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REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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ANSWER KEY ➤

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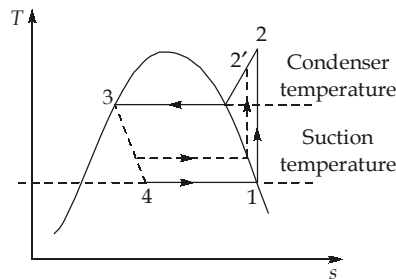
DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (b)

In VARS systems using water-LiBr pair are extensively used in large capacity air conditioning. It is used only in applications requiring refrigeration at temperature above 0°C . Since water is used as refrigerant.

2. (b)

As suction temperature increases, refrigeration effect increases and power input decreases so power per ton of refrigeration decreases.



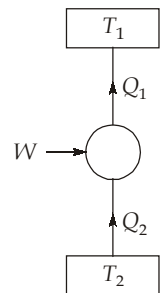
3. (c)

$$\text{COP} = \frac{Q_2}{Q_1 - Q_2}$$

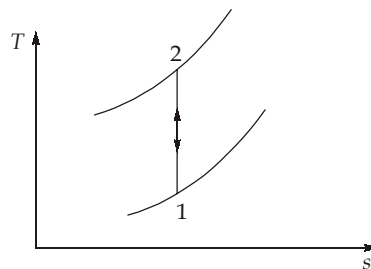
$$\text{COP} = \frac{1000}{1000 - 750} = 4$$

Note:
$$\text{COP} = \frac{T_2}{T_1 - T_2}$$

This is for maximum (Carnot) COP.



4. (a)



For maximum pressure ratio,

$$W_C = W_T$$

So, net work done

$$W_{\text{net}} = W_C - W_T = 0$$

5. (b)

$$\frac{HP}{TR} = \frac{\dot{W}}{0.746} \times \frac{3.5}{Q_0} = 4.7 \frac{\dot{W}}{Q}$$

$$\frac{HP}{TR} = \frac{4.7}{COP}$$

$$\frac{HP}{TR} = 0.94$$

6. (a)

$$\phi = \frac{P_v}{P_{vs}}$$

$$P_v = 0.5 \times P_{vs} = 0.5 \times 6.2795 = 3.13975 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{Humidity ratio, } \omega = 0.622 \times \frac{P_v}{P_t - P_v} = 0.622 \times \frac{3.13975}{101.325 - 3.13975} = 0.01989 \text{ kg/kgda}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Enthalpy of moist air, } h &= 1.005 \times t + \omega(2500 + 1.88t) \\ &= 1.005 \times 37 + 0.01989(2500 + 1.88 \times 37) \\ &= 88.31 \text{ kJ/kg da} \end{aligned}$$

7. (b)

$$\text{Mass of dry air, } \dot{m}_a = \frac{10}{0.85} = 11.765 \text{ kg/min}$$

$$\text{Mass balance, } \dot{m}_a(\omega_2 - \omega_1) = \dot{m}_s$$

$$\begin{aligned} 11.765(\omega_2 - 3.5 \times 10^{-3}) &= 1.2 \\ \omega_2 &= 0.106 \text{ kg/kgda} \end{aligned}$$

8. (a)

$$(\text{COP})_{\max} = \frac{T_E(T_G - T_O)}{T_G(T_O - T_E)} = \frac{268(368 - 303)}{368(303 - 268)} = 1.35$$

9. (c)

At 35°C

$$\phi = \frac{P_v}{P_{vs}}$$

$$0.6 = \frac{P_v}{0.05733}$$

$$P_v = 0.03439 \text{ bar}$$

$$w = 0.622 \times \frac{P_v}{(P_t - P_v)} = \frac{0.622 \times 0.03439}{(1.013 - 0.03439)}$$

$$w = 0.021858 \text{ kg/kgda}$$

$$w = 21.858 \text{ gm/kgda}$$

after removing 5 grams of water vapour,

$$w' = 21.858 - 5 = 16.858 \text{ gm/kgda}$$

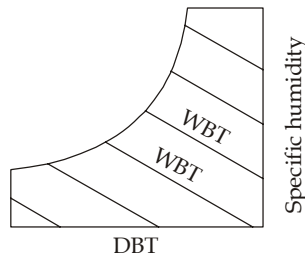
$$w' = 0.622 \times \frac{P_{v'}}{(P_t - P_{v'})}$$

$$16.858 \times 10^{-3} = 0.622 \times \frac{P_{v'}}{(P_t - P_{v'})}$$

$$P_{v'} = 0.02673 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{So, } \phi = \frac{P_v}{P_{vs}} = \frac{0.02673}{0.03229} = 0.8278 = 82.78\%$$

