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CBCS SEMESTER V

INTRODUCTION TO COMPOSITE MATERIAL

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Fifth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2017/Jan.2018

Introduction to Composite Material

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 80

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each module.

Module-1

- 1 a. Define PMC. Describe the shape of the reinforcement materials. (06 Marks)
 b. Write a note on following : (10 Marks)
 i) Thermoplastic and thermosets
 ii) Carbon – carbon composites

OR

- 2 a. Define MMC's. Write the type of matrix and reinforcement used their manufacture. (08 Marks)
 b. Explain liquid metallurgy technique used manufacturing of MMC's. (08 Marks)

Module-2

- 3 a. Describe with sketch epoxy curing cycle of BMC. (06 Marks)
 b. Explain with neat sketches the injection moulding and thermoforming process. (10 Marks)

OR

- 4 a. List the difficulties are faced in the machining of FRP's. Explain Cutting operation for PMC's. (08 Marks)
 b. Explain with neat sketch Autoclave process. (08 Marks)

Module-3

- 5 a. Evaluate E_1 by the rule of mixture. (08 Marks)
 b. Find E_1 , E_2 , V_{12} and G_{12} of a glass/epoxy lamina with 70% fiber volume fraction. The value of E_f and E_m are 85 GPa and 3.4 GPa respectively. Assume V_f and V_m are 0.2 and 0.3 respectively. (08 Marks)

OR

- 6 a. For a unidirectional lamina in a 2D plane stress state. Derive reduced stiffness matrix and express these matrix co-efficient in terms of engineering elastic constants. (10 Marks)
 b. Find reduced stiffness matrix for a unidirectional lamina use elastic constants $E_1 = 150$ GPa, $E_2 = 20$ GPa, $V_{12} = 0.2$, $G_{12} = 5$ GPa. (06 Marks)

Module-4

- 7 a. For failure analysis of a unidirectional lamina subjected to a 2D plane stress state and expresses in equation form the maximum stress criterion, the T_{sai} – Hill criterion and the T_{sai} – Wu criterion? (08 Marks)
 b. Compute [A] [B] and [D] matrices for a $[0/90^\circ]$ laminate with the following properties thickness of each lamina is 0.125mm, $E_1 = 140$ GPa, $E_2 = 10$ GPa, $\gamma_{12} = 0.3$, $G_k = 5$ GPa. (08 Marks)

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OR

- 8 a. Explain CLT and derive expression for A, B and D matrices for laminate. (08 Marks)
- b. A tensile specimen of a unidirectional composite is prepared such that the fibers make an angle of 5° with the applied load. Determine the stress to cause failure according to
- The maximum stress criterion
 - The maximum strain criterion
- The following properties may be used
 $E_{11} = 76.0 \text{ GPa}$, $E_{22} = 5.5 \text{ GPa}$, $G_{12} = 2.35 \text{ GPa}$, $V_{12} = 0.33$, $\sigma_{1T} = 1250 \text{ Mpa}$, $\sigma_{2T} = 30 \text{ MPa}$,
 $\tau_{12} = 50 \text{ MPa}$, $\sigma_{1C} = 1000 \text{ MPa}$, $\sigma_{2C} = 100 \text{ MPa}$. (08 Marks)

Module-5

- 9 a. List the NDT methods are normally used for testing FRP. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain following inspection and quality control methods.
- Hardness testing
 - Ultrasonic inspection
- (10 Marks)

OR

- 10 Write a note on application of composite materials on the following industry.
- Automobile
 - Aircraft
 - Electrical and electronics
 - Sports.
- (16 Marks)

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Max. Marks: 80

**Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing
ONE full question from each module.**

Module-1

- 1 a. Define a composite material and give the detailed classification. (08 Marks)
 b. Write a note on metal matrix composites and give its advantages and applications. (08 Marks)

OR

- 2 a. Explain with a neat sketch stir casting and squeeze casting process. (12 Marks)
 b. Give the applications of Al, Mg, Ti based MMC. (04 Marks)

Module-2

- 3 Explain the following with a neat sketch :
 a. Hand layup process
 b. Filament winding. (16 Marks)

OR

- 4 Explain the following with a neat sketch :
 a. Extrusion process
 b. Injection moulding process. (16 Marks)

Module-3

- 5 a. Determine the longitudinal Young's modulus by strength of material approach. (10 Marks)
 b. Define the following :
 i) Volume fraction
 ii) Mass fraction
 iii) Density of a composite. (06 Marks)

OR

- 6 a. Determine the global and local stresses in an angle lamina. (08 Marks)
 b. For a graphite/epoxy unidirectional lamina, find the following :
 i) Compliance matrix
 ii) Minor Poisson's ratio
 iii) Strains in the 1 – 2 co-ordinate system if the applied stresses are :
 $\sigma_1 = 2 \text{ MPa}$, $\sigma_2 = -3 \text{ MPa}$, $\tau_{12} = 4 \text{ MPa}$
 [Use $E_1 = 181 \text{ GPa}$, $E_2 = 10.3 \text{ GPa}$, $\nu_{12} = 0.28$, $G_{12} = 7.17 \text{ GPa}$]. (08 Marks)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
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Module-4

- 7 Explain the following :
- Tsai – Hill failure theory
 - Tsai – WU failure theory.

