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## REFRIGERATION & AIR CONDITIONING

### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

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#### ANSWER KEY >

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## DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (b)

For saturated hydrocarbon, refrigerant chemical formula is  $C_m H_n F_p Cl_q$

$$R - (m - 1)(n + 1)p$$

where  $n + p + q = 2m + 2$

$$\therefore m - 1 = 1, m = 2$$

$$n + 1 = 1, n = 0$$

$$p = 3$$

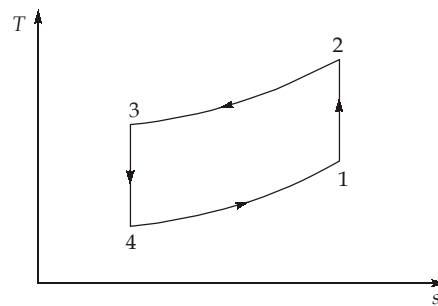
$$\therefore 0 + 3 + q = 2 \times 2 + 2 = 6$$

$$q = 3$$

$$\therefore R - 113 = C_2H_0F_3Cl_3 = C_2Cl_3F_3$$

5. (c)

$$r_p = 10 = \frac{P_2}{P_1}, T_1 = 283 \text{ K}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{1.4-1/1.4}$$

$$\text{COP} = \frac{1}{r_p^{\gamma-1/\gamma} - 1}$$

$$\text{COP} = \frac{1}{10^{1.4-1/1.4} - 1}$$

$$\text{COP} = 1.0745$$

6. (c)

$$T_E = 268 \text{ K}$$

$$T_a = 273 + 25 = 298 \text{ K}$$

$$T_G = 373 \text{ K}$$

$$(\text{COP})_{\text{max}} = \left( \frac{T_E}{T_a - T_E} \right) \times \left( \frac{T_G - T_a}{T_G} \right) = \left( \frac{268}{298 - 268} \right) \times \left( \frac{373 - 298}{373} \right) = 1.796$$

$$(\text{COP})_a = \text{Actual COP} = 0.8 (\text{COP})_{\text{max}} = 1.437$$

$$\Rightarrow 1.437 = \frac{RE}{W_{in}} = \frac{60}{Q_G}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q_G = 41.75 \text{ kW}$$

$$\Rightarrow \dot{m}_s \times 0.95 \times h_{fg} = Q_G = 41.75$$

$$\dot{m}_s = 0.022 \text{ kg/s}$$

7. (b)

$$(\text{COP}) = \frac{(\text{COP})_1 \times (\text{COP})_2}{1 + (\text{COP})_1 + (\text{COP})_2} = \frac{2.3 \times 1.6}{1 + 2.3 + 1.6} = 0.751$$

8. (d)

Given:

$$T = 45^\circ\text{C},$$

$$p_{vs} = 0.09584 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{Relative humidity, } \phi = 30\%$$

$$p_{\text{atm}} = 100 \text{ kPa} = 1 \text{ bar}$$

∴

$$\phi = \frac{p_v}{p_{vs}}$$

$$p_v = 0.3 \times 0.09584 = 0.028752 \text{ bar}$$

$$\text{humidity ratio, } \omega = 0.622 \times \frac{p_v}{p - p_v}$$

$$= 0.622 \times \frac{0.028752}{1 - 0.028752}$$

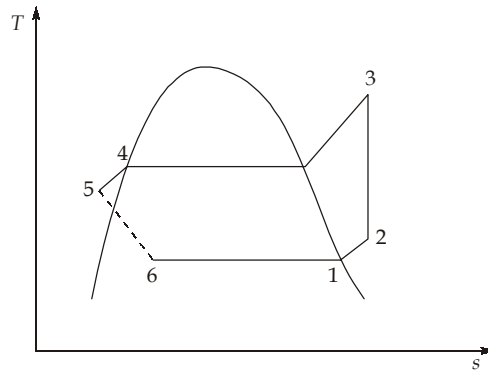
$$= 0.0184 \text{ kg/kg of da}$$

Now

$$\text{enthalpy, } h = 1.005t + \omega(2500 + 1.88t)$$

$$= 1.005 \times 45 + 0.0184(2500 + 1.88 \times 45) = 92.816 \text{ kJ/kg of da.}$$

10. (b)



Degree of superheat at suction  $t_2 - t_1 = 15 - (-15) = 30\text{K}$

By interpolating for superheated vapour

$$h_2 = 193.2 + \frac{30 - 20}{20} \times (205.7 - 193.2)$$

$$h_2 = 199.45 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Now,

$$h_2 - h_1 = h_4 - h_5$$

$$199.45 - 181 = 69.5 - h_5$$

$$h_5 = 51.05 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

11. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{COP} &= \frac{\text{Refrigeration Effect}}{W_{\text{compressor}} - W_{\text{turbine}}} = \frac{T_1 - T'_4}{(T'_2 - T_1) - (T_3 - T'_4)} \\ &= \frac{263 - 197}{(467 - 263) - (313 - 197)} = 0.75 \end{aligned}$$

12. (b)

 $W_{\text{net/kg}} = \text{Work done on compressor} - \text{work done by expander}$ 

$$= \frac{n_1}{n_1 - 1} R(T_2 - T_1) - \frac{n_2}{n_2 - 1} R(T_3 - T_4)$$

$$= \frac{n_1}{n_1 - 1} RT_1 \left[ \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{n_1 - 1/n_1} - 1 \right] - \frac{n_2}{n_2 - 1} RT_4 \left[ \left( \frac{P_3}{P_4} \right)^{n_2 - 1/n_2} - 1 \right]$$

where

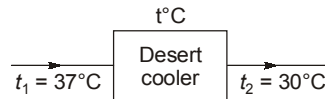
$$n_1 = 1.2, R = 0.287 \text{ kJ/kgK}$$

$$T_1 = 263 \text{ K}, n_2 = 1.35, T_3 = 273 + 30 = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$T_4 = \frac{T_3}{\left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{1.35 - 1}} = \frac{303}{(6.5)^{0.35/1.35}} = 186.5 \text{ K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore W_{\text{net/kg}} &= \left( \frac{1.2}{1.2 - 1} \times 0.287 \times 263 \times \left( (6.5)^{0.2/1.2} - 1 \right) \right) - \left( \frac{1.35}{1.35 - 1} \times 0.287 \times 186.5 \times \left( (6.5)^{0.35/1.35} - 1 \right) \right) \\ &= 165.75 - 129.03 = 36.72 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

13. (d)



$$\therefore \eta = 1 - \left( \frac{t_2 - t}{t_1 - t} \right)$$

$$0.7 = 1 - \left( \frac{30 - t}{37 - t} \right)$$

$$\therefore t = 27^\circ\text{C}$$

\(\therefore\) (D) is the correct answer.

14. (a)

Mass of dry air/unit mass of moist air:

$$m_{a_1} = \frac{1}{1 + \omega_1} \text{ kg} = \frac{1}{1 + 0.0035} = 0.9955 \text{ kg}$$

Mass of dry air/two unit mass of moist air:

$$m_{a_2} = \frac{2}{1 + \omega_2} \text{ kg} = \frac{2}{1 + 0.0076} = 1.9849 \text{ kg}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For the mixture, } \omega &= \frac{m_{a_1} \omega_1 + m_{a_2} \omega_2}{m_{a_1} + m_{a_2}} \\ &= \frac{0.9955 \times 0.0035 + 1.9849 \times 0.0076}{0.9955 + 1.9849} \\ &= 0.00623 \text{ kg w.v./kg d.a} \end{aligned}$$

16. (b)

Amount of water vapour condensed =  $m_{v_i} - m_{v_f}$

$$m_{v_i} = \frac{P_{v_i} V}{R_V \cdot T}$$

$$R_V = \frac{8314}{18}$$

$$m_{v_i} = \frac{0.046368 \times 10^5 \times (8 \times 16)}{\frac{8314}{18} \times 311} = 4.1317 \text{ kg}$$

$$m_{v_f} = \frac{0.01227 \times 10^5 \times (8 \times 16) \times 18}{8314 \times 283} = 1.2015 \text{ kg}$$

Amount of water condensed = 2.93 kg

17. (c)

$$\omega = 0.622 \frac{p_v}{p_a} = 0.622 \frac{p_v}{p_t - p_v}$$

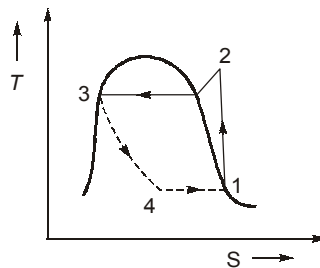
$$0.0085 = 0.622 \frac{p_v}{1.01325 - p_v}$$

