne 20.18 Neon																																								
11	Na 22.99 Sodium	12	Mg 24.31 Magnesium	13	Al 26.98 Aluminium	14	Si 28.09 Silicon	15	P 30.97 Phosphorus	16	S 32.07 Sulfur	17	Cl 35.45 Chlorine	18	Ar 39.95 Argon																																								
19	K 39.10 Potassium	20	Ca 40.08 Calcium	21	Sc 44.96 Scandium	22	Ti 47.88 Titanium	23	V 50.94 Vanadium	24	Cr 52.00 Chromium	25	Mn 54.94 Manganese	26	Fe 55.85 Iron	27	Co 58.93 Cobalt	28	Ni 58.69 Nickel	29	Cu 63.55 Copper	30	Zn 65.39 Zinc	31	Ga 69.72 Gallium	32	Ge 72.59 Germanium	33	As 74.92 Arsenic	34	Se 78.96 Selenium	35	Br 79.90 Bromine	36	Kr 83.80 Krypton																				
37	Rb 85.47 Rubidium	38	Sr 87.62 Strontium	39	Y 88.91 Yttrium	40	Zr 91.22 Zirconium	41	Nb 92.91 Niobium	42	Mo 95.94 Molybdenum	43	Tc 98.91 Technetium	44	Ru 101.1 Ruthenium	45	Rh 102.9 Rhodium	46	Pd 106.4 Palladium	47	Ag 107.9 Silver	48	Cd 112.4 Cadmium	49	In 114.8 Indium	50	Sn 118.7 Tin	51	Sb 121.8 Antimony	52	Te 127.6 Tellurium	53	I 126.9 Iodine	54	Xe 131.3 Xenon																				
55	Cs 132.9 Caesium	56	Ba 137.3 Barium	57	La 138.9 Lanthanum	72	Hf 178.5 Hafnium	73	Ta 180.9 Tantalum	74	W 183.9 Tungsten	75	Re 186.2 Rhenium	76	Os 190.2 Osmium	77	Ir 192.2 Iridium	78	Pt 195.1 Platinum	79	Au 197.0 Gold	80	Hg 200.6 Mercury	81	Tl 204.4 Thallium	82	Pb 207.2 Lead	83	Bi 209.0 Bismuth	84	Po — Polonium	85	At — Astatine	86	Rn — Radon																				
87	Fr — Francium	88	Ra 226.0 Radium	89	Ac — Actinium	104		105		106		107		108		109		110		111		112		113		114		115		116		117		118																					
58	Ce 140.1 Cerium	59	Pr 140.9 Praseodymium	60	Nd 144.2 Neodymium	61	Pm — Promethium	62	Sm 150.4 Samarium	63	Eu 152.0 Europium	64	Gd 157.3 Gadolinium	65	Tb 158.9 Terbium	66	Dy 162.5 Dysprosium	67	Ho 164.9 Holmium	68	Er 167.3 Erbium	69	Tm 168.9 Thulium	70	Yb 173.0 Ytterbium	71	Lu 175.0 Lutetium	90	Th 232.0 Thorium	91	Pa 231.0 Protactinium	92	U 238.0 Uranium	93	Np 237.0 Neptunium	94	Pu — Plutonium	95	Am — Americium	96	Cm — Curium	97	Bk — Berkelium	98	Cf — Californium	99	Es — Einsteinium	100	Fm — Fermium	101	Md — Mendelevium	102	No — Nobelium	103	Lr — Lawrencium

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LIST OF FORMULA

1. Density, $\rho = \frac{\text{mass}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{n_1A_1+n_2A_2}{a^3N_A}$
2. Linear atomic density, $\rho_l = \frac{\text{no. of atom diameter}}{\text{linear length}}$
3. Atomic packing factor, $APF = \frac{\text{volume of atoms in unit cell}}{\text{volume of unit cell}}$
4. Engineering stress, $\sigma = \frac{\text{tensile force}}{\text{cross sectional area}} = \frac{F}{A_0}$
5. Modulus of Elasticity, $E = \frac{\text{stress}}{\text{strain}} = \frac{\sigma}{\epsilon}$
6. Lever rule, $x_s = \frac{w_0-w_l}{w_s-w_l}$ and $x_l = \frac{w_s-w_0}{w_s-w_l}$
7. Conductivity, $\sigma = nq\mu$
n = number of conduction electrons per unit volume
q = electron charge = 1.602×10^{-19} C
 μ = electron mobility
8. Conductivity, $\sigma_{n^\circ\text{C}} = \frac{1}{\rho_{n^\circ\text{C}}}$
9. Resistivity, $\rho_T = \rho_{0^\circ\text{C}}(1 + \alpha\Delta T)$

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