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THERMODYNAMICS

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

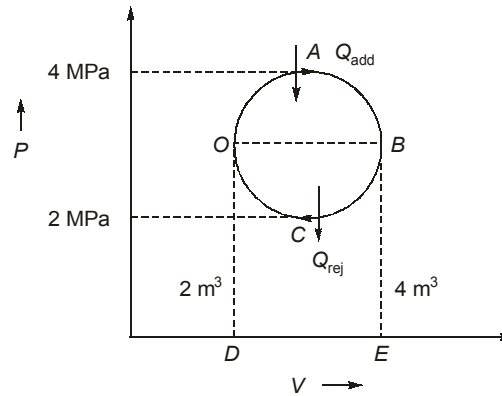
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ANSWER KEY >

1. (d)	7. (a)	13. (c)	19. (c)	25. (c)
2. (c)	8. (a)	14. (c)	20. (b)	26. (a)
3. (b)	9. (a)	15. (b)	21. (b)	27. (c)
4. (a)	10. (a)	16. (b)	22. (b)	28. (c)
5. (b)	11. (a)	17. (d)	23. (a)	29. (b)
6. (a)	12. (b)	18. (a)	24. (c)	30. (a)

DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (d)



In cycle $Q_{net} = W_{net} = \text{Area enclosed by cycle.}$

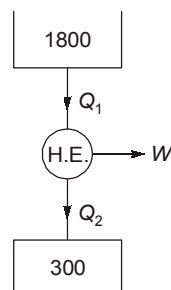
$$= \frac{\pi}{4} \times (4 - 2) \times (4000 - 2000) = 3141.59 \text{ kJ}$$

2. (c)

3. (b)

Hydrogen and Helium when throttled become heated as the maximum inversion temperature is below the normal ambient temperature.

4. (a)



$$Q_1 = 5 \text{ MW}$$

$$Q_2 = Q_1 - W = 3 \text{ MW}$$

$$\text{Rate of entropy generation} = \frac{-Q_1}{T_1} + \frac{Q_2}{T_2}$$

$$\Delta S_{gen} = \left(\frac{-5}{1800} + \frac{3}{300} \right) \times 10^6$$

$$\Delta S_{gen} = 7222.22 \text{ W/K}$$

$$\text{Work lost} = T_2 \Delta S_{gen} = 300 \times 7222.22 = 2.16 \text{ MW}$$

5. (b)

At $t = 0^\circ\text{C}; P = 3$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = a \log_e 3 + \frac{b}{2} \quad \dots(1)$$

at $t = 100^\circ\text{C}; P = 8$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 100 = a \log_e 8 + \frac{b}{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

By (1) and (2)

$$a = 101.95$$

$$b = -224$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad t = 101.95 \log_e(P) - 112$$

$$\text{at} \quad P = 6.5; t = 78.83^\circ\text{C}$$

6. (a)

7. (a)

8. (a)

Considering compression as a quasi-static polytropic process,

$$\text{We have,} \quad P_1 V_1^n = P_2 V_2^n$$

Index of compression,

$$n = \frac{\ln(P_1/P_2)}{\ln(V_2/V_1)}$$

$$\therefore \quad n = \frac{\ln(1/6)}{\ln(0.03/0.12)}$$

$$\therefore \quad n = \frac{-1.7917}{-1.3863} = 1.292$$

9. (a)

10. (a)

11. (a)

$$P_1 = 400 \text{ kPa,}$$

$$P_2 = 200 \text{ kPa,}$$

$$P_{\text{mix}} = 250 \text{ kPa}$$

$$N_1 = 3 \text{ Kmol,}$$

$$N_2 = 7 \text{ Kmol,}$$

$$M_{N_2} = 28 \text{ kg/Kmol}$$

$$M_{\text{CO}_2} = 44 \text{ kg/Kmol}$$

$$N_{\text{mix}} = N_1 + N_2 = 10 \text{ Kmol}$$

$$y_1 = \frac{N_1}{N_{\text{mix}}} = 0.3$$

$$y_2 = 0.7$$

$$\therefore \quad P_{N_2} = y_1 \times P_{\text{mix}} = 0.3 \times 250 \text{ kPa} = 75 \text{ kPa}$$