⇒

$$p_v = 0.01366$$

$$\phi = \frac{0.01366}{0.0234} = 0.5837$$

18. (a)



Given,

$$h_1 = 230 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$h_2 = 295 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$h_3 = 120 \text{ kJ/kg} = h_4 \quad (\text{Isenthalpic process})$$

∴

$$\text{COP} = \frac{R_E}{W_{\text{input}}} = \frac{h_1 - h_4}{h_2 - h_1} = \frac{230 - 120}{295 - 230}$$

$$\text{COP} = 1.692$$

19. (b)

$$RC = \frac{600 \times 10^3}{24 \times 3600} \text{ kJ/sec}$$

$$RC = 6.944 \text{ kW}$$

$$1 \text{ TR} = \frac{6.944}{3.5} = 1.98 \text{ TR}$$

20. (b)

Since the cycle shown is anti-clockwise

∴ It is work-absorbing device cycle. Hence, it will be used in air-refrigeration. The cycle shown is a reverse Brayton cycle.

21. (b)

$$P_a = 90 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_s = 4.2469 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\phi = 0.75$$

$$V = 40 \text{ m}^3$$

$$P_v = \phi P_s = 0.75 \times 4.2469 = 3.185 \text{ kPa}$$

$$P_a = P - P_v = 90 - 3.185 = 86.815 \text{ kPa}$$

$$m_a = \frac{P_a V}{RT} = \frac{(86.815) \times 10^3 \times 40}{287 \times 303} = 39.93 \text{ kg}$$

22. (a)

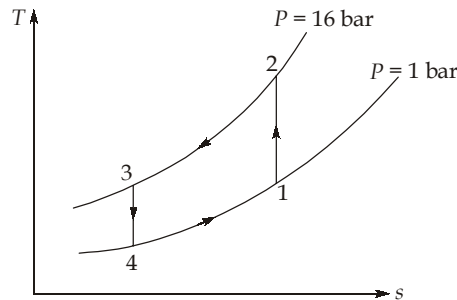
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23. (b)



$$T_1 = -5^\circ\text{C} = 268 \text{ K}$$

$$T_3 = 30^\circ\text{C} = 303 \text{ K}$$

$$\frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{T_3}{T_4} = (r_p)^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma} = (16)^{0.4/1.4} = 2.208$$

$$T_2 = 591.74 \text{ K}, T_4 = 137.22 \text{ K}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Refrigeration effect} &= h_1 - h_4 = c_p (T_1 - T_4) \\ &= 1.005(268 - 137.22) \\ &= 131.43 \text{ kJ/kg} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Mass flow rate} = \frac{\text{Refrigeration capacity}}{\text{Refrigeration effect}} = \frac{33.5}{131.43} = 0.2548 \text{ kg/s}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V}_{\text{compressor}} &= \frac{mRT_1}{P_1} = \frac{0.2548 \times 0.287 \times 268}{100} \\ &= 0.196 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 11.76 \text{ m}^3/\text{min} \end{aligned}$$

24. (a)  
 COP for Bell-Coleman cycle is given by,

$$\text{COP} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{P_2}{P_1}\right)^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}} - 1}$$

where,  $P_1 = 1.05 \text{ bar}$ ,  $P_2 = 8.5 \text{ bar}$

$$\therefore \text{COP} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{8.5}{1.05}\right)^{1.4} - 1} = 1.22$$

25. (b)

$$(\text{COP})_A = (\text{COP})_B$$

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

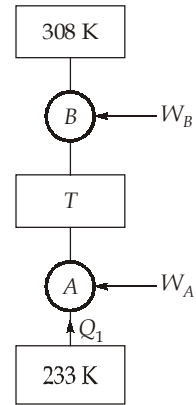
$$T_L T_H - T_L T = T^2 - T_L T$$

$$T^2 = T_L T_H$$

$$T = \sqrt{T_L T_H} = \sqrt{308 \times 233} = 267.88 \text{ K}$$

$$(\text{COP})_A = \frac{233}{267.88 - 233} = 6.68$$

$$W_A = \frac{Q_1}{(\text{COP})_A} = \frac{3}{6.68} = 0.449 \text{ kJ/s} \approx 0.45 \text{ kJ/s}$$



26. (a)

