

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (M.E.) 214

ALL SECTIONS  
MID-TERM EXAM

OPEN BOOK

CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED

TIME: 2 HOURS

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Candidates are to answer all questions.  
You are to show your solution in the space below the question.  
The reverse side of the page may be used if required.  
State all necessary assumptions.

NEATNESS and CLARITY will be considered in the marking of this  
examination

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There are 10 marks for each question.

**Note:**

- make sure you have 4 problems in the exam
- the questions are of equal value

**Question 1** On the cubic unit cell provided sketch (111) and (201). What are the indices of the line of intersection?

**Question 2** The steady state creep rate of many alloys can be expressed by the formula

$$\text{steady state creep rate} = C_1 \sigma^n \exp(-Q/RT)$$

where  $C_1$  and  $n$  are constants,  $Q$  is the activation energy and  $R$  is the gas constant.

If  $Q = 250 \text{ kJ/mol}$  and  $n = 4$ , calculate what percentage increase in stress will be necessary to produce the same percentage increase in steady state creep rate as a  $15 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  increase in temperature from  $950 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $965 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Question 3** A component made from a 0.1 wt % carbon steel is to be carburised. It is required that a carbon content of 0.8 wt % be achieved at a depth of 0.4 mm below the surface. The carburising furnace is at 1100 °C and is capable of maintaining a carbon content of 1.1 wt % at the surface of the steel. How long should the carburising treatment be?

**Question 4**  $AB_2$  is an intermetallic compound of fixed composition formed from two metallic elements A and B.  $AB_2$  is stable up to its melting point of  $500\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . The phase diagram of A and B shows a eutectic between  $\alpha$  (the solid solution of B in A) and  $AB_2$  with eutectic composition of 15 wt % B and eutectic temperature of  $250\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Another eutectic is formed between  $AB_2$  and  $\beta$  (the solid solution of A in B) with eutectic composition of 60 wt % B and eutectic temperature of  $350\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ . Pure A melts at  $300\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and has an atomic mass of 100 amu. Pure B melts at  $650\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and has an atomic mass of 60 amu. Complete the phase diagram below labelling the regions of the diagram (use straight lines for convenience). Sketch possible microstructures for an alloy containing 45 wt % B slowly cooled from the liquid to (a)  $360\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  and (b)  $340\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .