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### General Instructions

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of **Two (2)** parts in **Six (6)** pages.
3. Answer **Five (5)** questions from **Part A** and **Five(5)** questions from **Part B**.
6. This is a Closed Book Test(CBT).
7. Answers should be in clear hand writing.
8. Do not use Red colour pen.

### SECTION A (ANSWER FIVE QUESTIONS)

1. Draw the following crystallographic plane and the direction in a cubic unit cell  
 (i)  $(3\bar{2}1)$       (ii)  $[\bar{1}20]$
2. List 4 important mechanical properties of materials and name the test that can be used to measure each of the properties.
3. Nickel has a Face Centered Cubic (FCC) structure and an atomic radius **0.163 nm**. Calculate the linear density of Nickel atoms in the  $[1\bar{1}0]$

4. List the types of Primary bonds and Secondary bonds present in materials. Give one example for each type.
5. What is the maximum tensile load that can be carried by a **15 mm** diameter bar of 1040 carbon steel without permanent deformation? The material has a Young's Modulus of **200 GPa** and Yield Strength of **415 MPa**.
6. Calculate a value for the density of **BCC Chromium**, from its lattice constant of **0.291 nm** and its atomic mass of **51.996 g/mol**.
7. Briefly explain how the work hardening occurs in material.
8. Define the terms Space Lattice, Unit Cell, Atomic Packing Factor and Coordination Number.

### SECTION B(ANSWER FIVE QUESTIONS)

1. (a) Discuss the types of point imperfections found in materials.  
 (b) Calculate the number of vacancies per cubic meter in gold at **900°C**. The energy for vacancy formation is **0.98 eV/atom**. The density and atomic weight for gold are **19.32 g/cm<sup>3</sup>** and **196.9 g/mol** respectively.  
 Avogadro's number is  **$6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$**   
 Boltzmann constant is  **$8.62 \times 10^{-5} \text{ eV/K}$**
2. Using the isothermal transformation diagram in **Figure Q2**, for a **1.13 wt% Carbon** steel alloy determine the final microstructure of a small specimen that has been subjected to the following time-temperature treatments. In each case assume that the specimen begins at **920°C** and that it has been held at this temperature long enough to have achieved a complete and homogeneous austenitic structure.
  - (a) Rapidly cool to **400°C**, hold for **500 s** and then quench to room temperature.
  - (b) Rapidly cool to **650°C**, hold at this temperature for **10 s**, rapidly cool to **450°C** hold for **10 s** and then quenched to room temperature.
  - (c) Determine the requirements for heat treatment (time-temperature paths) to produce the following microstructures.
    - (i) 100% coarse pearlite.
    - (ii) 50% martensite and 50% austenite.