12. (b)

For the work to be maximum, the final temperature should be the geometric mean of the bodies temperatures.

$$\therefore \quad T_f = \sqrt{T_1 T_2}$$

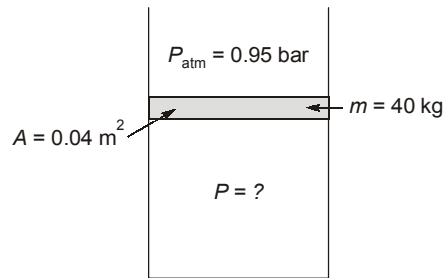
$$= \sqrt{900 \times 400} ; \quad T_f = 600 \text{ K}$$

13. (c)

Availability for a flow process,

$$\begin{aligned} &= (h_1 - h_2) - T_0(S_1 - S_2) \\ &= 300 - [300 \times (1.1 - 0.7)] \\ &= 300 - 120 \\ &= 180 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

14. (c)



We have:

$$\begin{aligned} PA &= P_{\text{atm}} A + W \\ P &= P_{\text{atm}} + mg/A \\ P &= 0.95 \text{ bar} + \frac{(40 \times 9.81)}{0.04 \times 10^5} \text{ bar} \\ \Rightarrow P &= 1.0481 \text{ bar} \end{aligned}$$

15. (b)

We know by 1st law of thermodynamics,

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta Q &= \Delta U + \Delta W \\ (40 - 8) &= \Delta U + \frac{-500}{1000} \\ \therefore 32 &= \Delta U - 0.5 \\ \Delta U &= 32.5 \\ U_2 - U_1 &= 32.5 \\ U_2 - 10 &= 32.5 \\ \therefore U_2 &= 32.5 + 10 \\ \therefore U_2 &= 42.5 \text{ kJ} \end{aligned}$$

16. (b)

At triple point all the three phases exist in equilibrium.

∴ Triple point pressure of liquid and solid X are same.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 12.14 - \frac{3000}{T} &= 19.76 - \frac{3500}{T} \\ \therefore \text{on solving, } T &= 65.61 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

17. (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{Q}_H &= \dot{W}_{\text{net}} + \dot{Q}_L \\ &= 6000 + 3500 \\ &= 9500 \text{ kJ/min} \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\dot{Q}_A + \dot{Q}_B = \dot{Q}_H$$

$$\dot{Q}_A + \dot{Q}_B = 9500 \text{ kJ/min}$$

...(1)

Also,
$$\frac{\dot{Q}_A}{T_A} + \frac{\dot{Q}_B}{T_B} = \frac{3500}{200}$$

$\therefore \dot{Q}_A + 2\dot{Q}_B = 14000 \quad \dots(2)$

Solving (1) and (2), $\dot{Q}_A = 5000 \text{ kJ/min}$

$\dot{Q}_B = 4500 \text{ kJ/min}$

18. (a)

$$Tds = dH - Vdp$$

Reversible adiabatic, $Tds = 0$

$$dH = Vdp$$

$$h_1 + q = h_2 + W_{cv}$$

$$W_{cv} = h_1 - h_2$$

$$W_{cv} = -Vdp$$

$$P_1 = 0.5 \text{ MPa,}$$

$$V_1 = 0.2 \text{ m}^3$$

$$V_2 = 0.05 \text{ m}^3$$

$$PV^{1.3} = \text{Constant}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2 = P_1 \left(\frac{V_1}{V_2} \right)^n$$

$$\Rightarrow P_2 = 0.5 \times \left(\frac{0.20}{0.05} \right)^{1.3} = 3.031 \text{ MPa}$$

