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Attempt five questions in all including
Question No. 1 which is compulsory.
All questions carry equal marks.
(Symbols have their usual meanings.)

1. Answer any five of the following :
- (a) State the first law of thermodynamics in differential form.
What are its limitations?
 - (b) Air is compressed adiabatically to half its volume. Calculate
the change in its temperature.
 - (c) Explain how the internal energy of an ideal gas differs from
that of a real gas.
 - (d) Give any three basic postulates of kinetic theory of
gases.

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- (e) State the law of equipartition of energy and apply it to obtain the specific heats C_p and C_v of a monoatomic gas. 3
- (f) Define Temperature of Inversion and Critical Temperature of a van der Waals gas. 3
- (g) Why is the thermal conductivity of hydrogen gas large as compared to any other gas at a given temperature? 3
2. (a) Describe absolute scale of temperature explaining the meaning of zero on this scale. Show that thermodynamic scale of temperature agrees with the ideal gas scale. 10
- (b) Give the necessary conditions for the reversibility of a process. Give one example each of reversible and irreversible processes. 5
3. (a) State Clausius and Kelvin statements of the second law of thermodynamics and establish their equivalence. 6
- (b) Describe Carnot's cycle and deduce the efficiency of the engine. Show that 100% efficient engine is not possible. 7
- (c) Calculate the efficiency of a Carnot engine working between steam point and ice point. 2
4. (a) Calculate under what pressure ice would freeze at -1°C , if the increase in specific volume, when one gram of water freezes into ice at 0°C is 0.091 c.c. Latent heat of fusion of ice, $L = 79.6 \text{ cal/g}$, $1 \text{ atm} = 1.013 \times 10^6 \text{ dynes/cm}^2$. 5

- (b) Derive an expression for the Joule-Thomson coefficient in terms of temperature of inversion for a van der Waals gas. 10

5. (a) What is magneto-caloric effect? Describe with necessary theory and experimental setup the method of producing very low temperatures by adiabatic demagnetisation. 10
- (b) Verify TdS equation :

$$TdS = C_v dT + T \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial T} \right)_v dV \quad 5$$

6. (a) Define four thermodynamic potentials. Using these derive four Maxwell's thermodynamic relations. 8+1
- (b) Using Maxwell's thermodynamic relations derive :

(i) Clausius Clapeyron equation $\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{L}{T(v_2 - v_1)} \quad 3$

(ii) $\left(\frac{\partial C_p}{\partial P} \right) = \left(\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial P \partial T} \right) = -T \left(\frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial T^2} \right)_P \quad 3$

7. (a) Derive Maxwell-Boltzmann law of distribution of speeds for an ideal gas. Show the distribution graphically for various temperatures. 10
- (b) For a gas if the number of molecules per cubic meter is $n = 3 \times 10^{25}$, average velocity is $v = 426 \text{ m/sec}$, radius of the molecule is $r = 1.8 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$, compute the mean free path and the collision frequency. 5

8. (a) Describe Andrew's experiments on CO_2 . Discuss the results obtained. 7
- (b) Derive van der Waals equation of state. Compare the van der Waals theoretical isotherms with Andrew's experimental results. 8

Given $J = 4.18 \text{ Joule cal}^{-1}$, $R = 8.314 \times 10^7 \text{ ergs K}^{-1} \text{ mole}^{-1}$