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3 rd Year Mech. Power Theory of Combustion Time allowed: 3 hrs.

# <u>Combustion and steam tables are allowed</u> <u>Answer the following questions:</u>

## Question (1)

Normal octane  $C_8H_{18}$  is burnet with dry air. The volumetric analysis of products on dry basis is  $CO_2 = 11\%$ ,  $O_2 = 4\%$ , CO = 1% and  $N_2 = 84\%$ . Determine: (I) A/F ratio. (II) the equivalence ratio. (III) the percentage of excess air used.

b) What are the higher and lower heating values of a fuel? How do they differ?

c) Calculate the product temperature of methane, CH<sub>4</sub> – air mixture at 300 K, burning with 15 excess air at 0.1 MPa pressure.

#### Question (2)

A steady flow combustion chamber is supplied with 1 kmol of CO gas at  $77^{\circ}$  C and 400 kPa and with 2.5 kmol of air at  $25^{\circ}$  C and 400 kPa. The combustion products leave the combustion chamber at 3000 K and 400 kPa. If the combustion gases consist of CO<sub>2</sub>, CO, O<sub>2</sub>, and N<sub>2</sub>, determine : ( I ) the equilibrium composition of the product gases, and ( II ) the heat transfer from the combustion chamber.

## Question (3)

- a) Explain major constituents of pollutants emitted by combustion systems and their effects on the environment.
- b) Derive an expression for reaction rate of NO atom using the famous Zeldovich mechanism during the formation of nitric oxide (NO), given as below:

$$K_1$$
  
 $O + N_2 \xrightarrow{K_2} NO + N$  (Slow)  
 $K_2$   
 $N + O_2 \xrightarrow{NO + O} NO + O$  (Fast)

#### Question (4)

A laminar butane gas  $(C_4H_{10})$  get issued from a tube into thr air has a flame height of 12 cm. Determine volumetric fuel flow rate and heat release rate. If the tube diameter is increased by 30% and velocity is increased by 30%, what will lame height? Take heat of combustion for butane gas = 4000 kJ/kg, and  $T_F$  = 2200 k and  $T_U$  = 298 K, the flame length  $h_F$  can be expressed as:

$$h_F = 1300 V_F (T_u/T_F) / ln (1 + 1/v)$$

where V<sub>F</sub> is the volumetric flow rate m<sup>3</sup> / s and v if the stoichiometric air fuel ratio.

Question (5)

Using neat illustrations, discuss each of the following:

a) Premixed combustion wave categories using Hugoniot curve.

b) Region of stable zone of laminar premixed flames in term of velocity gradient. Also, define each of flashback and blow-off of the flame.

c) Various regimes of primixed turbulent flames using "Borghi diagram"

# Question (6)

a) Discuss briefly characteristics of liquid fuels.

b) For laminar premixed flames, discuss briefly each of:

(i) Quenching diameter.

(ii) Flammability limits.

c) Discuss briefly methods of NO<sub>x</sub> formation in combustion process.

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