$$V = \left(\frac{C}{P} \right)^{1/1.3}$$

$$\int_{H_1}^{H_2} dH = \int_{P_1}^{P_2} Vdp$$

$$H_2 - H_1 = \frac{n[P_2V_2 - P_1V_1]}{n-1} = \frac{1.3[3031 \times 0.05 - 500 \times 0.2]}{1.3-1}$$

$$\Delta H = 223.3 \text{ kJ}$$

19. (c)

$$R_e = \frac{\sum mR}{\sum m}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_e = 0.77 \times \frac{8.314}{32} + 0.23 \times \frac{8.314}{28}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_e = 0.268 \text{ kJ/kgK}$$

$$[C_{v,e}] = \frac{R_e}{\gamma - 1} = \frac{0.268}{0.4} = 0.671 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$$

Constant volume process

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

⇒

$$T_2 = 2T_1$$

⇒

$$T_2 = 596 \text{ K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Heat supplied} &= m(C_v)_e \Delta T \\ &= 2 \times 0.671 \times 298 = 399.916 \text{ kJ} \\ &\simeq 400 \text{ kJ} \end{aligned}$$

20. (b)

$$\text{Mass} = 10 \text{ g} = 0.01 \text{ kg}$$

$$P = 10^5 \text{ Pa}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dQ &= Q_{H_2O^{0^\circ-100^\circ C}} + Q_{H_2O-steam} \\ &= 0.01 \times 4200 \times 100 + 2.5 \times 10^6 \times 0.01 \\ &= 29200 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

$$dW = P\Delta V$$

$$\Delta V = \frac{0.01}{0.6} - \frac{0.01}{1000} = 0.016656 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} dW &= 0.016656 \times 10^5 \\ &= 1665.67 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

$$dQ = dW + du$$

⇒

$$du = dQ - dW$$

$$= 29200 - 1665.67 = 27534.33 \text{ J} = 27.534 \text{ kJ}$$

21. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} W_{max} &= (u_1 - u_2) - T_0(s_1 - s_2) \\ &= c_v(T_1 - T_2) - T_0 \left(c_p \ln \frac{T_1}{T_2} - R \ln \frac{P_1}{P_2} \right) \\ &= 0.716(300 - 600) - 300 \left[1.004 \ln \frac{300}{600} - 0.287 \ln \frac{1}{8} \right] \\ &= -185.06 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}$$

⇒

$$\frac{n-1}{n} = \frac{\ln \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1} \right)}{\ln \left(\frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)} = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln 8} = 0.333$$

⇒

$$n = 1.5$$

$$W_{actual} = \frac{mR(T_1 - T_2)}{n-1} = \frac{1 \times 0.287(300 - 600)}{1.5 - 1} = -172.2 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Irreversibility, } I &= W_{max} - W_{actual} \\ &= 185.06 - 172.2 = 12.86 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

22. (b)

The paddle wheel does work on the system (the gas) due to the 100 kg mass dropping 3 m. That work is negative

$$W_1 = -F \times d = -100 \times 9.81 \times 3 = -2943 \text{ J}$$

The work done by the system on this friction piston is positive,

$$\begin{aligned} W_2 &= (PA)(h) = PV = (100 + 100) \times 0.002 \\ &= 0.4 \text{ kJ} = 400 \text{ J} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore W_{\text{net}} = -2943 + 400 = -2543 \text{ J}$$

23. (a)