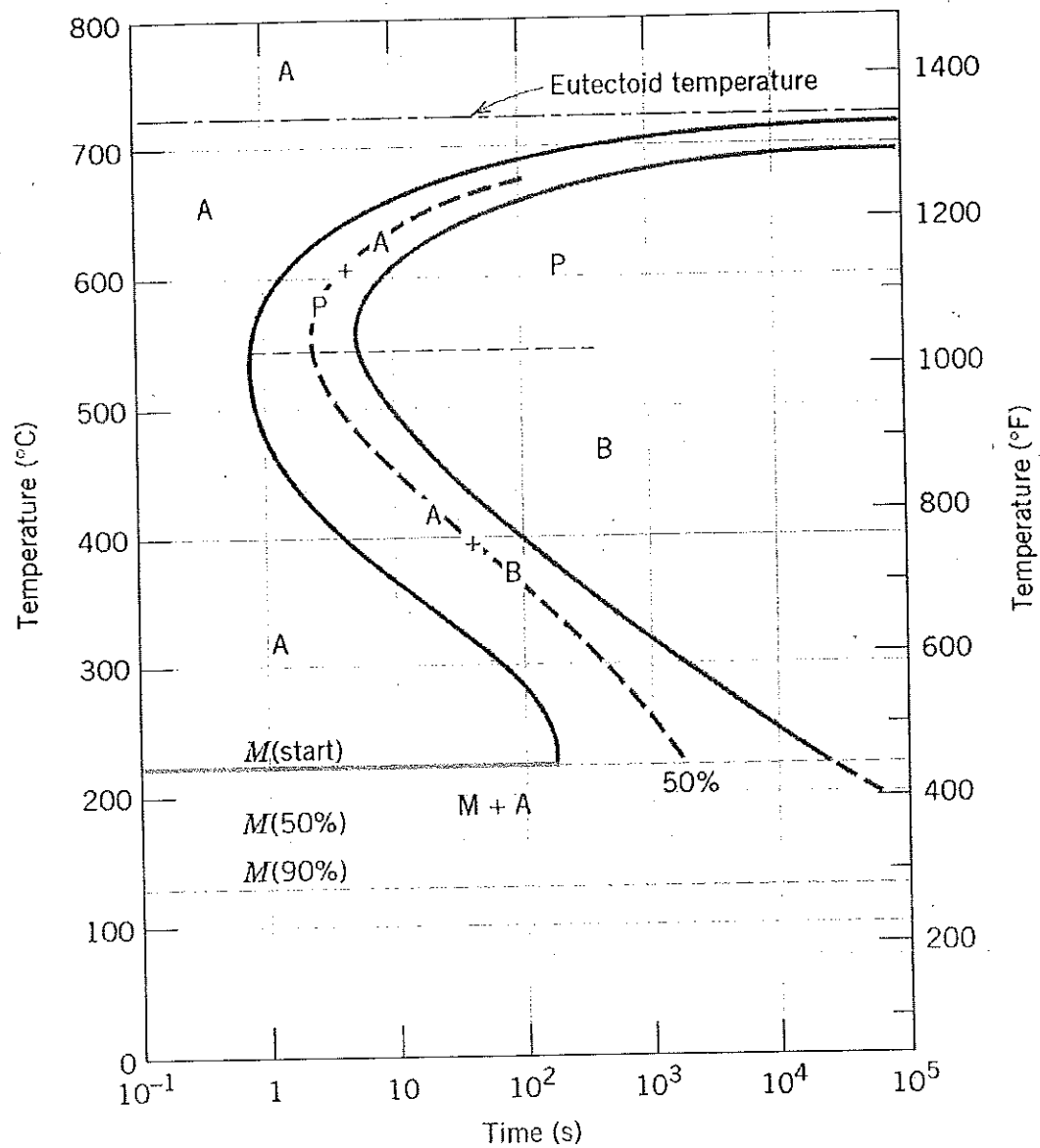
3. (a) With the aid of sketches, briefly explain complete solid solubility and partial solid solubility in alloys.
- (b) A phase diagram of Magnesium-Lead is shown in **Figure Q3**. Answer the following questions referring Figure Q3.
- Label the phases in areas 1 - 6 and name the reaction which occurs at point E. (**Attached the phase diagram with your answer script**)
  - Considering an alloy containing **Pb-75 wt%** and **Mg-25 wt%** state the phase changes that occur when cooling from **700°C** to **0°C**.
  - Calculate the amount of liquid and solid present at temperature **500°C** for the above alloy.
4. (a) List the types of Primary bonds and Secondary bonds present in materials. Explain two of them briefly with the aid of sketches
- (b) State Hund's rule on pairing of electrons in atoms with an example.
- (c) Write the electronic configuration of **Cr<sup>2+</sup>** and **Fe<sup>3+</sup>** ions. Atomic numbers of **Cr** and **Fe** are **24** and **26** respectively.
- (d) Calculate the mass in grams of one atom of Aluminum. Atomic mass of Aluminum is **26.98 g/mol** and Avogadro's number is  **$6.023 \times 10^{23} \text{ mol}^{-1}$** .
5. (a) State Fick's 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> laws of Diffusion
- (b) The diffusion coefficients of Carbon in Titanium were determined at the following temperatures.

Temperature (°C)	Diffusion Coefficient (m <sup>2</sup> /s)
736	$2 \times 10^{-13}$
782	$5 \times 10^{-13}$
835	$13 \times 10^{-12}$

Assuming that Arrhenius exponential relationship of  $D = D_0 e^{(-Q/RT)}$  is valid, find the followings.

- Constant **D<sub>0</sub>** of the equations
- Activation Energy **Q**
- The diffusion coefficient at **500°C**

6. (a) Differentiate between thermoplastics and thermosetting plastics. Give two examples for each type of plastics.
- (b) Describe the Injection Moulding process used for forming thermoplastic products.
- (c) What are the advantages and disadvantages of this process over other processes used for the fabrication of thermoplastic products.
7. (a) What is a dislocation of a crystal?
- (b) Show with diagrams, how the motion of an edge dislocation can lead to the plastic deformation of a crystal under an applied shear stress.
- (c) Show how dislocations can occur in,
- (i) Cold work hardening
  - (ii) Solid solution hardening
  - (iii) Precipitation and dispersion hardening
- (d) The lower yield point for an iron that has an average grain size of **50  $\mu\text{m}$**  is **135 MPa**. At a grain size of **8  $\mu\text{m}$** , the yield point increases to **260 MPa**. At what grain size will the lower yield point be **205 MPa**?
8. Discuss and analyze the significance of any three of the following from an Engineering point of view
- (a) Creep failure occurs in materials
  - (b) Invariant reactions in the Iron-Carbon diagram
  - (c) Pilling-Bedworth ratio.
  - (d) Mechanical properties of materials
  - (e) Difference in service corrosion and stress corrosion cracking



