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**This question paper consists of 5 pages, 1 periodic table, 1 steam table  
and 2 information sheets.**

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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer all the questions.
  2. Read all the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Start each question on a new page.
  5. Use only a black or blue pen.
  6. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

Give ONE word/term for each of the following descriptions. Write only the word/term next to the question number (1.1–1.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.1 Energy possessed because of movement (velocity) of matter.
- 1.2 A turbine in which the energy is received from an external source.
- 1.3 A material of necessity inert or unreactive which passes through a system from a single input stream to a single output stream and remains completely unchanged during the process.
- 1.4 The reaction from  $\text{SO}_2$  to  $\text{SO}_3$ .
- 1.5 A mixer for light powders such as insecticides.

(5 × 1)

**[5]****QUESTION 2**

Choose a/an word/item from COLUMN B that matches a description in COLUMN A. Write only the letter (A–H) next to the question number (2.1–2.5) in the ANSWER BOOK.

COLUMN A		COLUMN B	
2.1	Energy due to motion	A	heat
2.2	Mixer for heavy, stiff or gummy materials	B	fishtail blade
2.3	It is also called a double naben blade	C	oxygen
2.4	Can be used in food processing industries	D	nitrogen
2.5	It is colourless, odourless and tasteless gas with 79% of air by volume	E	hydrochloric acid
		F	potential energy
		G	bunbury mixer
		H	ribbon mixer

(5 × 1)

**[5]**

**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Define the following: ○
- 3.1.1 Standard heat of formation
- 3.1.2 The gram mole
- 3.1.3 Combustion reaction (3 × 3) (9)
- 3.2 Name TWO types of steam turbines. (2)
- 3.3 The analysis of the waste gas from a burner fuelled with natural gas (essentially pure CH<sub>4</sub>) is as follows: ○
- N<sub>2</sub> 75 mol%; O<sub>2</sub> 10 mol%; CO<sub>2</sub> 5 mol% and H<sub>2</sub>O 10 mol%.
- What is the ratio of moles of air to moles of gas fed to the burner? (9)
- [20]**


**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 Sketch a closed gas turbine and discuss it under the following headings. (7)
- 4.1.1 Advantage (1)
- 4.1.2 Disadvantages (2)
- 4.2 Write brief explanatory notes on an impulse-reaction turbine. (4)
- 4.3 Give FIVE procedures of solving material balance. (5 × 1) (5)
- 4.4 Describe a burner burning with a blue flame. (1)
- [20]**

**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 5.1.1 Sketch a nozzle-discharge centrifuge. (7)
- 5.1.2 Explain the operation in QUESTION 5.1.1. (5)
- 5.2 Describe the operation of the following:
- 5.2.1 Two-arm kneader (5)
- 5.2.2 Centrifugal decanters (5)
- 5.3 Name THREE types of blades used in two-arm kneader. (3)
- [25]**

**QUESTION 6**

- 6.1 Draw a flowchart of the salt process for manufacturing of hydrochloric acid and give a description of the process. (15)
- 6.2 State THREE raw materials used for the manufacture of nitric acid. (3)
- 6.3 List FIVE uses of nitric acid. (5)
- 6.4 Complete the following reaction:  (2)
- $4\text{NH}_3 + 3\text{O}_2 \rightarrow$  [25]