Equation of the line PQ

$$y - y_1 = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}(x - x_1)$$

$$P - 2P_0 = \frac{P_0 - 2P_0}{2V_0 - V_0}[V - V_0]$$

$$P - 2P_0 = -\frac{P_0}{V_0}[V - V_0]$$

$$P - 2P_0 = -\frac{P_0 V}{V_0} + P_0$$

$$\Rightarrow P = -\frac{P_0}{V_0}V + 3P_0$$

$$\Rightarrow PV = -\frac{P_0}{V_0}V^2 + 3P_0V$$

$$\Rightarrow n\bar{R}T = -\frac{P_0}{V_0}V^2 + 3P_0V$$

$$\Rightarrow T = \frac{1}{n\bar{R}}\left(-\frac{P_0}{V_0}V^2 + 3P_0V\right)$$

For maximum temperature, $\frac{dT}{dV} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{2P_0 V}{V_0} + 3P_0 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{3V_0}{2}$$

$$\therefore T_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{n\bar{R}}\left(-\frac{P_0}{V_0} \times \frac{9V_0^2}{4} + 3P_0 \times \frac{3V_0}{2}\right) = \frac{9P_0 V_0}{4n\bar{R}}$$

24. (c)

Total electrical work which is converted to heat

$$= (VI)t = 22 \times 1.6 \times 90 = 3168 \text{ J} = Q$$

$$\text{Work done by air} = \int PdV = 1.1 \times 10^5 \times 0.02$$

$$= 2200 \text{ J} = W$$

From 1st law,

$$\delta Q = \Delta U + \delta W$$

$$3168 = \Delta U + 2200$$

$$\Delta U = 968 \text{ J}$$

$$mC_V\Delta T = 968$$

$$0.1 \times 717 \times \Delta T = 968$$

$$\Delta T = 13.5^\circ\text{C}$$

25. (c)

$$(\Delta s)_{\text{gen.}} = (\Delta s)_{\text{ice}} + (\Delta s)_{\text{atm.}}$$

$$(\Delta s)_{\text{ice}} = 1 \times 2.093 \times \ln \frac{273}{268} + \frac{333.3}{273} + 1 \times 4.18 \times \ln \frac{293}{273}$$

$$= 1.555$$

$$Q_{\text{ice}} = 1 \times 2.093 \times 5 + 333.3 + 1 \times 4.18 \times 20 = 427.365$$

$$(\Delta s)_{\text{surr.}} = \frac{-Q_{\text{ice}}}{293} = -1.459$$

$$(\Delta s)_{\text{gen.}} = 1.555 - 1.459 = 0.096 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

26. (a)

Unsteady Flow

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \dot{m}_i - \dot{m}_e$$

$$dm = m_i - m_e$$

$$m_2 - m_1 = m_i - m_e$$

$$m_2 = m_i$$

$$\frac{dE}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(m_i h_i) = \frac{dU}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 u_2 - m_1 u_1 = m_i h_i$$

$$\Rightarrow m_2 u_2 = m_i h_i$$

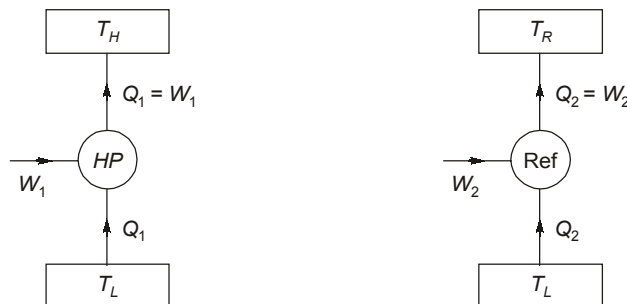
$$\Rightarrow C_v T_2 = C_p T_i$$

$$\Rightarrow T_2 = \gamma T_i$$

$$\Rightarrow T_2 = 1.66 \times 433 = 718.78 \text{ K}$$

$$T_2 = 445.78^\circ\text{C}$$

27. (c)



For heat pump

$$\frac{T_H}{T_H - T_L} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow T_H = 5(T_H - T_L)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4T_H = 5T_L$$

$$\Rightarrow T_H = \frac{5}{4}T_L$$

For refrigerator

$$\frac{T_L}{T_R - T_L} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow T_L = 5(T_R - T_L)$$

$$\Rightarrow 5T_R = 6T_L$$

$$\Rightarrow T_R = \frac{\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)}{\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)} = \frac{25}{24}$$

28. (c)

29. (b)

30. (a)

