



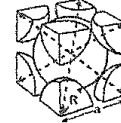
**Question 1: (10 Marks)**

(a) Fill in the spaces the correct answer : (5 Marks)

- ..... investigates the relationships that exist between the structure and properties of materials.
- How many atoms are there in a mole of a substance? Answer: .....
- ..... is one such type of defect involves a cation-vacancy and a cation-interstitial pair.
- Diffusion occurs in pure metals, where all atoms exchanging positions are of the same type; this is termed .....
- A ..... may be defined as a homogeneous portion of a system that has uniform physical and chemical characteristics.

(b) Choose the right answer : (5 Marks)

- What type(s) of electron subshell(s) does an M shell contain?  
☐ A. s      ☐ B. p      ☐ C. d      ☐ D. f  
☐ E. s and p      ☐ F. s, p and d      ☐ G. All of the above
- What is the predominant type of bonding for ceramic materials?  
☐ A. Ionic      ☐ B. Covalent      ☐ C. Metallic  
☐ D. Secondary      ☐ E. Both A and B      ☐ F. Both A and C
- The drawing below represents the unit cell for which crystal structure?  
☐ A. Simple cubic      ☐ B. Face-centered cubic  
☐ C. Body-centered cubic      ☐ D. Hexagonal close-packed
- Two metal specimens, A and B, have ASTM grain size numbers of 3 and 8, respectively. Which specimen has the larger grain size?  
☐ Grain size of A > Grain size of B      ☐ Grain size of A < Grain size of B
- As temperature decreases, the fraction of the total number of atoms that are capable of diffusive motion  
☐ Increases      ☐ Decreases      ☐ Remains constant



**Question 2: (25 Marks)**

- Would you expect  $Al_2O_3$  or aluminum to have the higher coefficient of thermal expansion? Explain. (5 Marks)
- Compare between the SCC, BCC, FCC and HCP unit cells? (6 Marks)
- A metal having a cubic structure has a density of  $2.6 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , an atomic weight of  $87.62 \text{ g/mol}$ , and a lattice parameter of  $6.0849 \text{ \AA}$ . One atom is associated with each lattice point. Examine whether the metal has a BCC or FCC crystal structure. (Avogadro's number =  $6.02 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms/mol}$ ). (6 Marks)
- Sketch the following planes and directions within a cubic unit cell. (8 Marks)
  - $[20\bar{1}]$
  - $(20\bar{1})$

**Question 3: (25 Marks)**

- (a) Discuss briefly the different types of point defects? (5 Marks)
- (b) Calculate the energy for vacancy formation in silver, given that the equilibrium number of vacancies at 1073 °K is  $3.6 \times 10^{23}$  atom/m<sup>3</sup>. The atomic weight and density at 1073 °K for silver are, respectively, 107.9 g/mol and 9.5 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. (Note:  $k = 8.62 \times 10^{-5}$  eV/atom-°K) (6 Marks)
- (c) Cite two reasons why interstitial diffusion is normally more rapid than vacancy diffusion, then illustrate your answer with schematic diagrams for both diffusion mechanisms? (4 Marks)
- (d) The diffusion coefficients for carbon in  $\gamma$ -iron are  $5.9 \times 10^{-12}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s and  $5.3 \times 10^{-11}$  m<sup>2</sup>/s given at 900 °C and 1100 °C respectively. Determine the values of  $D_0$  and the activation energy  $Q_d$ , then determine the approximate time at 1000 °C that will produce the same diffusion result (in terms of concentration of C at some specific point in  $\gamma$ -iron) as a 10 hours heat treatment at 900 °C. (Note: the gas constant  $R = 8.31$  J/mol. °K) (10 Marks)

**Question 4: (15 Marks)**

- (a) Phase diagram gives answer to three important questions, what are these questions? (3 Marks)
- (b) Use the given lead - tin (Sn-Pb) phase diagram shown in figure to answer the following for an alloy contain 70 wt% Pb - 30 wt% Sn : (12 Marks)
- (i) The liquidus temperature, solidus temperature, freezing range and cooling curve
- (ii) What are the phases present and the phase compositions for this alloy at 200 °C.