 **TOTAL: 100**



## STEAM TABLE

P	$t_s$	$v_g$	$h_f$	$h_{fg}$	$h_g$	$s_f$	$s_g$	P	$t_s$	$v_g$	$h_f$	$h_{fg}$	$h_g$	$s_f$	$s_g$
kPa	°C	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg.K	kJ/kg.K	kPa	°C	m <sup>3</sup> /kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg	kJ/kg.K	kJ/kg.K
1.0	7.0	129.20	29	2 485	2 514	0.106	6.977	75	91.8	2.217	385	2 279	2 664	1.213	7.457
1.5	13.0	87.98	55	2 471	2 526	0.196	8.829	80	93.5	2.087	392	2 274	2 666	1.233	7.435
2.0	17.5	67.01	74	2 460	2 534	0.261	8.725	85	95.2	1.972	399	2 270	2 669	1.252	7.415
2.5	21.1	54.26	89	2 452	2 541	0.312	8.644	90	96.7	1.869	405	2 266	2 671	1.270	7.395
3.0	24.1	45.67	101	2 445	2 546	0.354	8.579	95	98.2	1.777	412	2 262	2 674	1.287	7.377
3.5	26.7	39.48	112	2 439	2 551	0.391	8.523	100	99.8	1.694	418	2 258	2 676	1.303	7.360
4.0	29.0	34.80	121	2 433	2 554	0.423	8.476	100	102.3	1.549	429	2 251	2 680	1.333	7.328
4.5	31.0	31.14	130	2 428	2 558	0.451	8.434	120	104.8	1.429	439	2 244	2 683	1.361	7.300
5.0	32.9	28.19	138	2 424	2 562	0.476	8.396	130	107.1	1.325	449	2 238	2 687	1.387	7.272
5.5	34.6	25.77	145	2 420	2 565	0.500	8.362	140	108.3	1.236	458	2 232	2 690	1.411	7.247
6.0	36.2	23.74	152	2 416	2 568	0.521	8.331	150	111.4	1.159	457	2 228	2 693	1.434	7.223
6.5	37.7	22.02	158	2 413	2 571	0.541	8.303	160	113.3	1.091	475	2 221	2 695	1.455	7.202
7.0	39.0	20.53	163	2 410	2 573	0.559	8.277	170	115.2	1.031	483	2 216	2 699	1.475	7.181
7.5	40.3	19.24	169	2 406	2 575	0.576	8.252	180	116.9	0.977 2	491	2 211	2 702	1.494	7.162
8.0	41.6	18.10	174	2 403	2 577	0.593	8.230	190	118.6	0.929 0	498	2 206	2 704	1.513	7.144
8.5	42.7	17.10	179	2 401	2 580	0.608	8.208	200	120.2	0.885 4	505	2 202	2 707	1.530	7.127
9.0	43.8	16.20	183	2 398	2 581	0.622	8.188	210	121.8	0.845 9	511	2 197	2 708	1.547	7.111
9.5	44.8	15.40	188	2 395	2 583	0.636	8.169	220	123.3	0.809 8	518	2 193	2 711	1.563	7.095
10	45.8	14.67	192	2 393	2 585	0.649	8.151	230	124.7	0.776 8	524	2 189	2 713	1.578	7.080
11	47.7	13.42	200	2 388	2 588	0.674	8.118	240	126.1	0.748 5	530	2 185	2 715	1.593	7.066
12	49.5	12.36	207	2 384	2 591	0.698	8.087	250	127.4	0.718 4	535	2 177	2 716	1.607	7.052
13	51.1	11.47	214	2 380	2 594	0.717	8.059	260	128.7	0.692 5	541	2 177	2 718	1.621	7.039
14	52.6	10.69	220	2 377	2 597	0.737	8.033	270	130.0	0.668 4	546	2 174	2 720	1.634	7.026