10. (d)



11. (d)

P_V = Partial pressure of water vapour at 15°C DPT = 12.79 mm of Hg

$$= \frac{12.79 \times 13.6 \times 9.81 \times 1000}{1000 \times 1000}$$

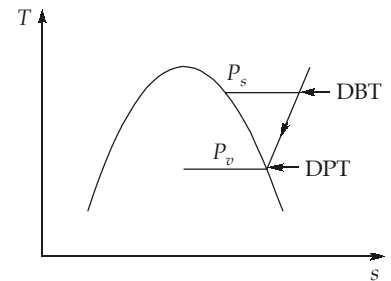
$$P_V = 1.706 \text{ kPa}$$

So, relative humidity

$$\phi = \frac{P_V}{P_S}$$

$$P_S = 2.49 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\phi = \frac{1.706}{2.49} = 0.6851 = 68.51\%$$



12. (b)

Refrigeration capacity, $RC = \dot{m}(h_1 - h_4)$

$$RC = 0.02(1426 - 347.5)$$

$$RC = 21.57 \text{ kW}$$

$$\eta_{\text{relative}} = \frac{\text{Actual COP}}{\text{Maximum COP}} = \frac{(\text{COP})_{\text{actual}}}{5}$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{actual}} = 5 \times 0.6$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{actual}} = 3$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{actual}} = \frac{(RC)}{W}$$

$$W = \frac{21.57}{3}$$

$$W = 7.19 \simeq 7.2 \text{ kW}$$

13. (b)

$$x_1 = 0.9$$

$$\text{COP}_{\text{act}} = \eta_{\text{relative}} \times \text{COP}_{\text{max}}$$

$$= 0.4 \times \frac{T_E(T_G - T_o)}{T_G(T_o - T_E)} = 0.4 \times \frac{263 \times (393 - 303)}{393 \times (303 - 263)}$$

$$\text{COP}_{\text{act}} = 0.6032$$

$$W_{\text{act}} = \frac{\dot{Q}_E}{\dot{Q}_g}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{Q}_g = \frac{20 \times 3.5}{0.6032} = 116.047 \text{ kW}$$

$$Q_{1-2} = h_1 - h_2 = 0.9 \times h_{fg} = 0.9 \times 2201.9 = 1981.71 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\dot{Q}_g = \dot{m} \times Q_{1-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m} = \frac{\dot{Q}_g}{Q_{1-2}} = 0.058 \text{ kg/s}$$

14. (a)

$$m_{a1} \times \omega_1 + m_{a2} \times \omega_2 = m_{a3} \times \omega_3$$

$$m_{a3} = m_{a1} + m_{a2}$$

$$= 36 + 14 = 50 \text{ kg/kgda}$$

$$36 \times 0.0084 + 14 \times 0.01 = 50 \times \omega_3$$

$$\omega_3 = 8.848 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/kgda}$$

$$m_{a1} \times t_1 + m_{a2} \times t_2 = m_{a3} \times t_3$$

$$36 \times 15 + 14 \times 25 = 50 \times t_3$$

$$t_3 = 17.8^\circ\text{C}$$

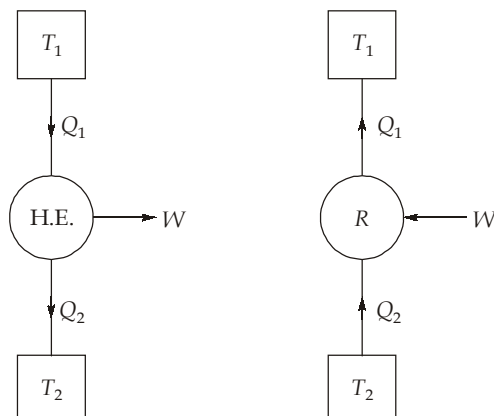
So, enthalpy

$$h_3 = 1.005 \times t_3 + w_3(2500 + 1.88t_3)$$

$$h_3 = 40.305 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

15. (b)

