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# Eighth Semester B.Tech. Degree Examination, November 2015 (2008 Scheme)

Branch: Mechanical Engineering
08.805.13: CRYOGENIC ENGINEERING (MPU)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 100

Instructions: 1) Answer all questions in Part A, each carries 4 marks.

2) Answer one full question from each Module in Part B, each carries 20 marks.

3) Use of approved charts and tables are

PART-A

- Explain the variation of impact strength of engineering materials at cryogenic temperatures.
- 2. Explain the terms i) transition temperature ii) critical field and iii) critical current of superconductors.
- 3. Sketch and explain the variation of specific heat of liquid helium 4 at near absolute temperatures.
- 4. Explain the use of cryogenic technology in electric power transmission.
- 5. Sketch the cascade system for the liquefaction of nitrogen.
- 6. Explain the differences between He I and He II.
- Name four pressure and flow level measurement systems used for cryogenic applications.
- 8. What are the different types of powder insulations used in cryogenic applications?
- 9. Draw the schematic of a Joule Thompson liquid helium refrigerator.
- 10. What is a thermal valve?



#### PART-B

### Module - I

- 11. a) Sketch and explain the p-T diagram for helium 4. Indicate lambda line, lambda point and critical point and explain their significance.
  - b) Discuss the variation of different properties of materials during transition from normal to superconducting state.

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- 12. a) Give an account of the historical development of cryogenic technology.
  - b) Briefly explain the application of cryogenics in electronics.

#### Module - II

- 13. a) In an ideal claude liquefaction system for nitrogen, the gas enters the compressor at 101.3 kPa and 20°C and is compressed to 4.05 MPa. Determine the expander flow rate ratio required for a liquid yield of 0.2, if the gas enters the reversible adiabatic expander at 4.05 MPa and 240 K.
  - Explain the different losses which occurs in the different components of gas liquefaction systems.

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- 14. a) Determine the ideal work requirement for the liquefaction of neon beginning at 101.3 kPa and 300 K. Also determine the heat rejected per unit mass in the ideal isothermal compressor.
  - b) Explain the simple Linde-Hampson system for the liquefaction of nitrogen gas.

## Module - III

- 15. a) With a neat sketch and T-s diagram explain the working of a magnetic refrigeration system.
  - b) Explain the importance of regenerators in cryogenic refrigeration system.

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- 16. a) With a suitable schematic and T-s diagram explain the working of a Phillips refrigerator.
  - b) With the help of a neat sketch explain a cryogenic liquid storage vessel.