## Ex/Met/T/414C/2019

B.E.Metallurgical & Material Engineering Fourth Yr. 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Exam-2019 Subject: Composite Materials

Time: Three Hours Full Marks: 100

Answer any five questions

1. 4+6+10

- i). What is composite material? Justify the definition with example.
- ii). Write the various functions of the constituent members of a composite.
- iii). Draw the stress-strain curve for an aligned fiber-reinforced composite and explain.

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- i). What parameters should be considered for designing a fiber-reinforced composite?.
- ii). 'Almost all of the load is carried by the fibre' justify this statement with example.

3. 5x4

- i). What is the criteria of designing fibre composites with discontinuous reinforcement?
- ii). Why is it not desirable to have very large volume fraction of fibers in composites?
- (iii). Derive the equation for the modulus of elasticity of a fibre-reinforced composite under isostrain condition.
- (iv). Would you expect a particle strengthened material to be stronger than a fiber strengthened material?

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4. 8+12

- i) Draw a flow chart with schematic illustration showing classification of composites.
- ii). A continuous and aligned fiber reinforced composite is to be produced consisting of 30 vol% aramid fibers and 70 vol% of a polycarbonate matrix . Also, the stress on the polycarbonate matrix when the aramid fibers fail is 45 Mpa. Assume that the composite has a cross-sectional area of 320 mm² and is subjected to a longitudinal load of 44, 500 N. Given,  $E_a = 131$ Gpa,  $E_p = 2.4$ Gpa  $\sigma_a = 3600$  Mpa,  $\sigma_p = 65$  Mpa
  - (a). Compute the longitudinal tensile strength.
  - (b). the longitudinal modulus of elasticity
  - ©. Calculate the fiber-matrix load ratio.
  - (d). Calculate the actual loads carried by both fiber and matrix phases.
  - (e). Compute the magnitude of the stress on each of the fiber and matrix phases.
  - (f). What strain is experienced by the composite?.

5. 14+6

- i). Derive the expression of  $G_{cd}$  &  $G_{cp}$  for an aligned short fibre reinforced composite.
- ii). Derive the equation V<sub>fcritical</sub> & V<sub>fmin</sub> for a fibre reinforced composite.

14+6

- 6. i). Describe the various fibre making processes.
  - ii). Differentiate between fibre reinforced and dispersion strengthened composites.
- 7. Short notes: 10x2
  - i). Powder Metallurgy Technique
  - ii). Compocasting process