

# MANICALAND STATE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

## FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

DEPARTMENT: CHEMICAL AND PROCESSING ENGINEERING

MODULE: HEAT TRANSFER

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SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS  
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### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer **ALL** Questions in Section A and any **three** in Section B
2. Show all your working clearly
3. Start a new question on a fresh page
4. Total marks 100

*Additional material(s): Calculator*

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## Section A

Answer all questions (40 marks)

### QUESTION 1

- (i) State the Fourier's law of heat conduction. [1]
- (ii) What are the factors that affect thermal conductivity? [5]
- (iii) Distinguish between steady state and unsteady state heat transfer. [3]
- (iv) Explain the difference between the parallel and counter flow heat exchanger. [3]
- (v) Explain why coastal areas are usually windy. [4]

### QUESTION 2

Water at 80 °C is pumped through 100 m of stainless steel pipe ( $k=16 \text{ W/K}$ ) of inner and outer radii 47 mm and 50 mm, respectively. The heat transfer coefficient due to water is  $2000 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ . The outer surface of the pipe loses heat by convection to air at 20 °C and the heat transfer coefficient is  $200 \text{ W/m}^2\text{K}$ .

- (i) Calculate the heat flow through the pipe. [5]
- (ii) Determine the heat flow through the pipe when a layer of insulation,  $k=0.1 \text{ W/mK}$  and 50 mm radial thickness, is wrapped around the pipe. [5]

### QUESTION 3

A circumferential fin of rectangular profile is constructed of aluminium and surrounds a 3-cm-diameter tube. The fin is 2 cm long and 1 mm thick. The tube wall temperature is 200 °C, and the fin is exposed to a fluid at 20 °C with a convection

heat-transfer coefficient of 80 W/m<sup>2</sup>°C. Calculate the heat loss from the fin. [8]

#### QUESTION 4

A shell-and-tube heat exchanger employs a liquid in the shell that is heated from 30 to 55 °C by a hot gas in the tubes that is cooled from 100 to 60 °C. Calculate the effectiveness of the heat exchanger. [6]

#### Section B

Answer any three questions (60 marks)

#### QUESTION 5

The temperature distribution across a wall 0.3 m thick at a certain instant of time is given by:

$$T(x) = a + bx + cx^2,$$

where  $T$  is in °C and  $x$  in metres,  $a = 200$  °C,  $b = -200$  °C/m, and  $c = 30$  °C/m<sup>2</sup>.

The wall has a thermal conductivity of 1 W/m·K.

- (i) On a unit surface area basis, determine the rate of heat transfer into the wall on the left face. [5]
- (ii) On a unit surface area basis, determine the rate of heat transfer out of the wall on the right face. [5]
- (iii) Determine the rate of change of energy stored by the wall. [5]
- (iv) If the cold surface is exposed to a fluid at 100 °C, what is the convection coefficient  $h$  (W /m<sup>2</sup>.k)? [5]

### QUESTION 6

Describe an experiment that can be used to determine the thermal conductivity of a material, taking into consideration:

- (i) Diagram of apparatus [5]
- (ii) Experimental procedure [10]
- (iii) Calculations involved [5]

### QUESTION 7

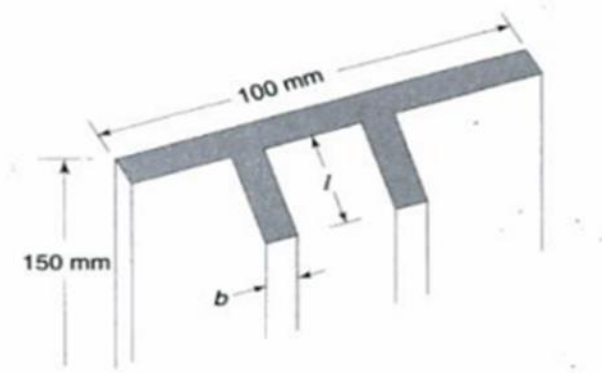
A plane metal plate 12 cm thick generates heat at the rate of  $5 \times 10^5 \text{ W/m}^3$  when an electrical current is passed through it. If the surface temperatures on left and right side to be maintained at  $200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and  $150 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively, find :

- (i) The temperature distribution across the plate section. [10]
- (ii) The position and magnitude of maximum temperature. [5]
- (iii) Heat flow rate from each surface of the plate. [5]

### QUESTION 8

- i) A shell-and-tube heat exchanger operates with two shell passes and four tube passes. The shell fluid is ethylene glycol, which enters at  $140 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and leaves at  $80 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  with a flow rate of  $4500 \text{ kg/h}$ . Water flows in the tubes, entering at  $35 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and leaving at  $85 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The overall heat-transfer coefficient for this arrangement is  $850 \text{ W/m}^2\cdot^\circ\text{C}$ . Calculate the flow rate of water required and the area of the heat exchanger. [10]

- ii) The cooling system of an electronic package has to dissipate 0.153 kW from the surface of an aluminium plate  $100 \text{ mm} \times 150 \text{ mm}$  (**Fig. 1**). It is proposed to use eight fins, each 150 mm long and 1 mm thick. The temperature difference between the plate and the surroundings is 50 K, the thermal conductivity of plate and fins is  $0.15 \text{ kW/m}\cdot\text{K}$  and the heat transfer coefficient is  $0.04 \text{ kW/m}^2\text{K}$ .



