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# I SEMESTER M.TECH (TSES) END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 2018

## SUBJECT: MEASUREMENTS IN THERMAL ENGINEERING [MME 5144] REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM

### Time: 3 Hours

#### MAX. MARKS: 50

### Instructions to Candidates:

- Answer ALL the questions.
- Missing data may be suitably assumed.
- 1A. Obtain the expression for the velocity of flow measured by using time of the flight velocimeter, when the transmitter/receiver is inclined 45° to the pipe axis.
- 1B. With a neat diagram explain the calibration of a gas flow meter by using soap-film burette.3
- 1C. With a neat diagram explain the working of laminar flow element. Where it is used?3
- **2A.** Flow of dry air through a pipe is measured by using an orifice plate with  $\beta = 0.5$ . The upstream pressure and temperature are respectively 2 bar and 300 K. The mean velocity of the flow has been measured independently in the pipe and is known to be 35 m/s. The pipe diameter is 0.06 m. Determine the head developed by the orifice plate. Take  $c_d = 0.585$ . Is it necessary to take into account expansion factor?
- 2B. Sketch any two elastic deformation techniques used for pressure measurement. 2
- **2C.** With a neat diagram explain the construction of Prandtl type micro-manometer. **3**

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- **3A.** In an inclined tube sensitive manometer, working fluid is water at 20°C, while the fluid whose pressure is to be measured is air. The angle of the inclined tube is 20°. The well is a cylinder of diameter 0.05 m, while the tube has a diameter of 0.001 m. The manometer reading is given to be 120 mm. Determine the differential pressure in mm of water and in Pascals. What is the %age error in pressure, if the density of air is neglected?
- 3B. Why the electrical resistance of a resistance thermometer increases with increase in temperature, whereas the electrical resistance of a thermistor decreases exponentially with temperature? Explain the physics behind it.
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- **3C.** With a neat diagram explain the working of gas thermometer.
- **3D.** Metallic strips of yellow brass ( $\alpha = 20.2 \times 10^{-6} \,^{\circ}C^{-1} \& E = 96.5 \,\text{GPa}$ ) and ivar ( $\alpha = 1.7 \times 10^{-6} \,^{\circ}C^{-1} \& E = 147 \,\text{GPa}$ ) are bonded at 25°C. Each strip is 0.2 mm thick. The length of the bi-metallic strip is 100 mm. If it is used in the cantilever arrangement, Calculate the deflection sensitivity (deflection per degree centigrade temperature difference).
- **4A.** What is Seebeck effect? State the law of intermediate temperatures for thermocouples.
- **4B.** A thermocouple is calibrated to indicate temperature accurately. Its time constant is to be determined experimentally. The thermocouple initially at 30°C is suddenly dipped into an oil bath at constant temperature of 120°C. The following data is recorded by using a data logger.

Time (s)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Temperature T (°C)	30	54	72	84	94	101	106	110	113	115	116

Obtain the time constant of the thermocouple by using regression analysis.

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**4C.** A pressure transducer has an un-damped natural frequency of 30 rad/s, damping ratio of 0.1 and static sensitivity  $K = 1 \mu V/Pa$ . Plot the response of the transducer to step function input of 800 kPa.

- 5A. What is cold junction compensation? How it is done?
- 5B. Explain the following terms with respect to a measuring instrument; a) Accuracy,b) Precision.
- **5C.** What are the different types of dynamic inputs to a measuring instrument? **2**
- **5D.** The pressure drop in a circular cross-section pipe of diameter *D* meters, length *L* meters, carrying  $Q \text{ m}^3$ /s of fluid of viscosity  $\mu$  Pa.s is given by the well-known Hagen-Poiseuille equation as follows;

$$\Delta p = \frac{128\mu LQ}{\pi D^4}$$

If  $\mu$ , Q, L, D are measured with an uncertainty of ±1%, how accurate are the pressure drop and pumping power calculations? **4** 

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