15	54.0	10.02	226	2 373	2 599	0.755	8.009	280	131.2	0.646 0	551	2 170	2 721	1.647	7.014
16	55.3	9.433	232	2 370	2 602	0.772	7.987	290	132.4	0.625 1	557	2 167	2 724	1.660	7.002
17	56.8	8.911	237	2 367	2 604	0.788	7.966	300	133.5	0.605 6	561	2 163	2 724	1.672	6.991
18	57.8	8.445	242	2 364	2 606	0.804	7.946	310	134.7	0.587 2	566	2 160	2 726	1.683	6.980
19	59.0	8.027	247	2 361	2 608	0.818	7.927	320	135.8	0.570 0	571	2 157	2 728	1.695	6.969
20	60.1	7.650	252	2 358	2 610	0.832	7.909	330	136.8	0.553 8	576	2 154	2 730	1.706	6.959
21	61.1	7.307	256	2 356	2 612	0.845	7.893	340	137.9	0.538 5	580	2 150	2 730	1.717	6.949
22	62.2	6.995	260	2 353	2 613	0.858	7.876	350	138.9	0.524 0	584	2 147	2 731	1.727	6.939
23	63.1	6.709	264	2 351	2 615	0.870	7.861	360	139.9	0.510 3	589	2 144	2 733	1.738	6.930
24	64.1	6.447	268	2 349	2 617	0.882	7.846	370	140.8	0.497 4	593	2 141	2 734	1.748	6.921
25	65.0	6.204	272	2 346	2 618	0.893	7.832	380	141.8	0.485 1	597	2 139	2 736	1.757	6.912
26	65.9	5.980	276	2 344	2 620	0.904	7.819	390	142.7	0.473 4	601	2 136	2 737	1.767	6.903
27	66.7	5.772	279	2 342	2 621	0.915	7.806	400	143.6	0.462 2	605	2 133	2 738	1.776	6.894
28	67.6	5.579	283	2 340	2 623	0.925	7.793	410	144.5	0.451 6	608	2 130	2 739	1.786	6.886
29	68.3	5.398	286	2 338	2 624	0.935	7.781	420	145.4	0.441 5	612	2 128	2 740	1.795	6.878
30	69.1	5.229	289	2 336	2 625	0.944	7.770	430	146.3	0.431 8	616	2 125	2 741	1.803	6.870
32	70.6	4.922	296	2 332	2 628	0.962	7.747	440	147.1	0.422 6	620	2 122	2 742	1.812	6.862
34	72.0	4.650	302	2 329	2 631	0.980	7.727	450	147.9	0.413 8	624	2 120	2 744	1.820	6.855
36	73.4	4.408	307	2 326	2 633	0.996	7.707	460	148.7	0.405 3	627	2 117	2 744	1.829	6.847
38	74.7	4.190	313	2 322	2 635	1.011	7.688	470	149.5	0.397 2	630	2 115	2 745	1.837	6.840
40	75.9	3.993	318	2 319	2 637	1.026	7.671	480	150.3	0.389 4	634	2 112	2 746	1.845	6.833
45	78.7	3.576	330	2 312	2 642	1.060	7.611	490	151.1	0.381 9	637	2 110	2 747	1.853	6.826
50	81.4	3.240	341	2 305	2 646	1.091	7.595	500	151.8	0.374 7	640	2 107	2 747	1.860	6.819
55	83.7	2.964	351	2 299	2 650	1.119	7.562	520	153.3	0.361 1	647	2 103	2 750	1.875	6.806
60	86.0	2.732	360	2 294	2 654	1.145	7.533	540	154.8	0.348 5	653	2 103	2 751	1.890	6.793
65	88.0	2.535	369	2 288	2 657	1.170	7.506	560	156.2	0.338 7	659	2 094	2 753	1.904	6.781
70	90.0	2.365	377	2 283	2 660	1.192	7.480	580	157.5	0.326 7	665	2 089	2 754	1.918	6.769