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{HP}} = (\text{COP})_{\text{Ref}} + 1 = 5 + 1 = 6$$



$$(\text{COP})_{\text{HP}} = \frac{Q_1}{W} = \frac{Q_1}{Q_1 - Q_2} = \frac{T_1}{T_1 - T_2}$$

$$\eta_{\text{HE}} = \frac{W}{Q_1} = \frac{T_1 - T_2}{T_1}$$

$$\text{So, } \eta_{\text{HE}} = \frac{1}{(\text{COP})_{\text{HP}}} = \frac{1}{6} = 0.1666 = 16.67\%$$

16. (a)

$$\text{Heat added} = m_a(h_2 - h_1)$$

$$\text{So, } h_1 = 1.005 \times t_1 + w_1(2500 + 1.88t_1) \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\phi_1 = \frac{P_{v1}}{P_{vs}}$$

$$0.8 = \frac{P_{v1}}{0.017}$$

$$P_{v1} = 0.0136 \text{ bar}$$

$$w_1 = 0.622 \frac{P_{v1}}{P_t - P_{v1}} = \frac{0.622 \times 0.0136}{(1.013 - 0.0136)} = 8.4642 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/kgda}$$

So, equation, (1)

$$h_1 = 1.005 \times 15 + 8.4642 \times 10^{-3}(2500 + 1.88 \times 15)$$

$$h_1 = 36.474 \text{ kJ/kgda}$$

For sensible heating specific humidity is same So, P_v is same.

$$\text{So, } \omega_1 = \omega_2$$

$$\text{at } 22^\circ\text{C } h_2 = 1.005 \times 22 + 8.4642 \times 10^{-3}(2500 + 1.88 \times 22)$$

$$h_2 = 43.6205 \text{ kJ/kgda}$$

$$P_1 V_1 = m_a R T_1$$

$$m_a = \frac{(1.013 - 0.0136) \times 100 \times 100}{0.287 \times 288}$$

$$m_a = 120.91 \text{ kg/min}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, Heat added} &= 120.91 \times (43.6205 - 36.474) \\ &= 864.083 \text{ kJ/min} \end{aligned}$$

17. (d)

$$(\Delta h)_{\text{net}} = 20.01 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

For degree of superheating

$$(\Delta h)_{\text{net}} = (c_p)_v (\Delta T)_{\text{superheat}}$$

$$(\Delta T)_{\text{superheat}} = \frac{20.01}{1.9}$$

$$(\Delta T)_{\text{superheat}} = 10.5 \text{ K}$$

18. (c)

$$\text{Maximum COP} = \text{COP}_{\text{max}} = \frac{T_e (T_g - T_c)}{T_g (T_c - T_e)}$$

$$T_e = \text{Evaporator temperature} = -4 + 273 = 269 \text{ K}$$

$$T_g = \text{Generator temperature} = 120 + 273 = 393 \text{ K}$$

$$T_c = \text{Condensation temperature} = 30 + 273 = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$\text{COP}_{\text{max}} = \frac{269 (393 - 303)}{393 (303 - 269)} = 1.812$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{COP}_{\text{actual}} &= 0.8 \times \text{COP}_{\text{max}} \\ &= 0.8 \times 1.812 = 1.45 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{COP}_{\text{actual}} = \frac{Q_e}{Q_g} = \frac{\text{Heat absorbed in evaporator}}{\text{Heat absorbed in generator}}$$

$$1.45 = \frac{20 \times 3.5}{Q_g}$$

$$Q_g = 48.27 \text{ kW}$$

From energy balance,

Where,

Q_C = Heat rejected in condenser

Q_A = Heat rejected in absorber

$$Q_g + Q_e = Q_C + Q_A$$

$$48.27 + 20 \times 3.5 = 35 + Q_A$$

$$Q_A = 83.27 \text{ kW}$$

19. (b)

$$T = 297 \text{ K}$$

$$P_{vs} = 20 \text{ kPa}$$

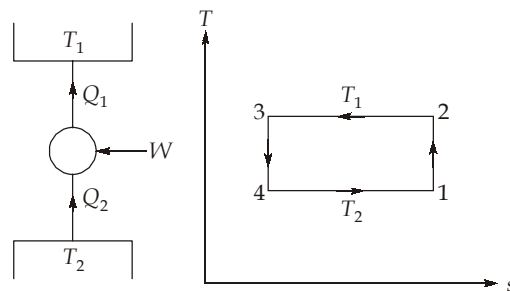
$$\phi = \frac{P_v}{P_{vs}}$$

$$P_v = \phi P_{vs} = 8 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_a = P - P_v = 100 - 8 = 92 \text{ kPa}$$

$$v = \frac{R_a T}{P_a} = \frac{0.287 \times 297}{92} = 0.93 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg of dry air}$$

