

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI**  
(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION)

CLASS: BTECH  
BRANCH: MECHANICAL

SEMESTER: VII  
SESSION: MO 24

SUBJECT: ME401 REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING

TIME: 3 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. Before attempting the question paper, be sure that you have got the correct question paper.

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Q.1(a)	With neat sketch, explain the construction of Bootstrap air- refrigeration system. Also show the various processes in T-s diagram. [5]	1	3
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 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 $c_p = 1.005 \frac{kJ}{kg}$ .	1	4
Q.2(a)	Discuss the effect of operating conditions on performance of SSS-VCRS with the help of p-h diagram. [5]	2	3
Q.2(b)	Simple saturated vapour compression refrigeration system using NH <sub>3</sub> has a capacity of 25 TR. Evaporator and condenser temperature are -5°C and 40 °C respectively. Calculate: (a) Mass flow rate of refrigerant (b) COP Take $c_{pv} = 2.1897$ kJ/kgK.	2	2
Properties are given below:			
Saturation temperature, °C	$h_f$ , kJ/kg	$h_g$ , kJ/kg	$s_f$ , kJ/kgK
-5	176.9	1456.1	0.9154
40	390.6	1490.4	1.6437
Q.3(a)	Show that, the $COP_{ideal VARS} = COP_{Carnot} \times \eta_{Carnot}$ . Also, list the advantages of VARS over VCRS. [5]	3	3
Q.3(b)	With suitable sketch, explain the construction and working of Electrolux refrigerator. [5]	3	2
Q.4(a)	0.006 kg of water vapour per kg of atmospheric air is removed and temperature of air after removing the water vapour becomes 22°C. Determine using psychrometry relations: i. Relative humidity, ii. Dew point temperature. Assume that the condition of atmospheric air is 35°C, relative humidity is 60% and pressure is 1.0132 bar. [5]	4	4

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Q.4(b)	Air at 35°C DBT and 22°C WBT is passed through a cooling coil. The apparatus dew point of the cooling coil is 4°C. The heat extracted by the cooling coil from air is 12 kW and the air flow rate is 45 m <sup>3</sup> /min. Determine using psychrometry charts:	[5]	4	4
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Relative humidity of the air passing through the coil,</li> <li>ii. DBT, WBT and relative humidity of the air leaving the coil,</li> </ul> Coil by-pass factor.			
Q.5(a)	What is freeze drying. Discuss the equipment's used in freeze drying process.	[5]	5	3
Q.5(b)	With a neat sketch, explain the construction and working of Ice plant.	[5]	5	4

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