

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI
(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION MO/23)

CLASS: BTECH
BRANCH: MECHANICAL

SEMESTER: VII
SESSION: MO/23

SUBJECT: ME401 REFRIGERATION AND AIRCONDITIONING

TIME: 03 Hours

FULL MARKS: 50

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 10 marks and total 50 marks.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
4. Steam Tables and Psychrometry chart will be supplied to the candidates.

Q.1(a) Explain the construction and working of Bootstrap refrigeration system. Also show the various processes in T-s diagram. [5] CO1 L3

Q.1(b) An aircraft refrigeration plant has to handle a cabin load of 25 tonnes. The atmospheric temperature is 16°C. The atmospheric air is compressed to a pressure of 0.96 bar and temperature of 29°C due to ram action. This is then further compressed in a compressor to 4.8 bar, cooled in a heat exchanger to 66 °C, expanded in a turbine to 1 bar pressure and supplied to the cabin. The air leaves the cabin at a temperature of 26°C. The isentropic efficiencies of both compressor and turbine are 0.9. Calculate:
(i) Mass of air circulated per minute,
(ii) COP
take $\gamma=1.4$ and $c_p=1.005$ kJ/kg.

Q.2(a) Discuss the effect of superheating and subcooling on the performance of vapour compression refrigeration system with the support of p-h and T-s diagram. [5] CO2 L2

Q.2(b) An ammonia refrigerator produces 15 Tonnes of ice from and at 0°C in a day of 24 hrs. The temperature range of working cycle is 25°C. The ammonia vapour is dry and saturated at the end of compression. Assume actual COP is 55% of theoretical. Calculate the power required to drive the compressor and mass flow rate in kg/min.
Take $c_{p,water} = 4.2$ kJ/kgK and latent heat of ice = 335 kJ/kg.
Properties of ammonia are given below:

Saturation temperature, °C	Specific Enthalpy (kJ/kg)		Specific Entropy (kJ/kgK)	
	Liquid	Vapour	Liquid	Vapour
25	380.74	1319.21	0.3473	4.4894
-15	-54.56	1304.99	-0.2134	5.0585

Q.3(a) Argue why vapour absorption system is better than vapour compression system. [5] CO3 L5

Q.3(b) With suitable sketch, explain the construction and working of Electrolux refrigerator. [5] CO3 L3

Q.4(a) The pressure and temperature of mixture of dry air and water vapour are 736 mm of Hg and 21°C. The dew point temperature of the mixture is 15°C, find the followings (using psychrometry relations):

- i. Partial pressure of water vapour in the mixture.
- ii. Relative humidity
- iii. Specific humidity
- iv. Enthalpy of mixture per kg of dry air.

Q.4(b) 400 m³/min of recirculated air at 20°C DBT and 10°C DPT is mixed with 150 m³/min of fresh air at 35°CDBT and 45% RH. Determine (using psychrometric chart):

- i. Enthalpy
- ii. Specific volume
- iii. Humidity ratio
- iv. Dew point temperature of the mixture.

Q.5(a) Explain Freeze drying and what are the steps required to Freeze drying a product. [5] CO5 L1

Q.5(b) With neat sketch, explain the construction and working of Domestic refrigerator. [5] CO5 L3



SI METRIC PSYCHROMETRIC CHART

BASED ON A BAROMETRIC PRESSURE
of 101.325 kPa
AT SEA LEVEL