20. (d)



$$\text{COP} = \frac{Q_2}{W} = \frac{3.5}{1.3} = 2.69$$

for Carnot cycle, $\text{COP} = \frac{T_2}{T_1 - T_2}$ [Given: $T_2 = -40 + 273 = 233 \text{ K}$]

$$2.69 = \frac{233}{T_1 - 233}$$

$$T_1 = 319.617 \text{ K}$$

and heat rejected,

$$\begin{aligned} Q_1 &= Q_2 + W \\ &= 3.5 + 1.3 = 4.8 \text{ kW} = 288 \text{ kJ/min} \end{aligned}$$

21. (d)

We know that,

$$\dot{Q}_s = \dot{m}_a c_p \Delta T$$

$$15 = \dot{m}_a \times 1.0216 \times (27 - 7)$$

$$\dot{m}_a = 0.7341 \text{ kg dry air per second}$$

$$\dot{m}_a = 0.7341 \times 3600 = 2642.913 \text{ kgda/h}$$

Ratio of moist air to dry air in supply air = $(1 + \omega_s)$

ω_s = Specific humidity at supply

$$\omega_s = 0.622 \frac{P_V}{P_t - P_V} \quad [\because P_V = 1 \text{ kPa and } P_t = 1.0132 \text{ bar}]$$

$$= 0.622 \times \frac{1}{(101.32 - 1)}$$

$$= 6.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/kgda}$$

Ratio of moist air to dry air in supply air = $(1 + \omega_s) = (1 + 6.2 \times 10^{-3}) = 1.0062$

Mass of moist air supplied to space

$$\dot{m} = (1 + \omega_s) \dot{m}_a = 1.0062 \times 2642.913$$

$$= 2659.299 \text{ kg/h}$$

22. (b)

So, humidifying efficiency,

$$\eta = \frac{t_{d1} - t_{d2}}{t_{d1} - t_{d3}} = \frac{\omega_2 - \omega_1}{\omega_3 - \omega_1}$$

So,

$$0.85 = \frac{\omega_2 - 0.0177}{0.02146 - 0.0177}$$

$$\omega_2 = 0.02089 \text{ kg/kg d.a.}$$

We know that,

$$\omega_2 = 0.622 \frac{p_v}{p_t - p_v}$$

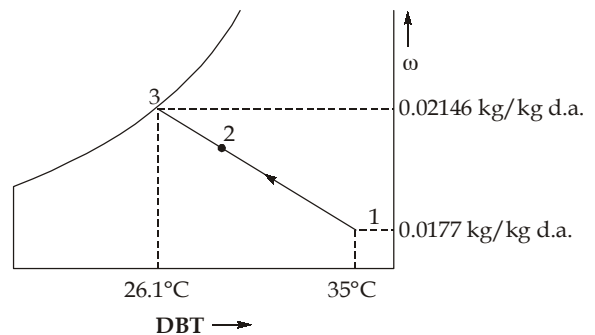
$$0.02089 = 0.622 \frac{p_v}{p_t - p_v}$$

$$\frac{p_t - p_v}{p_v} = \frac{0.622}{0.02089}$$

$$\frac{p_t}{p_v} = 1 + \frac{0.622}{0.02089}$$

$$p_v = \frac{1.0132}{30.775} = 0.0329 \text{ bar}$$

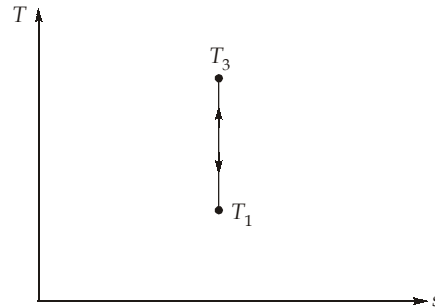
$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, Relative humidity} &= \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}} = \frac{0.0329}{0.03658} = 0.9 \\ &= 90\% \end{aligned}$$



23. (d)

