



11. In phase nucleation process, the nucleated solid is \_\_\_\_\_ if its radius is greater than the critical radius.  
 a nucleus       an embryo       a tiny particle       a molecule
12. In dendritic growth, the dendrite size is characterized by measuring \_\_\_\_\_.  
 the length of the primary dendrite arm  
 the distance between the primary dendrite arm  
 the distance between the secondary dendrite arm  
 the width of the primary or secondary dendrite arm
13. A Heat treated Cu-40%Zn brass alloy is stronger than pure copper. If the solubility limit of Zn in Cu is 30%, what are the active strengthening mechanisms in brass?  
 Solid-Solution strengthening       Dispersion strengthening  
 Grain size strengthening       All of the above
14. In the Al – Si material system, the liquid metal mixture at the temperature of 577 °C and composition of 12.6 % Si transforms into combination of α-phase (Al rich) and β-phase (Si rich). What type of invariant transformation process is this?  
 Peritectic       Eutectic       Peritectoid       Eutectoid

15. Considering the phase diagram of elements A and B presented in Figure 1, what is the phase fraction of solid phase if the whole system is maintained at temperature  $T$  and  $w_o$  % weight fraction of B?

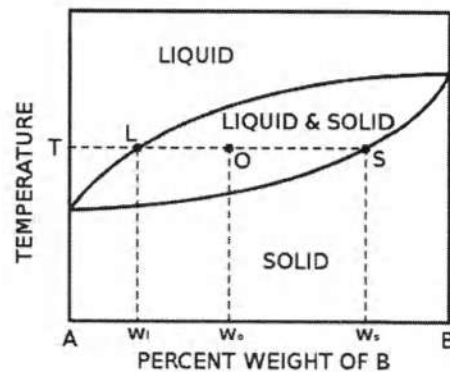


Figure 1: Phase diagram

- Solid Fraction =  $\frac{w_o - w_l}{w_s - w_l}$   
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16. Arrange the microstructure phases from lowest to highest tensile strength: Austenite (A), Bainite (B), Course Pearlite (CP), Fine Pearlite (FP), Tempered Martensite (TM)  
 A, B, CP, FP, TM       A, CP, FP, B, TM  
 B, A, CP, CF, TM       B, A, CF, CP, TM
17. Which of the following microstructure in the final structure of steel increases the toughness of steel?  
 Martensite       Pearlite       Bainite       Austenite
18. Solvus line in phase diagram represents \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a solubility limit of a single phase region from a two phase region  
 a solubility limit of a single solid phase region from a two solid phase region  
 a solution temperature at which solid-solution starts to melt  
 a solution temperature at which solid solution starts to boil
19. Austempering process in cast iron produces a combine structure of \_\_\_\_\_.  
 acicular ferrite and graphite       acicular ferrite and pearlite  
 acicular ferrite and martensite       acicular ferrite only
20. Aluminum alloys with the addition of Mn alloying element is labeled as \_\_\_\_\_.  
 2xxx series       3xxx series       4xxx series       5xxx series

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SECTION "B"

Attempt *ALL* questions. Assume suitable data if necessary.

1.
  - a. Explain the terms Composition, Structure and Synthesis in material science and engineering. [1.5]
  - b. Classify in which material type does following materials belong to. Give two properties of each of the material along with their applications. [3]
    - i. Carbon Fiber Reinforced Polymer (CFRP)
    - ii. Zirconia ( $ZrO_2$ )
  - c. Explain the significance of length scale from nano-scale to macro-scale in engineering components. [1.5]
2.
  - a. Determine the relationship between the atomic radius and the lattice parameter in BCC structures when one atom is located at each lattice point. Evaluate number of atoms per unit cell and packing factor for the BCC unit cell. [3]
  - b. Define Miller Indices for crystal structure. Explain the procedure to identify Miller indices of crystallographic direction. Indicate (111) crystallographic plane in the cubic unit cell. [3]
  - c. Explain and illustrate edge dislocation in crystal structure. Significantly high number of edge dislocations are introduced in plastic deformation process, discuss how does such dislocations renders overall material properties. [3]
3.
  - a. A cylindrical steel specimen of original diameter 15 mm was loaded in tension. At the load of 45 kN, the cross sectional area of the specimen was noted to be 135.5 mm<sup>2</sup>. Given  $E = 200$  GPa for the steel material used, determine:
    - i. Ductility of the steel material used. [1]
    - ii. Difference between true stress and engineering stress at the load of 45 kN. [2]
    - iii. On further loading, fracture of the specimen was observed at the load of 68 kN. Calculate the fracture stress of the steel material used. [1]
  - b. Explain the similarities and differences between Vickers hardness and Knoop hardness scale used to characterize material hardness. [2]
  - c. Define creep behavior of the material with suitable examples. Explain how creep behavior is different from fatigue behavior of the material. [2]
4.
  - a. Explain different types of cast structure developed during solidification of molten metal in the solidification process. [2]

- b. Define solid-solution strengthening. Explain Hume-Rothery conditions for unlimited solid solubility of copper-nickel alloy system. [3]
- c. The equilibrium phase diagram of Aluminum – Silicon material system is shown in Figure 1 below. Considering the Al – Si phase diagram answer the following questions.
- Describe all the invariant phase transformation processes occurring in the phase diagram. [1]
  - Determine the maximum solubility of Al in  $\beta$  phase and Si in  $\alpha$  phase. [1]
  - Considering 12.6 % Si in the alloy, calculate the amount of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  phases formed after cooling to  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . [2]

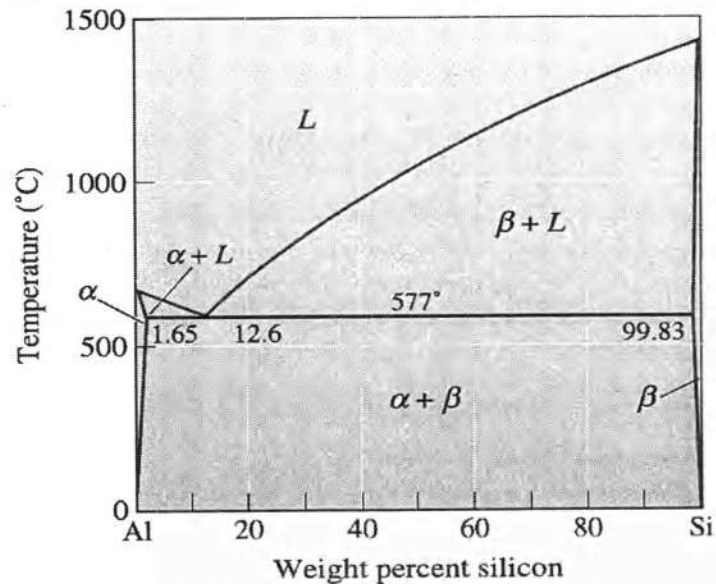


Figure 1: Aluminum (Al) – Silicon (Si) phase diagram

- 5.
- The eutectoid region of the iron – iron carbide phase diagram represents steel materials with carbon content less than 2 %. Draw and explain eutectoid region of the iron – iron carbide phase diagram. Explain all the single phase regions involved in eutectoid phase transformation of steel. [3]
  - With reference to the eutectoid region of iron – iron carbide phase diagram drawn in previous question, describe full annealing, normalizing and spheroidizing heat treatment process for hyper eutectoid steels. [3]
  - Write short notes on: [2 × 1 = 2]
    - Continuous-Cooling-Transformation (CCT) diagram
    - Dendritic growth mechanism