For discharge temperature,  $s_1 = s_2 = s'_2 + c_{p_v} \ln\left(\frac{T_2}{T'_2}\right)$

$$1.72 = 1.7072 + 1.246 \ln\left(\frac{T_2}{273 + 50}\right)$$

$$T_2 = 326.33 \text{ K}$$

Enthalpy at discharge,  $h_2 = h'_2 + c_{p_v}(T_2 - T'_2)$

$$h_2 = 423.4 + 1.246(326.33 - 323) = 427.55 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

Heat rejection in condenser,

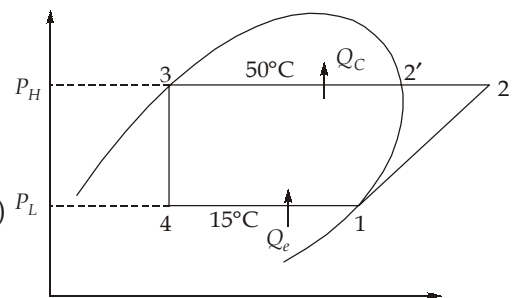
$$Q_C = \dot{m}(h_2 - h_3)$$

$$\frac{100000}{3600} = \dot{m}(427.55 - 271.62)$$

Mass flow rate of refrigerant,  $\dot{m} = 0.178 \text{ kg/s}$

Theoretical piston displacement of compressor,

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{V} &= \dot{m}v_1 = 0.178 \times 0.04185 \\ &= 7.455 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \end{aligned}$$



27. (b)

$$\eta_v = 1 - c \left[ \left( \frac{P_2}{P_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right]$$

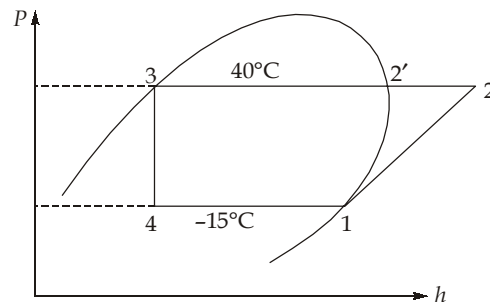
$$\eta_v = 1 - c \left[ (r_p)^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right]$$

For  $(r_p)_{\max}$ ,  $\eta_v = 0$ 

$$1 - c \left[ (r_p)_{\max}^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1 \right] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (r_p)_{\max} &= \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{c} \right]^n = \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{0.05} \right]^{1.25} \\ &= 44.95 \approx 45 \end{aligned}$$

28. (b)



For process 1 - 2,

$$S_1 = S_2$$

$$5.7550 = 5.1558 + 2.1897 \ln \left( \frac{T_2}{40 + 273} \right)$$

$$T_2 = 411.55 \text{ K}$$

$$h_2 = h'_2 + c_{p_v} (T_2 - T'_2)$$

$$h_2 = 1473 + 2.1897 [411.55 - (40 + 273)]$$

$$h_2 = 1688.79 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

$$\text{Theoretical COP} = \frac{\text{Desired effect}}{W_{\text{input}}} = \frac{h_1 - h_4}{h_2 - h_1} = \frac{1433 - 371.5}{1688.79 - 1433}$$

$$\text{COP} = 4.149 \approx 4.15$$



29. (c)

Given data:

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{DBT})_i &= 38^\circ\text{C} \\ (\text{WBT})_i &= 21^\circ\text{C} \\ (\text{WBD})_i &= (\text{DBT})_i - (\text{WBT})_i \\ &= 38 - 21 = 17^\circ\text{C}\end{aligned}$$

Web bulb depression at output,

$$\begin{aligned}(\text{WBD})_o &= (\text{DBT})_o - (\text{WBT})_o \\ (\text{WBD})_o &= 25\% (\text{WBD})_i \\ (\text{DBT})_o - (\text{WBT})_o &= 0.25 \times 17 \\ (\text{DBT})_o &= 4.25^\circ\text{C} + 21^\circ\text{C} \\ (\text{DBT})_o &= 25.25^\circ\text{C}\end{aligned}$$

30. (b)

At inlet,  $\phi_1 = 100\%$

$$\left(\frac{p_v}{p_{vs}}\right)_1 = 1$$

$$p_v = p_{vs} = 1.7057 \text{ kPa}$$

Since there is no pressure losses,

$$(p_v)_1 = (p_v)_2 = 1.7057 \text{ kPa}$$

Relative humidity at output,

$$\phi_2 = \left(\frac{p_v}{p_{vs}}\right)_2 = \frac{1.7057}{4.2469}$$

$$\phi_2 = 40.16\%$$