## INFORMATION SHEET 1

## Mean molar heat capacities of gases at constant pressure [kJ/(kmol.K)]

K	H <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	CO	Air	O <sub>2</sub>	HCl	C <sub>l<sub>2</sub></sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>
298	28.84	29.13	29.18	29.18	29.39	29.13	33.99	33.57	37.57	40.14	50.69	35.79	43.74	52.87	35.50
400	29.01	29.21	29.32	29.32	29.75	29.19	34.57	33.94	39.23	41.68	54.77	38.31	48.85	59.31	37.21
500	29.15	29.35	29.45	29.45	30.18	29.24	35.16	34.40	40.07	43.32	58.42	41.03	53.71	65.56	38.76
600	29.19	29.53	29.67	29.69	30.65	29.32	35.58	34.93	42.72	44.81	61.63	43.84	58.29	71.56	40.19
700	29.24	29.98	29.98	30.02	31.14	29.43	35.86	35.35	44.15	46.11	64.40	46.69	62.46	77.26	41.55
800	29.31	30.27	30.27	30.34	31.60	29.60	36.10	35.90	45.43	47.23	66.80	49.46	66.26	83.30	42.89
900	29.36	30.61	30.61	30.64	32.00	29.78	36.30	36.49	46.54	48.17	68.85	52.23	69.73	87.39	44.23
1000	29.46	30.93	30.93	30.94	32.37	30.00	36.45	37.08	47.56	49.01	70.27	54.66	72.91	91.93	45.56
1100	29.57	31.24	31.24	31.27	32.70	30.25	36.59	37.68	48.50	49.75	72.27	57.06	75.91	96.20	46.86
1200	29.69	31.56	31.56	31.56	33.02	30.49	36.74	38.29	49.35	50.43	73.72	59.43	78.66	100.00	48.16
1300	29.89	31.84	31.84	31.93	33.32	30.75	36.85	38.89	50.10	51.01	75.11	61.49	81.15	103.09	49.44
1400	30.07	32.09	32.09	32.13	33.60	31.00	36.94	39.45	50.82	51.53	76.36	63.47	83.51	107.17	50.71
1500	30.23	32.34	32.34	32.38	33.84			40.01	51.43						
1600	30.39	32.58	32.58	32.61	34.05			40.56	51.99						
1700	30.56	32.79	32.79	32.79	34.23			40.03	52.54						
1800	30.75	32.67	33.00	33.01	34.40			41.47	53.18						
1900	30.97	32.86	33.20	33.24	34.66			41.84	53.43						
2000	31.12	33.03	33.37	33.41	34.83			42.53	53.74						
2100	31.32	33.20	33.52	33.56	34.98			42.98	54.25						
2200	31.48	33.35	33.70	33.70	35.12			43.41	54.56						

## INFORMATION SHEET 2

## Appendix 6A Properties of elements and inorganic compounds

Compound	Formula	Molecular weight	Normal melting point K	Normal boiling point K	Specific gravity (at K)	Physical state at 298 K	Enthalpies kJ/kmol					Molar heat capacities kJ/(kmol · K)		
							Heat of formation $\Delta H_f^\circ$	Heat of fusion $\Delta H_{fus}^\circ$	Heat of vaporization $\Delta H_{vap}^\circ$	Heat of solution $\Delta H_{sol}^\circ$	Of the liquid	A	B X 10 <sup>3</sup>	C X 10 <sup>4</sup>
1. Aluminum	Al	26.97	933	2328	2.70 (293)	c	0	10,700	255,400	...	...	20.09	13.48	0
2. Ammonia	NH <sub>3</sub>	17.03	195.5	239.8	...	g	-45,900	5,600	23,400	-34,700	...	82.46	49.81	-12.89
3. Calcium carbonate	CaCO <sub>3</sub>	100.09	-CO <sub>2</sub> , 1098	...	2.71 (298)	c	-1,207,700	...	...	...	...	70.74	16.16	0
4. Calcium chloride	CaCl <sub>2</sub>	110.99	1055	...	2.15 (288)	c	-797,900	25,500	...	-77,900	103.4	89.58	0	0
5. Calcium hydroxide	Ca(OH) <sub>2</sub>	74.10	-H <sub>2</sub> O 853	...	2.2 (293)	c	-986,200	...	...	-15,100	...	41.86	20.26	-4.52
6. Calcium oxide	CaO	56.08	2843	3123	3.32 (293)	c	-635,900	51,200	...	-81,600	...	77.44	92.09	-6.57
7. Calcium sulfate	CaSO <sub>4</sub>	136.14	...	...	2.96 (293)	c	-1,418,000	28,000	...	-18,000	...	...	...	...
8. Carbon (amorphous)	C	12.01	...	4473	1.8-2.1	...	+1,900	...	...	...	...	9.04	12.81	-5.44
9. Carbon (diamond)	C	12.01	3773	4473	3.51 (293)	c	0	46,000	...	...	...	11.18	10.97	-4.90
10. Carbon (graphite)	C	12.01	3933*	4473	2.26 (293)	c	-393,700	8,000	25,200†	...	...	...	...	...
11. Carbon dioxide	CO <sub>2</sub>	44.01	216.6	194.7*	...	g	-110,600	840	6,030	-19,300	...	...	...	...
12. Carbon monoxide	CO	28.01	68	81.7	...	g	0	6,400	20,400	...	...	...	...	...
13. Chlorine	Cl <sub>2</sub>	70.91	172.2	238.6	...	g	0	13,000	304,800	...	...	22.77	6.11	0
14. Copper	Cu	63.57	1356	2868	8.92 (293)	c	0	42	84	...	...	...	...	...
15. Helium	He	4.00	1.0	4.3	...	g	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
16. Hydrogen	H <sub>2</sub>	2.016	14.0	20.5	...	g	0	0	0	...	...	...	...	...
17. Hydrogen chloride	HCl	36.47	162	188	...	g	-92,300	2,000	16,200	-74,500	...	...	...	...
18. Hydrogen sulfide	H <sub>2</sub> S	34.08	190.3	213.6	...	g	-20,100	2,400	18,800	-19,300	...	...	...	...
19. Iron	Fe	55.85	1808	3008	7.86 (293)	c	0	14,900	354,100	...	...	17.29	26.71	0
20. Iron chloride	FeCl <sub>2</sub>	162.22	555	588	2.80 (284)	c	-403,500	86,200	50,400	-134,400	...	52.83	6.24	-3.18
21. Iron oxide	FeO	71.85	1693	...	5.7 (293)	c	-270,400	32,200	...	...	...	103.5	67.00	-17.71
22. Iron oxide	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	159.70	d. 1833	...	5.12 (293)	c	-772,300	...	...	...	...	72.42	15.78	0
23. Magnesium chloride	MgCl <sub>2</sub>	95.23	985	1685	2.33 (293)	c	-634,600	33,900	136,800	+150,400	...	111.8	0	0
24. Magnesium sulfate	MgSO <sub>4</sub>	120.38	1458	...	2.66 (293)	c	-1,276,500	14,700	...	+57,700	...	...	...	...