**Fig. 1**

Calculate the height of fins required.

[10]

**END OF EXAMINATION**

## FORMULAE AND CONSTANTS

$$\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W/ m}^2\text{K}^4$$

$$Q = hA(T_w - T_{\infty}), \text{ where } h = k_{\text{fluid}}/\delta'$$

$$Q = 2\pi kL \frac{T_1 - T_2}{\ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right)}$$

$$Q = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{R}, \text{ where } R = L/kA$$

$$m = \sqrt{\left(\frac{hP}{kA}\right)}$$

$$Q_f = \sqrt{(hPkA)} \Delta T \tanh (mL)$$

$$NTU = \frac{UA}{C_{min}}$$

$$Q = \varepsilon q_{max}$$

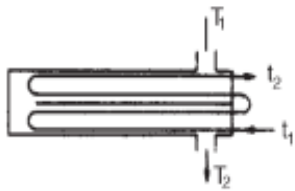
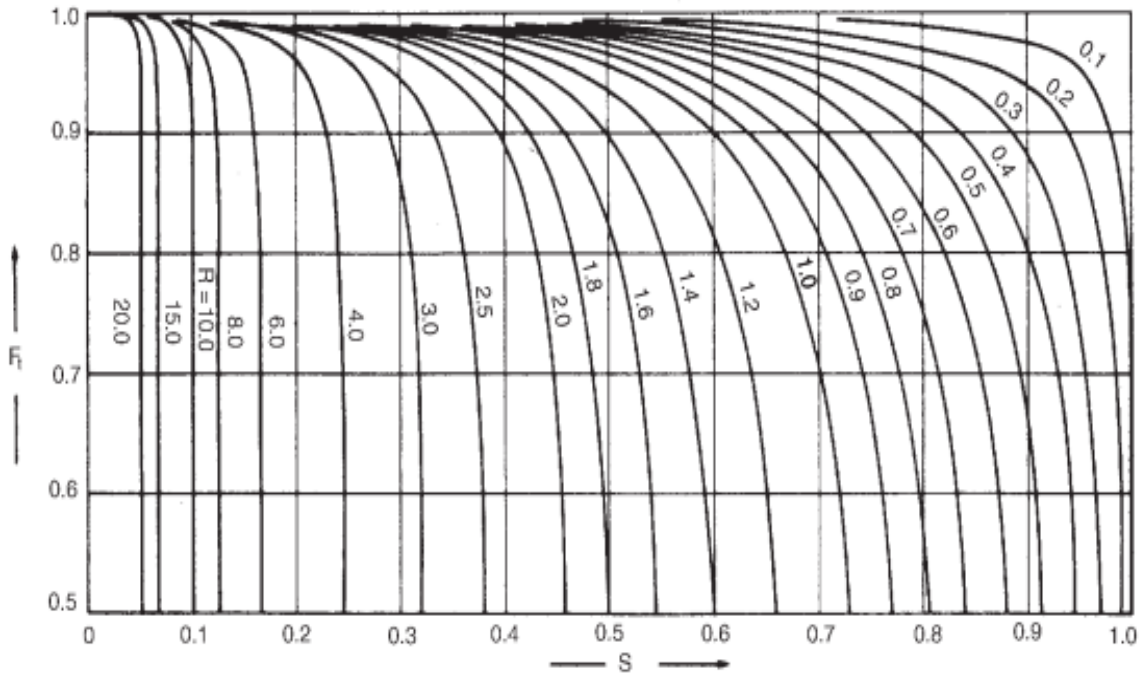
$$\varepsilon = \frac{q}{q_{max}} \text{ OR } \frac{\Delta T}{T_{max}}$$

For counterflow,

$$\Delta T_{LMTD} = \frac{(T_1 - t_2) - (T_2 - t_1)}{\ln\left(\frac{T_1 - t_2}{T_2 - t_1}\right)}$$

$$R = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{t_2 - t_1}$$

$$S = \frac{t_2 - t_1}{T_1 - t_1}$$



Temperature correction factor: two shell phases; four multiple of four tube passes