(16 Marks)

OR

- 8 Find the 3 stiffness matrices [A], [B] and [D] for a three-ply [0/30/-45] graphite/epoxy laminate as shown in Fig.Q8, use the unidirectional properties from given data of graphite/epoxy. Assume each lamina has a thickness of 5mm.

[Use : $E_1 = 181\text{GPa}$, $E_2 = 10.3\text{GPa}$, $\nu_{12} = 0.28$, $G_{12} = 7.17\text{GPa}$]. (16 Marks)

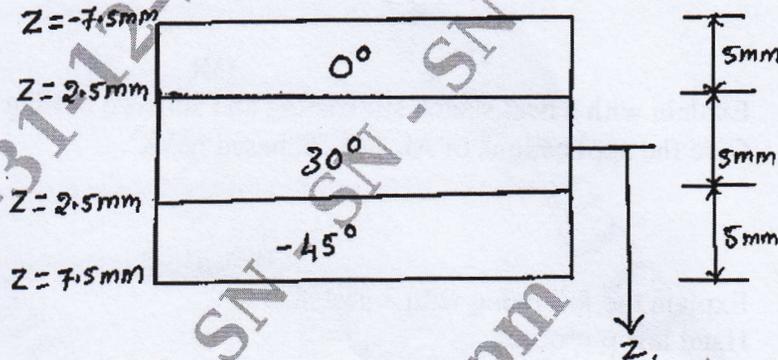


Fig.Q8

Module-5

- 9 a. Write a note on typical flaws in composite materials and classify according to stage of life cycle at which the fault occurs. (08 Marks)
- b. Explain A – B – C scan in ultrasonic testing. (08 Marks)

OR

- 10 Give the applications of composites materials in the following :
- Automobile
 - Aircrafts
 - Missiles
 - Space hardware
 - Electrical and Electronics
 - Marine
 - Sports equipment.

(16 Marks)

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Fifth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, Dec.2019/Jan.2020
Introduction to Composite Materials

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks: 100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing ONE full question from each module.

Module-1

- 1 a. What is a composite material and how are they classified? (05 Marks)
 b. What are the limitations of modern composites? (05 Marks)
 c. What advantages and drawbacks do composites have over metals? (10 Marks)

OR

- 2 a. Give five examples of naturally found composites. What are the constituents of these natural composites? (10 Marks)
 b. Define the following:
 i) Isotropic body
 ii) Orthotropic body
 iii) Anisotropic body
 iv) Homogeneous body and
 v) Non homogeneous body. (10 Marks)

Module-2

- 3 a. What are the fiber factors contribute to the mechanical performance of a composite? (10 Marks)
 b. What are the matrix factors contribute to the mechanical performance of a composite? (10 Marks)

OR

- 4 a. Describe extrusion and injection moulding manufacturing method of polymer matrix composites with neat sketch. (10 Marks)
 b. Applications of polymer matrix, ceramic matrix and carbon matrix. (10 Marks)

Module-3

- 5 Based on the strength of material approach, determine the four elastic moduli of a unidirectional lamina
 i) Longitudinal Young's modulus E_1
 ii) Transverse Young's modulus E_2
 iii) Major Poisson's ratio ν_{12}
 iv) In-Plane shear modulus, G_{12} (20 Marks)

OR

- 6 a. Number of independent elastic constants for three-dimensional anisotropic, monoclinic, orthotropic, transversely isotropic and isotropic materials. (05 Marks)
 b. Derive the stress transformation matrix from local fiber coordinate system (x-y) to global coordinate system (1-2) in two-dimensional. (15 Marks)

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Module-4

- 7 a. Based on the Von-Mises distortional energy theory, determine the parameters of Tsai-Hill failure criterion. (15 Marks)
- b. Explain maximum stress and maximum strain theory through Mohr circle diagram. (05 Marks)

OR

- 8 Based on classical laminate plate theory, derive the forces $\{N\}$ and moments $\{M\}$ resultants related to midplane strains and curvatures of a laminate. (20 Marks)

Module-5

- 9 a. Applications of composite materials in
- i) Automobile industry
 - ii) Aerospace industry
 - iii) Sports equipment. (15 Marks)
- b. Short notes on future potential of composites. (05 Marks)

OR

- 10 a. Explain destructive and non-destructive testing of composite structures. (10 Marks)
- b. Explain tensile, compression, flexural, shear and hardness testing of composite structural component. (10 Marks)