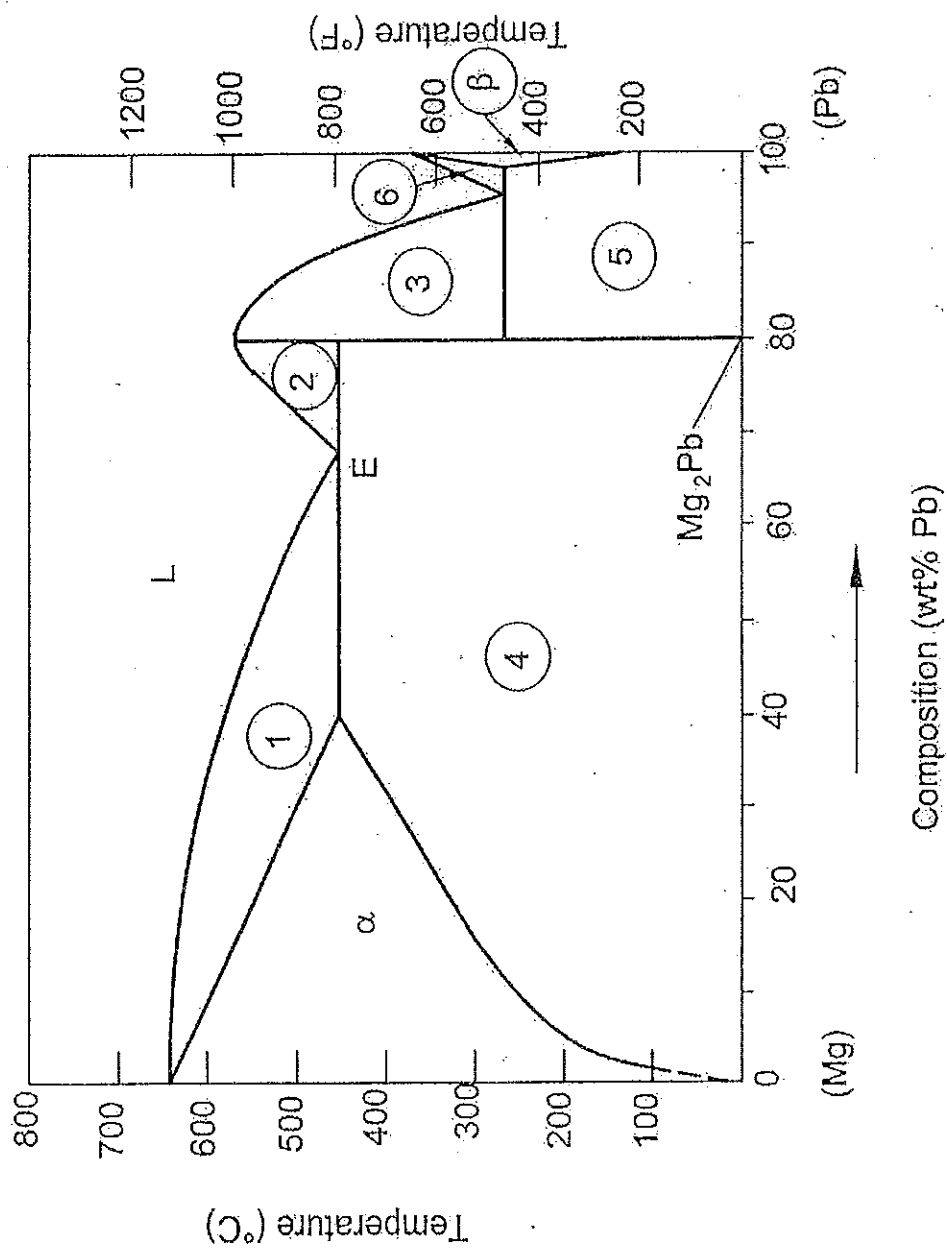


Figure Q3 : The Magnesium-Lead phase diagram