## Appendix 7C Mean molar heat capacities of gases at constant pressure [kJ/(kmol · K)]

K	H <sub>2</sub>	N <sub>2</sub>	CO	Air	O <sub>2</sub>	HCl	Cl <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	CO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	SO <sub>3</sub>	CH <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	NH <sub>3</sub>
298	28.84	29.13	29.18	29.18	29.39	29.13	33.99	33.57	37.17	40.14	50.69	35.79	43.74	52.87	35.50	
400	29.01	29.21	29.32	29.32	29.75	29.19	34.57	33.94	39.23	41.68	54.77	38.31	48.85	59.31	37.21	
500	29.15	29.35	29.45	29.45	30.18	29.24	35.16	34.40	40.07	43.32	58.42	41.03	53.71	65.56	38.76	
600	29.19	29.53	29.67	29.69	30.65	29.32	35.58	34.93	42.72	44.81	61.63	43.84	58.29	71.56	40.19	
700	29.24	29.76	29.98	30.02	31.14	29.43	35.86	35.35	44.15	46.11	64.40	46.69	62.46	77.26	41.55	
800	29.31	30.31	30.27	30.34	31.59	29.60	36.10	35.90	45.43	47.23	66.80	49.46	66.26	83.30	42.89	
900	29.36	30.34	30.61	30.64	32.00	29.78	36.30	36.49	46.54	48.17	68.85	52.23	69.73	87.39	44.23	
1000	29.46	30.64	30.93	30.94	32.37	30.00	36.45	37.08	47.56	49.01	70.27	54.66	72.91	91.93	45.56	
1100	29.57	30.93	31.24	31.27	32.70	30.25	36.59	37.68	48.50	49.75	72.27	57.06	75.91	96.20	46.86	
1200	29.69	31.22	31.56	31.56	33.02	30.49	36.74	38.29	49.35	50.43	73.72	59.34	78.66	100.15	48.16	