

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE TATI (UC TATI)****FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION BOOKLET**

COURSE CODE	: BME 2012
COURSE	: MATERIALS ENGINEERING
SEMESTER/SESSION	: 1 - 2022/2023
DURATION	: 2 HOURS

**Instructions:**

1. This booklet contains 5 questions. Answer **ALL** questions.
2. All answers should be written in answer booklet.
3. Write legibly and draw sketches wherever required.
4. If in doubt, raise your hands and ask the invigilator.

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**QUESTION 1**

- a) Give four (4) characteristics of metals. (4 marks)
- b) Describe the material structure below:
- i. Body-centred cubic (BCC) (2 marks)
  - ii. Face-centred cubic (FCC) (2 marks)
  - iii. Hexagonal close-packed (HCP) (2 marks)

**QUESTION 2**

- a) Phase diagram shows the relationship of temperature, composition, phase and microstructure in equilibrium conditions. Name four (4) equilibrium microstructure exists in the Fe-C phase diagram. (4 marks)
- b) Illustrate the carbon content and microstructure for
- i. low carbon steel (2 marks)
  - ii. medium carbon steel (2 marks)
  - iii. high carbon steel. (2 marks)
- c) Differentiate the microstructure/appearance and mechanical properties of
- i. White iron (2 marks)
  - ii. Gray iron (2 marks)
  - iii. Ductile iron (2 marks)
  - iv. Malleable iron (2 marks)
  - v. Graphite iron (2 marks)

**QUESTION 3**

- a) List four (4) characteristics of aluminum non-ferrous metal. (4 marks)
- b) Illustrate the main differences between copper alloys brass and bronze. (8 marks)
- c) Nickel and its alloys also known as superalloys. Distinguish four (4) general properties of nickel and its alloys. (8 marks)

**QUESTION 4**

- a) Polymers are carbon-based materials consist of a long chain. Give
- i. Three (3) type of polymers (3 marks)
  - ii. Three (3) general properties of polymer (3 marks)
  - iii. Three (3) molecular chain structure (3 marks)
- b) Discuss amorphous and crystalline structure polymer. (4 marks)
- c) Elastomers is the most flexible and high elasticity types of polymers. Illustrate any two (2) types of elastomers and three (3) of their general applications. (5 marks)
- d) Compare thermoplastics and thermosetting polymers in terms of (12 marks)
- i. Mechanical properties upon heating
  - ii. Possible molecular structures
  - iii. Name four (4) types of each polymer group

**QUESTION 5**

- a) Describe the components/phases of composite materials (6 marks)
- b) Illustrate how the orientation of the fibre in composite affect the properties of the composite (6 marks)
- c) Biomaterial is a material design to be used for medical purposes. Outline four (4) applications of biomaterial in medical. (8 marks)

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