

Code: MEMD1T3

I M.Tech - I Semester - Regular Examinations – April, 2015

**MECHANICS OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS
(MACHINE DESIGN)**

Duration: 3 hours

Marks: 5x14=70

Answer any FIVE questions. All questions carry equal marks

1. a) What are the constituents in a typical composite material?
Give the classification of the composite materials. 7 M
- b) Explain how the fiber reinforced composite materials are different from particle reinforced composite materials and list their applications. 7 M
2. a) Explain the characteristics of the two most common polymer matrix materials used with high performance reinforcing fibers. 7 M
- b) List out different reinforcement materials used in composite materials. Discuss their specific applications. 7 M
3. Discuss in detail any two methods of manufacturing thermosetting resin matrix composite materials. 14 M

4. a) For a unidirectional lamina in the state of plane stress, express the stress-strain relations in material coordinate system. 8 M
- b) A unidirectional lamina is loaded under a uniaxial stress $\sigma_1 = \sigma_0$, and principal strains ε_1 and ε_2 are measured. Compute transverse strain ε'_2 of the same lamina loaded under biaxial normal stresses $\sigma_1 = \sigma_2 = \sigma_0$ as a function of ε_1 and ε_2 obtained before and the modulus ratio $k_E = E_1/E_2$. 6 M
5. a) Deduce transformation relations for elastic constant, E_x in terms of engineering constants ($E_1, E_2, G_{12}, \nu_{12}$ and ν_{21}). 8 M
- b) Explain Tsai-Hill failure mechanism of laminated composites. 6 M
6. a) Explain the effect of fiber volume fraction and the modulus of fibers on Young's modulus of composite lamina. 7 M
- b) Discuss the influence of change in temperature on unidirectional composites. 7 M

7. Compute all terms of extensional stiffness matrix, coupling stiffness matrix and bending stiffness matrix for a $[0/90]$ laminate with the following lamina properties.

$$E_1 = 145 \text{ GPa} ; E_2 = 105 \text{ GPa} ; G_{12} = 7.5 \text{ GPa} ; \nu_{12} = 0.28 ;$$

lamina thickness: $t = 0.25 \text{ mm}$ 14 M

8. a) Discuss the three different types of failures of a laminated composite. 6 M

- b) Explain the general design methodology for a structural composite material. 8 M