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ME324.3 Engineering Materials

d-Term Examination (C

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Time Allowed: 2 h

1. Answer ALL questions.
2. One formula sheet is allowed but must be turned in with your answer script(s).

Question 1 - 25 points	Points
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a. What do you understand by the term *dislocation*? List 2 sources of dislocation in metallic alloys 3
- In order for dislocation to occur, plastic deformation must occur. This results in the breaking and reforming of bonds. There are 3 types of dislocation, line, screw, and edge. Dislocation also compromises the strength of a material. |

Two Sources: Edge and Screw dislocation!

b. How are strength and dislocation motion in metals related? 3

The strength of a metal is related to the amount of dislocation motion. The more motion there is, the more ductile and weaker the specimen becomes. 3

c. Briefly explain slip systems and state how the mechanical property of a metal is determined by the number of slip systems in its crystal structure. A slip system is composed of a slip plane and slip directions. Dislocation occurs along a slip systems. The more slip systems there is the more dislocation takes place. 3

Ductile because extensive plastic deformation is possible when there is a high number of slip systems present.

Brittle if there are a low number of slip systems present.

- d. A zinc single crystal is being pulled in tension with the normal to its slip plane (0001) inclined at 60° to the tensile axis and with the slip direction $[1\bar{1}20]$ inclined at 40° to the tensile axis.
- What is the resolved shear stress, τ acting along the slip direction when a tensile stress of 0.5 MPa is applied?
 - What tensile stress is necessary to reach the critical resolved shear stress (τ_{CRSS}) of 0.90 MPa?
 - What happens when the resolved shear stress along the slip direction in the single crystal becomes greater than the critical resolved shear stress?

i). $\tau_a = \sigma \cos \phi \cos \lambda = (0.5 \text{ MPa}) \cos(60^\circ) \cos(40^\circ)$
 $\tau_a = 0.1915 \text{ MPa}$ $\tau_a = 0.19 \text{ MPa}$

ii). $\sigma_y = \frac{\tau_{CRSS}}{\cos(60^\circ) \cos(40^\circ)} = \frac{0.90 \text{ MPa}}{\cos(60^\circ) \cos(40^\circ)} = 2.34973 \text{ MPa}$
 $\sigma_y = 2.35 \text{ MPa}$

iii). Yielding will occur when $\tau_a > \tau_{CRSS}$.

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- e. Briefly explain why pure metals are usually weaker than their alloys 3

Pure metals are usually weaker than their alloys due to a much higher carbon content. This makes the metals very brittle making them susceptible to fracture.

- f. Give one reason why it is more difficult for dislocation to move across grain boundaries than to move within the grains. How is this effect used in strengthening metallic materials? 3

It is more difficult for dislocation to move across a grain boundary because it will be forced to change direction. This

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