As refrigerant is compressed upto ambient temperature T_3 , and it is the minimum temperature to which the gas can be cooled. That means, without any change in temperature or without any condenser process, it expanded to the temperature T_1 , so refrigeration effect and net work done both are zero.

$$\text{COP} = \frac{\text{Refrigeration effect}}{\text{Net work done}} = \frac{0}{0} = \text{Indeterminate form}$$



24. (a)

$$V_1 = 30 \text{ m}^3,$$

$$v_1 = 0.827 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$

$$m_{a1} = \frac{30}{0.827} = 36.275 \text{ kg of dry air}$$

$$V_2 = 12 \text{ m}^3,$$

$$v_2 = 0.96 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$$

$$m_{a2} = \frac{12}{0.96} = 12.5 \text{ kg of dry air}$$

Mass of the mixture $m_{a3} = m_{a1} + m_{a2} = 48.775 \text{ kg of dry air}$
 So, DBT of mixture is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{DBT}_3 &= \frac{m_{a1} \times \text{DBT}_1 + m_{a2} \times \text{DBT}_2}{m_{a1} + m_{a2}} = \frac{36.275 \times 15 + 12.5 \times 25}{48.775} \\ &= 17.562^\circ\text{C} \end{aligned}$$

25. (a)

As per given information,

$$\text{Heat engine, } \Rightarrow Q_1 = W + Q,$$

$$\text{Heat pump, } \Rightarrow Q_2 = W + 2Q$$

$$(\eta_E) = (\eta_E)_{\max} \times 40\%$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{HP}} = 0.5 \times [(\text{COP})_{\text{HP}}]_{\max}$$

$$(\eta_E)_{\max} = \left(1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}\right)$$

$$\eta_E = \left(1 - \frac{300}{1000}\right) \times 0.4 = 0.28 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$(\eta_E) = \frac{W}{Q_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.28 = \frac{W}{Q_1} \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (ii)

$$\Rightarrow W = 0.28Q_1 = 0.28(W + Q)$$

$$W = \frac{0.28Q}{1 - 0.28} = 0.388Q$$

$$[(COP)_{HP}]_{\max} = \frac{T_H}{T_H - T_L}$$

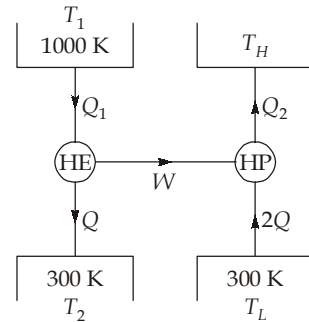
$$(COP)_{HP} = 0.5 \times \left(\frac{T_H}{T_H - 300} \right)$$

$$\frac{Q_2}{W} = 0.5 \times \frac{T_H}{T_H - 300}$$

$$\frac{W + 2Q}{W} = \frac{0.5T_H}{T_H - 300}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0.388Q + 2Q}{0.388Q} = \frac{0.5T_H}{T_H - 300}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_H = 326.5 \text{ K}$$



26. (a)

$$COP = \frac{\text{Refrigeration effect (RE)}}{\text{Work input (} W_C \text{)}}$$

$$\text{Work input} = \frac{70}{60} = 1.166 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{RE} = \text{One ton of refrigeration} = 3.5 \text{ kW}$$

$$COP = \frac{3.5}{1.166} = 3$$

Note: Here it is not a Carnot refrigeration. So, COP in terms of absolute temperature cannot be taken.

27. (b)

$$\text{Relative humidity, } \phi = \frac{P_v}{P_{vs}}$$

$$P_{vs} \text{ at } 21^\circ\text{C} = 2.489 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{So, } P_v = \phi \times P_{vs} = 0.75 \times 2.489 = 1.866 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{Total pressure, } P_t = \frac{736}{1000} \times 9.81 \times 13.6 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$P_t = 98.194 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{Specific humidity, } \omega = 0.622 \frac{P_v}{P_t - P_v} = 0.622 \times \frac{1.866}{98.194 - 1.866}$$

$$\omega = 0.0120 \text{ kg/kgd.a.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Humid specific heat, } c_p &= c_{pa} + \omega c_{pv} \\ &= 1.005 + 1.88 \times 0.0120 = 1.0276 \text{ kJ/kgd.a.K} \end{aligned}$$

28. (a)

$$s_1 = s_2$$

$$(s_p)_{-15^\circ\text{C}} + x_1(s_{fg})_{-15^\circ\text{C}} = (s_g)_{18.5^\circ\text{C}} + c_{pg} \ln \frac{T_2}{T_2'}$$

$$-0.1505 + x_1 [0.9154 - (-0.1505)] = 0.7231 + 2.35 \ln \frac{(32 + 273)}{(18.5 + 273)}$$

$$x_1 = 0.92$$

So,

$$h_1 = (h_p)_{-15^\circ\text{C}} + x_1(h_{fg})_{-15^\circ\text{C}}$$

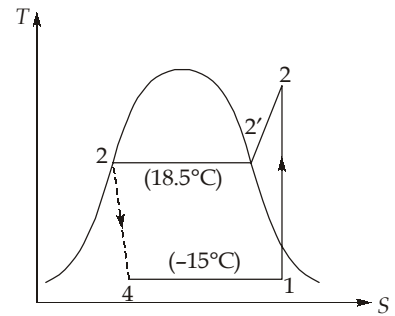
$$= -37.60 + 0.92[234.50 - (-37.60)]$$

$$h_1 = 212.732 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\text{Work done/kg} = W = h_2 - h_1$$

$$= 245.78 - 212.732$$

$$W = 33.048 \text{ kJ/kg}$$



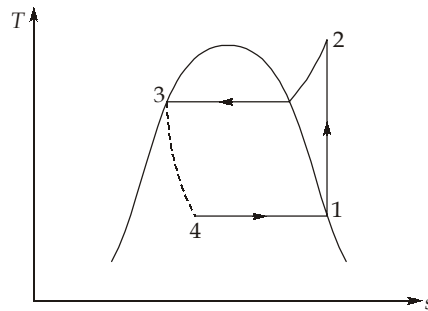
29. (c)

Mass flow rate for 1 tons of refrigeration,

$$\text{Refrigeration effect, (RE)} = \dot{m}(h_1 - h_4)$$

$$3.5 = \dot{m}(354.885 - 239.03) \quad (\because h_4 = h_3)$$

$$\dot{m} = 0.0302 \text{ kg/sec per TR}$$



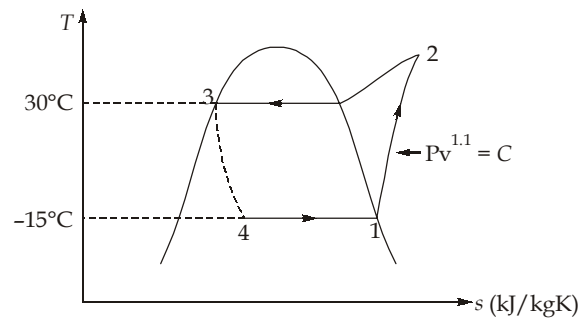
So, theoretical piston displacement,

$$V_s = \dot{m} \times v_1$$

$$= 0.0302 \times 0.04799 = 1.449 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$= 0.0869 \text{ m}^3/\text{min} = 5.217 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$$

30. (a)



$$\text{Refrigeration capacity, } RC = \dot{m}(h_1 - h_4)$$

$$10 \times 3.5 = \dot{m}(1444.19 - 342.08)$$

$$\dot{m} = 0.03175 \text{ kg/s}$$

Work done per kg for compressor,

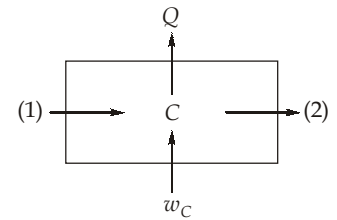
$$\begin{aligned} w_c &= \frac{n}{(n-1)} \times p_1 \times v_1 \times \left[\left(\frac{p_2}{p_1} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}} - 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1.1}{(1.1-1)} \times 2.3637 \times 10^2 \times 0.50905 \times \left[\left(\frac{11.671}{2.3637} \right)^{\frac{1.1-1}{1.1}} - 1 \right] \\ &= 206.7899 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

Apply SFEE to compressor,

$$\text{So, } \dot{m}_1 h_1 - Q = \dot{m}_2 h_2 - w_c$$

$$-Q = (\dot{m} h_2 - \dot{m} h_1) - 206.7899 \times \dot{m}$$

$$Q = 2.888 \text{ kW}$$



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