

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

**CLASS: MTECH  
BRANCH: SER**

**SEMESTER : II  
SESSION : SP/2023**

**SUBJECT: SR551 SOLID ROCKET PROPULSION**

**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)	Why star grain is preferred for practical application compared to a cylindrical grain?	[2]	CO1	L2
Q.1(b)	What do you mean by a dual thrust grain? Explain it with an example and suitable figures.	[3]	CO1	L3
Q.1(c)	How the combustion of a double base propellant take place? Explain it with suitable sketches. Also explain how its combustion behavior is expected to change with the change in operating pressure.	[5]	CO1	L4
Q.2(a)	What are the merits of using a submerged nozzle in solid rocket motor?	[2]	CO2	L2
Q.2(b)	What are the main materials generally used in the nozzle construction? Show it on the simple nozzle sketch.	[3]	CO2	L3
Q.2(c)	Show that pressure ratio should be greater than 1.7 for the nozzle to be choked. Write the assumptions used in deriving this relations.	[5]	CO2	L4
Q.3(a)	Why metals are preferred in the solid rocket propellant?	[2]	CO3	L2
Q.3(b)	How the combustion of metal is different from that of composite solid propellant? Explain in brief.	[4]	CO3	L4
Q.3(c)	How the erosive burning is different from the normal burning of a solid propellant? Explain in brief.	[4]	CO3	L4
Q.4(a)	Why extinction behavior study is so important for solid rocket propulsion? Explain any one method that is extensively used for the extinction of the solid propellant.	[5]	CO4	L4
Q.4(b)	Why thrust vector control is required in rocket applications? Explain any two methods utilized in solid rocket application.	[5]	CO4	L4
Q.5(a)	Why longitudinal wave of instability is considered not so dangerous?	[2]	CO5	L3
Q.5(b)	What are the various possibilities that could be utilized for the reduction of acoustic instability of solid rocket motor?	[4]	CO5	L4
Q.5(c)	Write the working principle of a T burner? How its result could be utilized for practical applications?	[4]	CO5	L4

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